From the Principal - Mr David Hillhouse

Final Newsletter for 2016

As this will be our last newsletter for 2016 I would like to take this time to thank students, parents and carers, classroom teachers, teacher aides, admin staff, specialist teachers, our cleaners and groundsmen for their ongoing commitment to making Sandy Strait the special and highly regarded school that it is. When schools and communities work together in partnership we can achieve great things.

Every year seems to fly by faster than the last and this year has been no exception. It has been a year full of wonderful accomplishments, hard work and very pleasing outcomes across the school in so many areas.

For our families who are leaving us I wish you every happiness in the future and hope that you take some fond memories away of the friends you have made and the time you have spent at Sandy Strait.

Celebrating Student Achievements

This week we celebrated the achievement of a range of students through our Award Ceremonies. A number of students received awards for Outstanding Achievement in English, Maths and Science, which was wonderful to see. It was equally wonderful to see a number of students receive Encouragement Awards, which demonstrate our school motto of ‘Striving for Success’. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Methods of Payment

Eftpos available at office. Minimum $10.00
Correct Cash payments taken—No Change available.
Centrepay available—please contact the BSM, Mrs Brady on: 41970333
Bank Account details for direct payment:
BSB: 064-426
ACC: 10065993
Reference: Quote Invoice Number or Student Name/Payment for
Note: Please ensure BPoint & EFT are submitted at least 2 days prior to due date as processing time is required.

Change of Details: Please let the office know if your contact or emergency details change.
Student Absences: Please call the absence line on: 41970360.
Sandy Strait State School Office Hours:
8am to 4pm Mon-Thurs, 8am to 3.30pm Friday.
Planning for the 2017 School Year

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students who did not receive awards. The level of commitment and dedication displayed by all our students is truly outstanding and we look forward to expanding our recognition of all students with our awards ceremonies in 2017.

Upcoming Events

With only one week left until the school holidays we have a busy week of celebratory events planned:

**Year 6 Farewell, Monday 5th December**

This year we farewell our Year 6 students as they transition to high school for years 7-12. Best wishes to our Year 6 students who will close the Primary School Chapter of their lives at the end of next week. We will formally farewell our students in a special twilight ceremony on Wednesday, 5th December from 5.00pm in our school hall.

During the farewell, we will be presenting each of our graduating students with certificates. We will also be presenting medallions for Encouragement, Academic, Program Achieve, Sporting and the Arts. Parents, family and friends are all invited to attend this special assembly.

Farewell Whole School Assembly, Wednesday, 7th December

This year we once again, we will have classes and year level groups from Prep – Year 6 performing and sharing some holiday cheer with the whole school next Wednesday the 7th of December. It is also a tradition here at Sandy Strait that some of our senior classes perform the “12 Days of Christmas Sandy Strait Style.”

We will have limited seating as the space in the hall is largely occupied by our students however, if you don’t mind standing or a bit of a crowd, we would love to have you join in the holiday cheer as we farewell the 2016 school year, say a whole school goodbye to our Year 6 students and enjoy some good music and fun. The Whole School Assembly will commence at 9.00am in the hall.

Making Every Day Count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term, which is the 9th of December. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Library Resources

We still have a number of library books outstanding and I would like to encourage all families to return any library books loaned to students as soon as possible. Your support in ensuring that all students have access to these resources in 2017 is greatly appreciated.

2017 Prep Enrolment Forms

Thank you to all of our future Prep families who have completed and returned your enrolment documentation. Your child’s enrolment and confirmed placement in our 2017 Prep Program is secure and guaranteed with the return of these forms.

If you are yet to return your completed enrolment documentation and forms you can please do so ASAP. If you have friends or family who have yet to return their completed paper work who wish to secure their placement in our 2017 Prep Program can you please pass on this message.

Planning for the 2017 School Year

In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2017 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.

I would like to ask all families who are moving or relocating to a new school in 2017 to please contact our office so that we can update our records. If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2017 school year I would ask that you encourage them to contact our office for an enrolment pack.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try to ensure a smooth start for the upcoming school year.

