Key to Success this fortnight: Organisation

Welcome Back
A very warm welcome back to all students, parents and school staff for Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

I would also like to welcome the new students and families who have joined the Sandy Strait State School community this term. As most people would know, I am also new and I have been impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm towards learning displayed by all our students this week. Previously, I was the principal of Torbanlea State School and in my time there I would often hear about the wonderful things happening at Sandy Strait.

I am really looking forward to working with the entire school community to ensure that each and every child reaches their full potential. I have had the opportunity to visit all the classrooms this week and have been really excited with the outstanding teaching and learning that has been occurring.

NAIDOC Week
I had the honour of attending our annual NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony on Monday morning and was very impressed by the high levels of respect displayed by all our indigenous students. I would like to thank Karen Steyger and her extended family for organising such a wonderful week of celebrations which will culminate in a whole school assembly this Friday at 2.15pm.

2016 School Opinion Survey
The school opinion survey is undertaken each year by the department’s State Schools Division to obtain the opinion of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about the important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools
Welcome Mr Hillhouse

A warm welcome to Mr Hillhouse, our new principal. Mr Hillhouse, who for the last few years was the principal of Torbanlea State School, is excited to be joining the Sandy Strait School community.

Mr Hillhouse is very approachable and friendly. If you see him around the school please say hello to him. I’m sure he would appreciate meeting you.

NAIDOC Week

This week our students have been celebrating NAIDOC week with various activities. We started the week with a ‘flag raising’ ceremony and some discussion around the significance of the symbols on each flag. The rest of this week will include activities relating to the theme “Songlines - The living narrative of our nation” – the activities will highlight the importance of Songlines to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and include storytelling, writing, drama, painting and traditional games. A huge Thankyou to Mrs Karen Steyger for all her organisation and work in preparing NAIDOC 2016.

We conclude our NAIDOC celebrations with a whole school assembly on Friday at 2.15pm. Please join us if you are able to as we will have a number of invited guests and performances for everyone to enjoy.

Prep Enrolments for 2017

Children who turn 5 by the 30th June, 2017 are eligible to attend Prep in the 2017 school year. It is important that we have an early indication of our anticipated numbers for the 2017 school year in order that we can begin 2017 Prep enrolment meetings.

Prep Come and Try Open Day Sessions—Thursday, 28th July

“A Prep Come and Try Open Day Sessions” - Getting to know Prep will be conducted on Thursday, 28th July, Session 1 from 9.30—10.15am. Future Prep children and their families are invited to participate in classroom activities and meet our friendly staff.

An evening session will also be conducted at 5.30—6.15pm to cater for the needs of working parents. This is the first in a series as we introduce a Pre-Prep orientation program for our future students and parents.

Leap into our Pre-Prep Program

At Sandy Strait we believe it is important to provide our students with the best possible start to their first year of schooling. This year we are continuing with our Pre-Prep Program to assist our children and parents to best prepare for the curriculum and learning expectations of the upcoming Prep year.

Purpose of the Program:

- To provide an orientation and skill based program to help prepare our future students for the Prep Curriculum in the year ahead.
- To model and provide activities and ideas for parents to work on with their children at home to ensure that they have the best opportunity to succeed in the Prep Year.
- To foster and build relationships between teachers, students and parents prior to the commencement of the school year.
- To provide opportunities for our future Prep students to interact with one another and build relationships prior to commencing school.

How the Program will work:

- The program will be conducted over 3 separate 1 hour sessions throughout term 3 and 4.
- Children and parents attend each of the sessions.
- At the end of each session parents will be provided with a pack of activities to take home to use with their child between sessions. Each of the activities contained within the pack will have been modelled throughout the morning session. A different activity pack will be distributed at each of the sessions.
- Each session will have a particular teaching focus with activities and games developing the following:
  - Session 1: 11th Aug—Early Number Concepts
  - Session 2: 1st Sept—Sounds, Letters, Words activities
  - Session 3: 27th Oct— Developing Reading activities

Prep enrolment meetings will be conducted from Monday, 14th November to Friday, 18th November for information and discussions about your child’s needs and school procedures.

