Key to Success this fortnight: Persistence

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Emergency Procedures - Evacuation and Lock Downs

As part of all school operations we routinely practice “Evacuation” and “Lock Down” Drills. The purpose of practicing these drills is to ensure that in the event of a potential emergency or threat that our school staff and students can respond in a quick and timely manner to ensure the safety of everyone on the school campus.

An Evacuation drill is for the purpose of moving out of the classrooms and buildings to a specified location in the event of an incident such as a fire.

A Lock Down drill is for the purpose of minimising access to the school environment and securing all adults and children in rooms.

In each of the above drills children and adults remain in the specified area until the all clear is sounded.

Each term we vary the way in which we practice the drills. We practice a drill during class time and play time ensuring that staff and children are aware of just what to do if they are in different locations within the school.

On Tuesday both Sandy Strait and Urangan High both went into lockdown in response to an incident that occurred at a location outside the schools. 2 loud bangs were heard near the high school and the schools were put into lockdown as a precaution only to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The lockdown was lifted not long after when police gave the all clear. Classes then continued as normal for the rest of the day.
Police responded immediately and conducted an investigation into the incident in the areas surrounding the schools.

Parents were notified of the information we had at the time regarding the lockdown by text message and our school Facebook page.

As a parent if you do hear sirens from a school it is a natural, parenting instinct to want to travel straight to the school to be with your child. However when a school is in lock down we cannot open the buildings, we must stay securely in rooms until an all clear is issued.

I was extremely proud of the way in which our school staff and students responded to the Lock Down on Tuesday. At the time we also had Timbarra Productions performing for our Prep students and we had many visitors and parents here.

I too am a parent and have a child here at school and it is very comforting to know that our first priority always is the safety and wellbeing of all our students and the Sandy Strait family.

A big thank you to all of our parents for your supportive comments and feedback following this lockdown. It is very much appreciated by all members of our team.

**New Date for Music Showcase**

Due to a clash with the Urangan State High Year 12 School Leavers Ceremony, our Music Showcase 2015 has been rescheduled to the new date of Tuesday the 24th November. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

All other details for the evening will remain the same as stated in the original note. The program of items commences at 5:30pm and will be held in the Sandy Strait State School Hall. All student performers are required in the Year 2 Block at 5:00pm. The evening will end at approximately 7:30 pm.

The evening will culminate with the presentation of trophies for all groups at the end of the evening. It is very important that all audience members stay for the entire evening as it is important that our children receive the valuable experience of performing in front of an audience.

Showcase is an important event in the Sandy Strait School Performing Arts program and we thank you for your continued support both of the program and of your child’s participation. We hope you are able to attend to Showcase and see your child perform.

**Semester 2 Academic Awards**

As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, I will be presenting all students who have achieved outstanding results in English, Maths or Science with a Principal’s Academic Award.

Students who have made wonderful progress through hard work and dedication in Word Study and Numeracy Warmups will also be awarded with a Principal’s Encouragement Award.

This Semester Principal Awards in Visual Arts will also be included following the implementation of our school wide Visual Arts Program throughout Semester 2.

Letters will be sent home to all families of children receiving awards from the 23rd November.

Please note that due to the heat at this time of the year the Awards will be conducted in the morning, before the hall becomes too hot.

The Senior Academic Awards are scheduled for Wednesday 2nd December from 9.00 am.

The Junior Academic Awards are scheduled for Thursday 3rd December from 9.00 am.

I look forward to celebrating the outstanding achievement and efforts of our students with our school community during both special awards ceremonies.

**Planning Ahead for the 2016 School Year**

In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2016 school year it is essential that our enrolment predications are as accurate as possible.

I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating a new school for the start of the 2016 school year to please contact our school office so 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 2016 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

**2016 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 2016 Prep Program is **secure and guaranteed with the return of these forms**.

If you have yet to return your completed enrolment documentation and forms can you 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 2016 Prep Program can you please pass on this message.

Many thanks for your assistance with this important task.

