Great NAPLAN Results!

Sandy Strait Year 3 and 5 students have performed exceptionally well in many of the key areas assessed in the 2016 NAPLAN tests. Over the past couple of years our school has strategically targeted the key areas of numeracy, word study and reading with a view to improving overall student achievement. The NAPLAN data indicates that our students have achieved above both the state and national test averages across many of like school and state test measures.

**Year 3**
- **Reading** results outperformed like schools and Qld schools
- **Writing** results outperformed like schools, Qld and National schools
- **Spelling** results outperformed like schools and Qld schools

**Year 5**
- **Reading** results similar to like schools, Qld schools and National Schools
- **Writing** results similar to like schools
- **Spelling** results similar to like schools and Qld schools
- **Numeracy** results similar to like schools and Qld schools.

This is an outstanding result and something that our whole school community should be extremely proud of. Individual student reports have been sent home today with our year 3 and 5 students. Over the coming weeks classroom teachers and support staff will use these individual reports and whole school results to inform teaching practices.
**News from the Principal—Mr David Hillhouse**

**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to the Sandy Strait SS athletics team on their performance at the recent Hervey Bay Zone athletics carnival. There were lots of strong performances over the two-day carnival with a number of students being named in the Hervey Bay Zone Athletics Team. Congratulations to Brendan, Skyee, Maicy, Ethan, Ryan, Noah and Montaya on their selection in the team! I would also like to make a special mention of our 9 year old competitors who performed extremely well at the carnival.

**Invitation for Grandparents**

Sandy Strait will be celebrating ‘Book Week’ from the 22nd to 26th of August. The highlight of the week will be our Rug Reading event on Thursday the 25th of August. We would like to invite all Grandparents of students at Sandy Straits to attend this special event on the 25th. Grandparents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, participate in Rug Reading and enjoy morning tea with their grandchildren. This year we would like all grandchildren to bring along a small morning tea in their lunchbox to share with their grandparents during first break. More information about our other book week activities can be found in our library news section of the newsletter. We look forward to sharing this special day with our entire school community!

**School Disco**

We are looking forward to our annual School Disco on the 26th of August. Our wonderful P&C volunteers are once again coordinating this special event. Please remember to pre-purchase your tickets before the night.

**P&C Meeting**

Our August meeting will be held on Wednesday the 24th of August at 3pm in the Cottage beside our administration building. The sole purpose of our P&C is to enhance the educational opportunities for all of our students. We would like to extend an open invitation to all interested parents to attend these monthly meetings.

**Student Safety**

Just a quick reminder to parents that we cannot use the turnaround in front of the library for dropping off and picking up students in the morning and afternoon. Due to the large number of students using this area during peak times it presents a real health and safety risk to our students when cars come in and out of this area. I thank you for supporting us with this procedure.

**Leave**

I will be on leave next week as my son will be competing at the State Touch Championships in Roma. Both Mr Jackson and Mrs Forbes will be covering my position whilst I am away.

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**News from the Junior School Deputy Principal— Mrs Helen Forbes**

**Bookweek and Grandparents Day**

In two weeks we will be celebrating Bookweek which has the theme ‘Australia—Story Country’. This is always an exciting week for our students with a number of events during the week that encourage students to read and enjoy all books, media and favourite literature.

On the Thursday, 25th August we encourage our students to dress in costume or parts of costumes (whatever you have in the cupboard) of their favourite book/media character and this is also the day we invite Grandparents to join in the fun. This is a great opportunity for our students to show their Grandparents around their school world and show off their knowledge and skills so please prepare Grandparents for this fun opportunity of classroom visits, chatting with their grandchildren and their friends and sharing morning tea together. After morning tea we will all move to the oval for rug reading so ‘fingers crossed’ the weather is kind.

**25MW Movie**

Last Friday 25MW had their red carpet premiere of their movie ‘Respect.’ The students had worked with their teacher, teacher aides and Breannah Mitchell (a former student from Sandy Strait State School and Urangan State High School) to create a rap and movie showing what they had learned about getting along.

This movie/rap was the product of a number of lessons and learning around sharing, taking turns, listening to one another, lending a hand and respecting one another. Students played different roles in the movie which shared the emotions and feelings of being left out by others and what we can all do to show ‘respect’. During the movie student’s sang a rap, which they wrote, declaring how caring and respecting one another creates a happy class and playground.

Many thanks to Breannah Mitchell who worked with the students to help them create a wonderful movie. Please check out our student’s great acting, singing and moves on YouTube. HTTPS://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj3Pv5nPc3g

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN results have been published and we are all very happy, once again, with our results. Our Year 3 NAPLAN results reflect the effective teaching, hard work and effort all of our teachers and students give in the junior school as NAPLAN results are a culmination of work from Prep to year three. Congratulations to this year’s year 3 students and teachers for their great results. Our students did well in all areas but were outstanding with their writing of a narrative story. Great job year 3!

