Key to Success this fortnight: Resilience

From the Principal - Mr Matthew Bulger

Celebrating Success

I have thoroughly enjoyed working in a number of different classrooms over recent weeks. Our teachers and students are constantly working hard to ensure each child is fulfilling their potential and progressing as well as possible. Could I encourage parents to discuss school and learning with your child by asking things like “what have you been learning about today?” or “what did you do in reading today?” We are working, particularly in mathematics, to have students explain their thinking and it has been impressive to listen to students justifying their points of view when problem-solving.

I also had a chance to visit 25MW for a special ‘SSP’ presentation about how they have been learning their spelling. Well done to the students and teachers in 25MW, they showed us some outstanding work!

NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 and 5 students were engaged in the NAPLAN national testing aimed at gathering information about students, schools, regions and states. Congratulations to the students and teachers of Year 3 and 5 on their extended effort in preparing and completely these tests. The results of the NAPLAN testing are not released until later in the year. In the meantime, we continue to gather internal assessment items as we begin working on report cards for this semester.

Office Procedures

Just a friendly reminder – parents and students are asked to go to the office counter and speak with the office staff when seeking to find out information or meet with a member of the administration team.
News from the Principal Continued …… Mr Matthew Bulger

Attendance Matters
It is important that students are at school each day to participate in the learning and social experiences. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential.


Show Holiday Coming Up
Friday the 20th of May is a public holiday across the Fraser Coast region due to the local show. I hope all families enjoy the long weekend!

News from the Deputy Principal of Senior School— Mr Bruce Jackson

Winter Carnival
Last week we had a few of our students participate in the Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival is the Wide Bay Region’s selection trial for a few sports including: Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Rugby League. Congratulations to Andie Staples who was selected to represent Wide Bay in Hockey. Andie will now compete in the State Hockey Coast on the Sunshine trials later in the term.

A big thank you to Mr Baldwin and Ms Mason for their contribution to the Winter Carnival as well.

Growth Mindset
A key message we give our students is to develop a growth mindset. If you are an individual with a growth mindset, you see difficult challenges as conquerable, learning new work as achievable, and barriers as temporary. An individual with a growth mindset knows that, with hard work, self-discipline and motivation, they can be successful.

Here are 5 ideas/tips that our “You Can Do It” program suggests a student with a growth mindset can try to remain focused and motivated. Encourage your children to try them and see if the tips help.

The “Knock-Out” Motivational Technique
The harder and more boring your work, the better it is to do it immediately.

The “Worst First” Motivational Technique
Identify the most difficult part of an assignment and do that first.

The “Remember Forgetting” Motivational Technique
Whenever you remember forgetting to do something, do at least some of it immediately.

The “Bits and Pieces” Motivational Technique
Do anything that is in connection with the task you want to accomplish. Gradually do more and more until the task doesn’t seem so impossible.

The “Salami” Motivational Technique
List all the things you have to do to complete an assignment or project. Work on one thing at a time until you have completed all of them.

Around the Classrooms

Year 4
Our Year 4 students have really embraced the challenge of our 3 Act Math problems. They are having the pleasure of being frustrated and annoyed by complex and unfamiliar problems. For example:

![Math problems]

Year 5
Our Year 5 students are busy learning how to interpret and analyse information from a feature article. Soon they will be faced with the challenge of writing a feature article themselves.

Year 6
Our Year 6 students are learning how to use language features such as personification, metaphors, similes and alliterations to enhance their writing. Soon they will be faced with the challenge of using language features in attempt to persuade and influence the reader.

News from the SSSS Young Greenies

FREE DRESS DAY—19 MAY
We are Madeline and Skye, senior members of the SSSS Young Greenies Community Garden Club and we will be holding a free dress day on Thursday, 19th of May to raise money for the Community Garden. The Community Garden is a garden built for the enjoyment of the entire school, for example classes can make learning even more fun in Math, English and Science by raising seedlings, planting vegetables and flowers or studying chickens.

On the free dress day we will be asking for a gold coin donation which will help buy much needed supplies to keep the school Community Garden running.

We cannot wait to see the school in free dress to support our great garden!

Please assist your child by ensuring they are still wearing appropriate clothing including a shirt with sleeves, closed-in shoes and a broad-brimmed or bucket hat.