**Booklist Error**

Year 1 has requested 2 (two) pencil cases however Year 1 requires 1 (one) pencil case only.
Prep 2016 Parent Interview Sessions

Parents enrolling children to begin Prep in 2016 are asked to contact our office and put their names down to attend one of our Parent interview sessions. The Parent interview sessions replace the one to one enrolment interviews and they will be held on the following days:

Session 1: Tuesday 24th of November, 9am – 10am
Session 2: Tuesday 24th of November, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Session 3: Thursday 26th of November, 9am – 10am
Session 4: Thursday 26th of November, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

If you are unable to attend these sessions, please contact the office to make an appointment with myself. I look forward to meeting you at these sessions and working with you to ensure a smooth transition as your child gets closer to beginning Prep at Sandy Strait.

Year 2 and 3 Swimming Program

The Year 2 and 3 students are getting ready to begin their Swimming Program in Weeks 8, 9 and 10. Payment for this Program is due by Monday, 23rd November. If you have missed or lost your note about our Swimming Program, another note can be collected from the Office. It is strongly recommended that all Year 2 and 3 students participate in this program.

“Santa Around the World” Timbarra Production

On Tuesday, the Preps and Year 1 students enjoyed the very interactive “Santa Around the World” Christmas fantasy by the Timbarra Productions. The Preppies and Year 1 saved Christmas by returning Santa’s magic belt to him. Santa wasn’t easy to find. The Preps and Year 1’s sang and danced their way around the world visiting Africa, China, Ireland, America, Mexico, Hawaii and Rio looking for Santa. With a little help from Rudolph and plenty of excitement Santa’s magic belt was returned to him just in time to save Christmas. A great time was had by all. Many children also enjoyed dressing up as elves, reindeers or in their favourite Christmas shirt.

It was lovely to see so many parents and younger children attending and enjoying the show.

Thank you to Phil and Jo from Timbarra Productions, who always put on a very entertaining and enjoyable show for our Preps and Year 1 students.

Reading at Home

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild
To pick up a book and read to a child.” – Dr Seuss

Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

Often as children grow older and become better readers, the sharing of books is lost. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it’s still important for parents and children to read together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, you can stretch young readers’ understanding and help them to learn more about the world around them.

News from Student Leaders

It’s week 7, only 16 more days of school left! Remember that you still have to try your best in all work, even if it is still this close to the end of the year. Your teachers are still doing report cards which means you have to behave your best! Seattle

Showcase

Showcase starts at 5.30 pm but students performing have to be there an hour earlier (5.00 pm) at the Year 2 (B) block.

Good luck and have an awesome time! Don’t be afraid about making mistakes on stage and don’t forget to thank Miss Hunter for organising this great event! Destiny

Online Booklist Purchase

As we start to plan for the New Year ahead, we are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Staples for Back to School 2016. To order visit:

www.staplesbacktoschool.com.au
Passcode: {121720}
Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

To promote positive learning environments and to encourage responsible behaviour in students, all state schools have a Responsible behaviour plan for students which they develop with their school community. We are in the process of reviewing our plan. Parents can access our current Responsible Behaviour Plan for students from our website.

2016 Student Leadership Speeches

Our Year 5 students have submitted their leadership applications and a shortlist of suitable applicants has been drafted. The shortlisted students will have an opportunity to give a speech to their peers (fellow Yr 5 and Yr 4 students) this Friday in the hall.

Positive peers make a huge difference by Michael Grose

This brief article has been in our newsletter before, but the importance of having “positive peer support” cannot be understated, so it is worth having another read.

There is little doubt that positive peer relations impact on a child’s academic success, emotional well-being and state of mind. A big claim but the truth is that we tend to reflect the views and attitudes our peer groups. It is hugely beneficial if a child’s predominant peer group cares for him, has positive expectations about the future and places high value on helping others as well as personal improvement.