Spell-a-Thon

Thankyou to everyone who has supported our Spell-a-thon. The P & C are very excited with the results and are looking forward to presenting the awards to students at our assembly in week 4.

Students from Prep to Year 6 who have raised more than $20 or more in sponsorship from each year level go into the draw for a $20 gift card from Target Coles/Myer.

The highest fundraiser from the Junior School (P-3) and the Senior School (4-7) will win a $50 gift card from Target/Coles Myer.

Please return your sponsorship funds before Monday, 25th July to ensure our P&C have time to organise names for lucky draws and highest fund raisers for our week 4 assembly.
Inter-House Athletics
A big thank you to Mr Baldwin for coordinating another successful athletics carnival last term and Congratulations to Corrawiga for achieving first place. Mr Baldwin is presently analysing carnival results and holding further trials to select our athletics team to compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival on the 29th July.

USHS Come and Try Day
A big thank you to the staff at USHS who invited our Year 6 students to a Come & Try day at their school last term. Students were given a taste of what high school life is like and participated in activities that included dance, home economics and manual arts.

Visual Arts
This term our students will be engaged in a Visual Arts program where they will be given an opportunity to focus on building their skills and knowledge involving the visual components of colour, line, shape, and texture. Students will also learn about noted artists and their work. At the end of the program our hall will be transformed into an Art Gallery where the fine work our students have created will be exhibited.

Year 2 Excursion
Year Two students are going to visit the Historical museum on Friday 29th July. Further information will be sent home next week.

Bikes
Parents are reminded to make sure their child’s bikes/scooters are secured in the bike rakes at all times. We will now be locking the bike access gate at 9.00am for security reasons and the gate will be reopened at 2.30pm for students to leave the school grounds.

News from the Chaplain

Welcome Back to Term 3
Did you all enjoy yourselves during the holidays? Talking to students I am hearing that the movie ‘Finding Dory’ was a hit, so was the beach, travelling and hanging out with mates. So many students are also very happy to be back at school, obviously lots to catch up on.

This term Chaplaincy is delivering some wonderful programs to students:
- Personal Health Education
- My Life Rulz (emotional resilience)
- Chappy Activities (social)

If students would like to participate in one of these programs/activates, or you (as a parent/caregiver) would like more information just give me a call on 4197 0333.

Cheers
Chappy

News from P&C

The school community would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Dave Hillhouse as new Principal of Sandy Strait and look forward to working together.

A reminder to all families that spellathon sponsorship forms and monies are still being accepted at the office until the end of week 1. All students who raise $20 or more go in the draw to win a gift card. The winners of the gift cards will be announced during assembly in week 4.

Upcoming fundraising events:

Free Dress Day - 03/08/16
School Disco - 26/08/16
Father’s Day Stall - 01/09/16 and 02/09/16

Our next P&C Meeting will be held in the cottage at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 20 July, 2016.

We welcome anyone to attend and to be involved in our school community.

Kylie Dinte
P&C President

News from the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Days
Tuckshop is open on Thursday and Friday.

Athletics Sports Day Sausage Sizzle—end of Term 2
Sports Day Sausage Sizzle was a great success both days. We banked approximately $2000.00 which will help go towards our long term goal of refurbishing the tuckshop. Thank you to all students and parents who purchased items. Also a huge thank you to our volunteers—Craig Lewis, Dee Hoffman, Tarnya Townsend, Rebecca McIntyre, Fedra Morris, Mrs Fallon, Mr Jackson and our fantastic groundsmen—Redge Friske and Peter Burckhardt for cooking the sausages to perfection.

Tuckshop is having a Lolly Red Day on Wednesday, 27th July. Please check your child’s bag for a letter and order form which will sent home this week.