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP US BUY
Garden beds, portable green house, soil, chicken feed, seeds and seedlings.

Thank you for your support.
Madeline and Skye (Yr 6)
SSSS Young Greenies (Chicken Carers)
Prep English—Enjoying and Retelling Stories

Our Prep Students have been listening to and responding to stories that their teachers have selected with a focus on exploring how language is used to entertain. Students have been retelling events from their own favourite stories and for their assessment they will select a favourite story to retell to a small group of classmates. Students will prepare for their spoken retelling by drawing events in sequence and writing simple sentences.

Prep Maths

As our students develop their understanding of Number they will refine their ability to count forwards and backwards from a given number to 10 and or 20 with some students able to count further. Our Preps will use this knowledge to help them create representations of numbers to show their understanding of number names, numerals and quantities. In shape they will be matching and describing familiar two dimensional shapes in their environment.

LEAP INTO LEARNING

Prep English

By Enyindiya 2L

As teachers assess and prepare report cards for parents they are also preparing and teaching their final units for this term. The following unit overviews will provide you with information about the work your child will be undertaking for the rest of this term.

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

Pampering Afternoon in Prep

Thankyou to all of the parents, grandparents and friends of our Prep students who attended the pampering afternoon last week. The students thoroughly enjoyed having you in their classroom and definitely got to hone their skills in nail art, hair brushing and massaging as well as showing you their appreciation.

Year 1 Fire Safety

Next Monday Year One have the first of their two firemen visits. Firemen from the Hervey Bay Station will visit the students and talk to them about fire safety and teachers will follow up with appropriate lessons. The firemen will return in June with the firetruck to complete the lessons on fire safety.

Year Two students have been working on some very amusing recounts of familiar stories where they needed to change the character description to challenge the original stereotyping of the character. Have a laugh as you read one of our clever year two character descriptions.

My name is Cinderella. I have gross dark eyes, wrinkly old skin, knotty short hair, rotten teeth, hideous horrid clothes and I live in a gross ugly castle. Most people think I am kind, helpful and pretty however, I am not like that. I am really mean, nasty and severe. Everyone thinks that I should wear beautiful expensive clothes and go to the ball. However, I would rather stay at home and watch tv. In the story, the fairy godmother turns me in to a stunning princess so I can go to the incredible ball. What I really want her to do is turn me into a popstar.

By Enyindiya 2L

Students will continue to develop their knowledge and ability in operating with money by counting collections of coins and notes, making and matching equivalent combinations of money and calculating change from simple transactions.

Year 1 English Creating Poems

Year one students will listen to and read a variety of poems to explore the sound patterns of poems, what the poem is about, who the characters are as well as where the poem is taking place. Students will have fun and enjoyment through the recitation of recreated poems which they will perform for their classmates and teacher.

Year 1 Math

In maths students will cover a number of concepts over the next five weeks to build on their knowledge and understanding of number, place value and money. In number they will develop their ability to represent, record and solve simple addition and subtraction problems, count collections of objects and recall the ones, twos and 10s counting sequences.

Our year one students will learn to write and order numbers to 100 and locate these numbers on a number line.

Year 2 English—Responding to Stereotypes

Year two students will read and listen to a variety of literary texts to explore how stereotypes are used to persuade audiences. Students will compare how the visual representations of a character are depicted differently in two publications of the same story e.g. Cinderella. Students will learn to write a response to a fairy tale and give reasons why they prefer a particular version.

Year 2 Math

In maths our year 2 students will continue to work on their recall of addition number facts, identify related subtraction number facts and solve addition and subtraction problems.

When working with money students will learn to describe the features of Australian coins, count coin collections, identify equivalent combinations, identify $5 and $10 notes and count small collections of coins and notes.

Students will also work with the measurement concepts of time and use a calendar to identify the number of days in each month, relate months to seasons and tell time to the quarter hour and in area they will cover surfaces with informal units to measure the area of shapes and surfaces.

Year 3 English—Exploring Persuasion

Year three students will explore a literary story that deals with an ethical situation. They will make inferences about characters’ feelings and use comprehension strategies to answer questions about the text. They will write a persuasive letter that links to the story.

Year 3 Math

In maths students will work with numbers to 1000 by showing their understanding by representing given numbers up to 1000 through place value activities, counting activities, adding and subtracting activities and solving word problems. During lessons on Location our students will represent positions on a simple grid map, describe positions in relation to key features and represent movement and pathways on a simple grid map.