Classes 2017

Next Thursday the 8th of December all students will take home a copy of their Semester 2 Report and letter informing you of your child’s classroom teacher for 2017. Students will also take home their Semester 2 portfolio with a range of work samples from the semester.

2016 School Year Commencement Dates and Office Opening Times

The school office will be closed over the Christmas holiday period and will reopen on Monday the 16th January at 8.00am. All teaching staff will be participating in professional development activities and pupil free day tasks on Wednesday, 18th to Friday, 20th January, 2017.

School resumes for all students Prep – Year 6 on Monday the 23rd January, 2017.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Period

On behalf of the Sandy Strait Team, I would like to wish our entire school community a safe and happy holidays.

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News from the Senior School Deputy Principal—Mr Bruce Jackson

Last week on Senior Assembly

Last Thursday we held our last Senior Assembly for the year. We took the time to congratulate a handful of Year 6 students who participated in the Australian Schools Mathematics Competition with a number of students receiving credit and distinction certificates. We also congratulated Andie Staples for her recent selection in the QLD under 13 Indoor Hockey team.

Mr Hillhouse’s message to our students was to “finish strong” reminding students that it is important to finish strong and not to let themselves down in the next 2 weeks by making poor behaviour choices.

Goodbye to our Year 6 Students

While we will formally farewell our Year 6 students during next Monday’s Farewell Assembly I would like to use our last newsletter to again wish them all the very best for the future. As a cohort we have been very fortunate to have such a great bunch of students. You have been great ambassadors for our school and have set a very high standard for future Year 6 students to reach.

As you depart from Sandy Strait take the time express your gratitude for the wonderful opportunities that you were exposed to at this great school. Take the time to reflect on the teachers who have helped shape your life so far and the friendships you have formed. As you make the relatively smooth transition into high school, I am sure that the fine education that you have received here will stand you in good stead.

Thanks must also be extended to all your parents. They have remained committed to you and your education. They have stood by your side, especially when things may have seemed a bit rocky - steadfast and constant.

Year 6 Colour Run

This year our Year 6 cohort will participate in a “Colour Run as part of their break up festivities”. The Colour Run will be held at school, on Thursday the 8th of December after lunch play at 1:30 pm. Students will be given a white T-shirt, provided by the P&C, they then will have their friends sign it. After this, students will change into the shirt and run a cross-country style course while being showered with special coloured dye thrown at them by staff. The end result will see the students being left with a signed coloured T-shirt as a memento.

Being “sun safe” is important during this event so students must bring a water bottle and wear a hat!

Students to bring on the day:
- water bottle
- hat
- sunglasses/goggles
- towel
- change of clothes or wear old clothes
- plastic bag.

News from Helping Hands—OSHC

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*Based on your income for 1 child in care per session after CCB and CCR

COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!

Hi to all the families of Sandy Strait State school,
School holidays are fast approaching and we have an amazing school holiday program for these holidays. Flyers are waiting to be delivered and should arrive in two weeks, please pop down and see me. If you have not been involved in any of the helping hands programs you will need to come a get an enrolment pack and I will be happy to give you a quote for the holidays. Numbers are limited, so get your forms back as soon as possible to secure your spot !! I hope to see some new faces and all our old friends.

If you need any more info, give me a call on 0439730544 or pop in and see me in the hall.
Kind regards, Jade Co-ordinator of Helping Hands Sandy Strait State School . ☺
News from the Junior Deputy Principal—Mrs Helen Forbes

As we approach the final two weeks of the school year I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday break and an enjoyable Christmas.

I’d also like to Thankyou for your support during the year. Many of you have been invaluable with your support in classrooms, the tuckshop, on class excursions and at special school events. Without parent support we would not be as successful in providing your children with positive school experiences so on behalf of the teachers and students thankyou once again and we hope to see you back supporting us in 2017.

Academic Awards

On Thursday morning students will be attended the academic awards ceremony for the junior school. This was a proud and exciting time as we celebrated those students who have achieved outstanding results in their school studies.