**Date Claimer**

Our second Pre-Prep session 1st September 9.30—10.30am

Focus: Sounds, Letters, Words activities
News from the Senior School Deputy Principal—Mr Bruce Jackson

Zone Athletics Recap

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school in the recent Zone Athletics Carnival. A special recognition to the following students who obtained placings:

- Noah: 2nd 12yr Boys Discus
- Brendon: 1st 11yr Boys Shot Put
- Maddilyn: 4th 11yr Girls 800m
- Skyee: 1st 11yr Girls High Jump – 1st 100m and 2nd 200m
- Maicy: 2nd 10yr Girls Long Jump
- Ethan: 3rd 10yr Boys High Jump
- Montaya: 3rd 10yr Girls 200m
- Ryan: 1st Multi Class (AWD) 100m, 1st 200m and Long Jump
- Lincoln: 1st 9yr Boys Discus
- Zakiya: 2nd 9yr Girls Long Jump
- 3rd High Jump
- Georgie: 2nd 9yr Girls High Jump

Congratulations Noah

Congratulations to Noah (Grade 6) for his outstanding performance at the State Ruby Union Championships in Highfields (near Toowoomba) over the past few days.

GRIT

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we have been highlighting to the students the importance of GRIT during our senior assemblies. GRIT refers to that combination of emotional resilience and persistence. It is according to psychologist Angela Duckworth, the best predictor of success; even better than IQ.

GRIT is something everyone can develop. Sure, some kids are naturally grittier than others, but there’s plenty we can do to help a child develop the attributes of GRIT. In the next few newsletters coming up we will mention some things experts believe we can do to help our students become grittier. First up is: *Put a challenge in front of your child.*

True achievement happens when people bust through boundaries and barriers. If your child never has a chance to triumph over something difficult, he/she may never develop confidence in his/her ability to confront a challenge. Taking risks is an important way kids learn.

**Teach It:** Give your child the opportunity to pursue at least one difficult thing, suggests Duckworth. “It has to be something that requires discipline to practice,” she says. The actual activity doesn’t matter as much as the effort; Duckworth’s youngest child tried track, piano, and ballet before settling on gymnastics. “She couldn’t do a cartwheel at first, and had a lot of anxiety about it. Eventually, she got over the anxiety barrier and now she likes them so much that she literally does cartwheels two hours a day.” Encouraging kids to try new things gives them a chance to prove they can do anything.

2017 Adventure Camp

Our Year 5 students were informed this week of the details around next year’s Year 6 leadership camp. Next year, for the first time, our Year 6 camp will be held at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre, located at Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast. The camp, an Adventure Leadership camp, will be held from Monday, 20th March to Wednesday, 22nd March 2017.

This camp will be an integral component of our students’ “Leadership Program”. Students will engage in experimental learning, personal development and team building skills. They will participate in various physical challenges and enjoy the opportunity to enhance their friendships and make new friends. All parents of Year 5 students should have received a letter, via their son or daughter, detailing camp cost and how payments can be made.

News from the Chaplain

Chappy Chat

This Friday, 12 August there are a group of wonderful people coming to visit the school from the Torbay Retirement Village to share their life stories with years 4’s and 5’s. What it was like at school? What kind of things did they play with? A question was asked “Did you use one of those type thingies that you had to put paper in?” Now that made me feel old – “yes, it was called a typewriter!” (ha, ha, ha).

It is such a great privilege to listen to those experiences of the past because they teach us so many things that can build our character—like being resilient, having patience, learning to preserve, but also they tell us how privileged we are in this day and age.

After the visitors have finished talking with students we are looking forward to delving into that precious history and you never know, we may even learn more about ourselves.

Watch for the photos on Facebook….

Chappy
Wobbly Worms 5 Week Program
Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 10/08/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6
For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact:
Sandy Strait Helping Hands on 0439 730 544 or email Sandystrait@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.

Grandparents / Rug Reading Day / Dress-Up — Favourite Book Character
Please encourage your child(ren) to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday, 25 August, which is also our whole school Rug Reading day. Thanks to our year 6 students and teachers for being so organised to share some great picture books with the rest of the school.
Our Grandparents are invited to share in this fun morning.

News from P&C
The school disco is being held on Friday, 26th August, 2016.
Permission form and Pizza orders to be completed and returned to the office by Monday, 22 August, 2016.
Junior Disco (Prep–3) 5.00—6.30pm
Senior Disco (Yrs 4–6) 7.00–8.30 pm
Disco Only $5.00 Disco + Pizza $10.00
Our next P&C Meeting will be held in the cottage at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 24th August, 2016. We welcome anyone to attend and to be involved in our school community.