Thank you
Heidi Sulzenbacher
**News—Bookclub & School Photos**

**Bookclub**

Bookclub is due Monday, 25th July, 2016.

**School Photos**

School photo payment envelopes will be going home with next fortnights’ newsletter, 28th July. Note: School photo envelopes with payments inserted are to be brought to the school on the day of the students’ photo shoot, Wednesday, 17th August and Thursday, 18th August.

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**News from Helping Hands-OSHC**

Hi to all the families of Sandy Strait State School

At Helping Hands, we are growing in numbers and we want your children to join in on all the fun. We run before school, after school and vacation care. You don’t have to use us all the time, if you are running late from work, held up at an appointment or extending a long lunch. A quick text is all it takes to have your children in the session you need. Or you can book your children in on certain regular days. We are super flexible and always are here to help.

We have just been rated under the National Quality Standards and have been marked exceeding the national standard. We pride ourselves on creating quality relationships with the children at Sandy Strait.

Please feel free to pop in and have a chat or send me an email, and I am happy to let you know your individual prices in relation to Child care benefits etc.

Mob: 0439730544
Email: sandystrait@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Regards
Jade
Co-Ordinator of Sandy Strait Helping Hands

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**Expression of Interest**

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**Cleaner**

**Casual/On Call**

Expression of Interest applicants are required to submit a brief resume and contact details of 2 referees (one of whom is your current/past supervisor).

Expression of Interest Applications close: 3.00 pm, Friday, 12 August, 2016

Expression of Interest Applications will remain current for 12 months.

Applications to be addressed to: BSM
Sandy Strait State School
134 Robert Street
URANGAN QLD 4655

Or email to: bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au
THE PROUD MARYS ASSOCIATION INC.

Proudly presents the

2016 MARY POPPINS
LITERARY COMPETITION

The annual Literary Award competition was established in 2000 to commemorate the birth of writer P.L. Travers, the creator of Mary Poppins. It is open to students in the Fraser Coast Region. The competition is open to students in Grades 3 to 12.

PRIZE LIST - all winners will receive a cash prize and a Certificate:

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Competition rules and requirements:
- Entries are limited to students in the Fraser Coast Region.
- Stories and poems should be an original work and have a Mary Poppins theme.
- Entries should be typed where possible.
- Stories and poems should be submitted in a word processing format.

The proud Marys Association Inc. would like to acknowledge the kind support and sponsorship of the FRASER COAST COUNCIL, FRASER COAST CHRONICLE, MAYBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL, ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREY TIDE FOUNDATION, LONDON, THE CAMERAS ARMS HOTEL, MARYBOROUGH.

Community News

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Brisbane Roar are coming to HERVEY BAY !!!!

The Pauls Roar Active Program includes:
- 3 Hours of Football for all Levels
- Skills Drills with our Roar Coaching Staff
- Pumas Roar Inflatable Field

Venue: Hervey Bay Football Fields, Tavistock St, TORQUAY
Dates: TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014
Times: 4:30pm - 7:30pm Registration at 4:15pm
Ages: 5 - 14 Years
Cost: $50 Per child Register at www.roaractive.com.au

The Pauls Roar Active Program is for enthusiastic players looking to improve their game. We offer highly skilled coaches and a structured program that caters to a variety of age groups and skill levels. Get in early to avoid missing out as numbers are limited.

To register go to roaractive.com.au
Free beginner Chinese language course
at Urangan State High School
6 week short course
begins Wednesday 27th July from 4.30-5.30pm
Contact Kimberly Vanzetta (Head of Department - Languages)
at Urangan SHS to register
PH: 41970111 or Email: kvanz5@eq.edu.au.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS

EXPERT COACHING FROM EX-MATILDA GOAL KEEPER - BELINDA KITCHING

Friday 15th July to the 2nd September
4.30 – 5.30pm
Hervey Bay Soccer Fields 1 & 2
(closest to Seagulls grounds)
All abilities and ages welcome!