The Final Week

The final week of school is always busy and exciting with Christmas craft, class concerts, cleaning up and party day. Students will bring home information about their class breakup party this week if they have not done so already. Each class will organise their own break-up party day for Thursday so please check in with your child as to what they will need to provide for this exciting day.

Next week our students will also begin to bring home their school materials as they tidy out their desks and classroom shelves. Please ensure students bring their school bag each day to allow for this.

Once again I’d like to thank you for working with myself and teachers throughout the year to ensure all students are given the best opportunities to achieve both academically and socially.

News from the Chaplain—Chappy Trina

Ahhh… 6 whole weeks of Christmas Holidays are here… So I have given some ideas of things to do…. 

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Chaplaincy Raffle:

The Winners are:

1st Prize—Sidney
2nd Prize—Ebony
3rd Prize—Claire

Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Cheers
Chappy

Chaplaincy Christmas Raffle

Mr Hillhouse helping Chappy Trina daw the winning names

Winners are Grinners
News from the P&C

The Grade 6 Farewell Colour Run will be held at 1.30pm on Thursday, 8th December, 2016 on the oval. Please feel free to join us in the colourful celebrations of our graduating class of 2016.

The P&C wish to thank our school community for their support throughout 2016. We have had a successful year of fundraising and have been able to give back to the school community through cash donations, donations, subsidies and purchasing of equipment.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have assisted throughout the year. A huge thanks to Heidi and Libby in the tuckshop for their awesome work.

Thank you also to our amazing P&C committee who donate their valuable time and to those who attend meetings. Also, to our incredible leadership and administrative team for all their support and guidance throughout the year.

Our first P&C meeting for 2017 will be held at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 9th February, 2017 in the cottage. Our AGM will be held at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017. We welcome all parents to attend. Thanks again. Kylie Dinte, P&C President

News from School Banking & Bookclub

The winner of the four week banking blitz was: Enyindiya

This week was the last week of school banking for the year. Some students are awaiting prizes. When we receive them we will hand them out to the children.

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to take over Bookclub and School Banking in 2017.

Issue 8 books should arrive at school in the last week for children to take home.

Please make sure your child’s details are filled out on the order form and not on the envelopes or zip-lock bags.

News from the Tuckshop

This week we held a pizza meal deal “Red Day” and it was the biggest selling “Red Day” ever with 500 orders and a profit of $1400.00. A big thank you to everyone who ordered. Also a big thank you to Libby Thornton, Bec McIntyre, Nat Duffy and Kylie Dinte for volunteering the whole day to help. Also, a big awesome thank you to Mr Friske and Mr Burckhardt for working the slushie machine tirelessly for us.

Tuckshop will be closed the last week of school, Thursday, 8th and Friday, 9th December, 2016 for stocktake and cleaning.

We have some great news! Next year, starting from Term 1, Week 2 tuckshop will be operating an extra day. Monday will be added to the existing Thursday and Friday. Your child will bring home an updated tuckshop menu the first week of school in 2017. EFTPOS is now available.

Thank you to Debbie, Kathy and Tanya in the office for all their help throughout the year.

Last, but not least, a HUGE thank you to all the students and parents who have supported the tuckshop throughout the year.

Heidi Sulzenbacher,

News from Lost Property

Please check lost property cupboard in the 3/4 eating area, as all items left after week 10 are donated to charity.

Movember

Our whole school community supported and raised $2005 towards Movember Men’s Health Fundraiser.

Congratulations!

Thank you to Sandy Strait staff—Mr Hansen, Mr Hillhouse, Mr Smith, Mr Hungerford, Mr Cattell, Mr Jackson, Mr Pitts, Mr Burckhardt, Mr Tsakisiris and Mr Friske (absent from Photo).

It is great to see they are all clean shaven as of today!
A Christmas/New Year Road Safety message from your Wide Bay Burnett District police

It won’t be long until you have a rest from the routine school drop-offs and pick-ups for the year.