Kylie Dinte
P&C President

News from Helping Hands—OSHC
Wobbly Worms 5 Week Program
Wobbly Worms! Make some fun but fun, making you very own wobbly worm farm!
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Teacher Aide Vacancy—Hervey Bay State High
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Permanent PTU hours per week
Hervey Bay State High School
Special Education Unit
Application Packages are available from the school administration office
between 8.00am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.
Applicants must address the ‘How you will be Assessed’ section of the role description to be considered for the position. Successful applicant must have a Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment.
Applications close 3.00pm Friday 19 August 2016
Applications will remain current for 12 months.
Applications to be address to Business Services Manager
Hervey Bay State High School
Beach Road
HERVEY BAY QLD 4655
Or email to: sq@hb.qld.edu.au
Department of Education, Training & Employment
School Photos

Tuesday, 30th August and Wednesday, 31st August, 2016.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO HOLD ONTO THE SCHOOL PHOTO PAYMENT ENVELOPES UNTIL THE DAY OF PHOTOGRAPHY. ENVELOPES MUST BE HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER. NO PAYMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE OFFICE.**

### School Photos Schedule—Hall

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Families are encouraged to attend regular child health checks. These visits are important because they can help identify concerns early in your child's life.
- The Hospital midwives offer home visits following hospital discharge up to day 5.
- The Hospital Maternity Services notify Community Child Health Services of births.

Remember to bring your Child's Personal Health Record Book to every visit.

The Child Health Nurses aim to contact new families to offer our services.

Mums & Bubs
Child Health Nurses offer Families one home visit in the first month following birth.

Drop In Session
Child Health Nurse in attendance with baby scales. No appointment necessary. Brief advice and support available. Call 4122 8733 to check locations and times.

Lactation: Breastfeeding
Support for breastfeeding mothers. Contact 41228733 for an appointment with the Lactation Consultant.

Health Checks
Growth & Development (milestone checks) as per personal health record (RED BABY BOOK).

Parenting Programs/ Groups
Call centre to enquire about a variety of programs.

Indigenous Health Worker
Available.

Early Intervention Parenting Specialist (EIPS) Social Worker
Supporting parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age who require information and positive parenting skills.

Child Development Service (CDS)
For Children aged 0 to Pre Prep
Working with families to assist young children who are having developmental difficulties.
- Speech Pathology,
- Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN)
Nurses are based in all State High Schools. SBYHN’s support the social, emotional & physical wellbeing of the school community.

Hearing Screening Children 4-18 yrs
By appointment only.
Contact Community Health for an appointment.

Immunisation (FREE)
By appointment only.
Contact Community Health on 4122 8733
Sessions at Maryborough & Hervey Bay Community Health Centres.
Dear Parent,

Are you considering enrolling your child into Prep School in 2017?

STARTING SCHOOL CHECKLIST

FREE
- 4 years Growth & Development clinic
- Hearing screen clinic
- 4 year Immunisation

TO BOOK:
You will need to book for each clinic.
- 4 Year Check clinic
- Hearing screen clinic
- Immunisation clinic

Bring your RED BOOK (Personal Health Book)

IMMUNISATION
4 years immunisation due after the 4th birthday

Immunisation clinics are held at
Maryborough
Hervey Bay
Community Health Centres

To book contact Community Health Child Health to book into a clinic.

Bring the Personal Health record book to immunisation clinic.

FRASER COAST
Child, Youth & Family Services

TELEPHONE: 4122 8733

Community Health Centre Locations:

Hervey Bay:
“The Village” Community Health Centre
34 Torquay Road. Pialba

Maryborough:
“Bauer Wiles” Community Health Centre
167 Neptune Street Maryborough

We encourage you to make the most of
Child & Family Health Services.

This free service is here to provide information and support to you and your family.
**Community News**

**SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

**2016-2017 SEASON**

**SIGN ON:** FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST FROM 2PM TO 4PM AT THE CLUB HOUSE
SUNDAY 21st AUGUST FROM 9AM TO 11AM AT THE CLUB HOUSE

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE ON FILE FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS**

**COST:** JUNIOR (U18) $90
ADULTS AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

**POOL SWIM**

28th AUGUST @ HERVEY BAY AQUATIC CENTRE BOUNDARY RD
10.00am – Under 8 / 9
10.30am – Under 10 / 11 & 12
11.00am – Under 13 / 14 / 15 & cadets

IF YOU MISS THIS DAY YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET A POOL SWIM CERTIFICATE FROM THE REGISTRAR. COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE POOL SWIM & HAVE IT SIGNED OFF BY A REGISTERED LEVEL 1 SWIM COACH BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY WATER ACTIVITIES.

**NIPPERS STARTS**

18th SEPTEMBER AT 9AM TO 11AM

IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF SLSA THAT EVERY CLUB MEMBER MUST WEAR THEIR CLUB CAP DURING JUNIOR ACTIVITIES. A PINK RASH VEST MUST BE WORN IN WATER BASED ACTIVITIES.

UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE UNIFORM OFFICER (BEHIND THE BAR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS)

18TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER ARE OUR FREE COME & TRY DAYS... SEE YOU THERE!

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES

EMAIL: secretaty@herveybaysurfclub.com.au

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**Community News**

**Crafted Reef Project**

There will be a variety of crafts workshops on offer including creating lanterns.

A selection of crafts can be used in our kid’s reef project giving kids an opportunity to be a part of a community arts display at the regional gallery in 2017.

The lanterns can be used in the illumination parade for the whale festival on the 20 August.

Contact us now for details: [enquiriesfca@gmail.com](mailto:enquiriesfca@gmail.com)