Students will continue to develop their knowledge and ability in operating with money by counting collections of coins and notes, making and matching equivalent combinations of money and calculating change from simple transactions.

LEAP INTO LEARNING

Year 2 English

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Responding to Stereotypes

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Exploring Persuasion

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Mrs Helen Forbes
News from the P&C

Sandy Strait State School P&C wishes to thank all those who supported the Mother's Day Stall. We hope all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-to-be, and Caregivers had a lovely day and were spoilt by their families.

We would also like to say a huge thanks for the amazing support from our school community in the 5c Challenge. Our classes that raised the most amount of money in the first two weeks and were winners of an ice block were:

- Week 1 - 1M $50.90
- Week 2 - 5KS $78.85

Which class will win the ice block this week?
Which class will raise the largest amount over the entire fundraiser and win the class Pizza Party?

All money raised from these fundraisers will contribute towards providing shade shelter on the oval and playgrounds, and other school equipment and improvements.

Our school Athletics Days will be held at the end of term 2. For all those parents wishing to buy their child a school sports shirt in their house colour, they are available from the office for $20.00 each.

I wish to thank all of our volunteers for their time, help, and support.
You are very much appreciated!

Kylie Dinte
President

News from the Chaplain

Kids don’t come with an instruction manual, and I know we all wish they did. Whether you’re a mum, dad, single parent family, step parent or a carer – the Triple P Positive Parenting Program can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child’s development and behaviour.

The Triple P positive parenting program is for parents with children aged 3–12 years. The program gives you the tools to:

- encourage behaviour you like from your child
- deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- Take the stress out of parenting.

Triple P can also help to develop family relationships by assisting children to reach their full potential.

Sandy Straits School will be presenting a seminar “The Power of Positive Parenting” on May 24th at 9.20am and again at 6.20pm in the Cottage. Coffee and Cake will be provided.

It will be a 90 minute session that will leave you feeling more confident and ready to deal with common childhood behavioural issues. To register your interest just contact the office on 4197 0333 to save your spot.

See you there,
Chappy

News from the Tuckshop

**PIZZA MEAL DEAL**

**Wednesday 25th May 2016**

Our school tuckshop is holding a PIZZA MEAL DEAL DAY. This is an opportunity for our students to purchase ‘red’ foods that are not usually offered by our healthy tuckshop. This is not only a fun treat for our students but it also helps raise funds for our school tuckshop, such as kitchen utensils and equipment.

Students are able to select an individual boxed pizza, popper and also receive a small chocolate treat for $5.50.

These are to be collected from the tuckshop in the classroom tuckshop boxes provided. Prep-Year 3 will be at little lunch and Year 4-6 will be at big lunch. Additional pizzas are available for $2.50 each.

Please complete one order form per student and return with payment envelope to the office prior to **Wednesday, 18th May, 2016**.

**No late orders** will be accepted due to supplier deadlines.

Please use correct cash only, no EFTPOS or credit card available.

Please note that normal tuckshop menu is not available on this day.

As this is pre-ordered there will be no refunds.

We appreciate your support.

Heidi Sulzenbacher/Libby Thornton
Tuckshop Convenors
BUNDABERG SOUTH STATE SCHOOL

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Saturday 21st May 2016

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Program of Events
9:00 am Registrations @ School Hall
10:00 am ABC Radio Broadcast
11:15 am Caledonian Pipe Band
11:30 am Official Ceremony, Decade Roll Call.
Time Capsule, 125 Cake, Photographs
BBQ Lunch
1.30 pm Multi-Draw Raffle
2.00 pm Class
6.00 pm 125 Anniversary Dinner @ Bundaberg RSL

(with bookings essential - contact School)

Parent and Citizen Association

Trivia Night

$200 First Prize
When: 18th June, 2016
Where: Granville State School Hall
Time: Doors Open 5pm for a 5.30 start
7 rounds
Raffles
Lucky Seat prize
Beer, Wine and Softdrinks available for purchase.
NO BYO
Plate of Hot or Cold nibbles for purchase
(Needs to be pre-ordered)

Teams of 4: $20 per team
Nominations and nibble plates orders due 15th June
Ph: 41209888 for enquiries