At this time of year we also know how excited children are preparing for end-of-school year celebrations and their concentration may wander away from road safety.

We’d like to remind you about road safety around schools and ask you to revisit this with your children again at the start of the 2017 school year.

Adopt a Cops visit schools at various times and encourage everyone to use the safe environments provided to help keep the flow of traffic moving.

The children pictured above can teach everyone some safety tips:
- Designate the rear door closest to the kerb to be a safety door for children to enter or exit
- Use the drop-off and pick-up zones like a quick moving taxi rank
- Learn to recognise your vehicle and to get in and out quickly and safely when the vehicle has pulled into the signed area.

Parking safely around schools is what the majority of parents and carers do, although if you’re rushed and not focussed, you may find you have parked contrary to road markings or signage.

This behaviour may result in a traffic crash, reduced visibility for other road users and cause traffic congestion.

We also need to remember that children are unpredictable and may not understand the dangers associated with roads and vehicles.

The yellow line pictured in the next column is an area NOT to park or stop.

Failing to obey this can result in a $48 Traffic Infringement Notice for Stop contrary to continuous yellow edge line.

The sign below says it all – NO stopping.

Failure to obey this can result in a $48 Traffic Infringement Notice for Stop contrary to ‘NO STOPPING’ sign.

Some additional tips from our colleagues at Transport and Main Roads are:
- Remember to say goodbye to your children on the school side of the road – never get them to cross the road alone to their school entrance
- Walk across the road and meet your children after school – never call out to them from the other side
- Always single park.


Be observant of school zone speeds and times when travelling as a parent, carer or general motorist.

Why not see if there’s a difference between this sign and the one at your school.

Police officers will be highly visible in and around school zones, especially at the commencement of the school year, and ask community members to be on their best driving behaviour to ensure all students and teachers get to their playgrounds and classrooms safely.

Remember to say “Hi” to your school crossing supervisor when they are there to assist you cross the road safely to and from school.

Policelink

Many families are now using mobile electronic devices and we know technology is continuously improving. As a result you can now contact police via Policelink on 131 444.

Policelink is the easy and convenient option for community members to take an active role in improving frontline policing response times and enhanced client service by using the Policelink service or reporting matters online.

For example, if a community member chooses to report their stolen power tools from the back of their ute via Policelink, online or via the Policelink App instead of an officer attending the scene, this will directly enhance community safety through time being reinvested into other operational priorities.

You can contact Policelink by:
- Phoning 131 444
- Using the Policelink Smartphone Application to make an online report
- Visiting policelink.qld.gov.au to access online reporting. Fill in the form and hit submit. It’s that easy!
- Online reporting can also be accessed via the Queensland Police Website at www.police.qld.gov.au

Photos and videos can also be uploaded to include in reports, as well as a number of reporting options including:
- noisy party reporting
- ‘track-my-crime’
- stolen property updates
- hooning
- wilful damage
- taxi fare evasion
- graffiti
- withdrawal of complaint forms.

The Policelink number to remember for non-urgent police contact is 131 444.
SUMMER READING CLUB

Have a wicked-good summer filled with super-reads and join the Summer Reading Club.

Join in the fun at Fraser Coast Libraries and online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

5th December 2016 to 20th January 2017

Read 10 books or complete 10 hours of reading to qualify for our major prize draw

Major prizes include –
An iPad mini *** Big W/Kmart gift cards
Incentive prizes are also given
Ages birth-16

To join, enquire at the Information Desk of any branch of the Fraser Coast Libraries.

For more information contact the Children’s and Youth Services Librarian on 4190 5788.
You CAN recycle your soft plastics!

Collect the soft plastics listed below (that you can’t recycle in your kerbside recycle bin) and post to RED Group where they will be processed by RedCycle and then shipped to Australian-based manufacturer Replas where they will be reprocessed into amazing new products.

YES PLEASE!
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- Biscuit packets
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- Rice and pasta bags
- Confectionary packets
- Cereal Box Liners
- Newspaper wrap
- Plastic shopping bags
- Old green bags

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