Children’s peer groupings can be quite complex and dynamic. Most children will have a prime peer group consisting of between two and up to five others. These children are generally referred to as best friends, buddies or best mates. These social relationships are often formed early in children’s lives and are strengthened by shared school, extracurricular or informal outside school activities.

Children also have one or two secondary peer groups, which can be larger and generally reflect shared interests or shared best friends. When these groups contain children from different grades and even different schools they have an insulating effect if adverse events happen and also offer exposure to wider peer groups.

Being a member of a positive a peer group lessens the likelihood of a child being bullied or harassed. Children in positive peer groups look out for each other and don’t engage in such behaviours, whether verbal or physical, themselves. Positive peer groups tend to be tolerant of differences and have loyalty and caring as key values. Having friends who care also lessens the impact of bullying and helps prevent it from impacting on other areas of a child’s life.

There are a number of broad strategies parents can use to encourage positive peer groups to form and emerge. These include:

- providing opportunities for children to mix and share experiences,
- drawing children’s attention to friendship behaviours and
- focusing on socialisation rather than achievement when they play sport or are involved in creative or group activities.

In this achievement-oriented society we need to value positive peer relationships and ensure that they are not ignored or undervalued in our efforts to provide the best possible start for our children.

To help your child become a member of positive peers groups try the following four ideas:

1. **Discuss** with your child how a good friend behaves. Ask him to identify some good friends and talk about what makes them a ‘good friend’.
2. **Encourage** them to **join** at least one outside school group and be a member of at least one school artistic, sporting or interest group.
3. **Limit** your child’s time in passive, solitary activities such as television-viewing, computer activities and Internet chatrooms.
4. **Make** an effort to get to know some of your children’s friends and their parents.

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News from the Senior School—Mr Bruce Jackson

News from Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open for **full service menu** on **Thursday and Friday**.

Sushi is no longer available.

Tuckshop is open for **ice blocks, drinks and chips only** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1.00 to 1.25 pm.

**Price List**

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**Please note:** Friday, 10 December—Tuckshop is closed.
Maryborough Heritage Combined Crafts Inc

Christmas Shop

Will be held at
Maryborough Central Plaza (opp IGA)
266 Alice Street, Maryborough

23rd November to 23rd December

Open: Mon to Fri 8.30am to 5pm
Saturday 8.30am to 3pm
Sunday 9.30am to 2pm

Closing 23rd December, 3.30pm

Quality Crafts for all the family.

Including: Home baking, dressed dolls and teddies,
Crochet, baby knits, jewellery, vintage plate stands and
bird feeders, wooden toys, homewares, woodworkings,
Preserves, handmade soaps, painted glasses, beadwork.

The GREAT GLENDYNE RUMMAGE

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2015 7 AM – 12 NOON
72 NIKENBAH-DUNDOWRAN RD, NIKENBAH

If you love the thrill of chasing a bargain, uncovering hidden
treasure or haggling for a great deal... get ready to rummage!

WHY ARE WE RUMMAGING

Every year, Glendyne students work as part of Rotary's Heeding Lands program to build basic
handicrafts for children in Democraticlina. We are aiming to raise $10,000 to assist Glendyne students
and teachers to travel to Cambodia to present 100 items in 2016.
The Heeding Lands initiative forms part of the Glendyne curriculum.

GOT STUFF TO SELL?

Local a booth! For just $15, bring your trailer, set
up your stall and open the box and turn
your unwanted items into cash – you keep the
proceeds!

To book a stall call 30 November 2015.
Nikkenba Market

UNWANTED ITEMS WANTED!

We're seeking donations of goods valued at
over $100 from businesses and individuals for
our rummage.

Email: Glendyne@Glendyne.org.au or
call 07 4738 6539 to donate.

COFFEE - BBQ BREAKFAST & LUNCH - SWEET TREATS
JAMS & PRESERVES (GLENDYNE STUDENTS) - PLANTS - FARMING EQUIPMENT
TIMBER FISHING RODS & REELS (GLENDYNE STUDENTS) - OFFICE FURNITURE
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