Key to Success this fortnight: Getting Along

From the Principal - Mr David Hillhouse

Teacher Professional Development
During the Pupil Free day on Monday the teachers at Sandy Strait participated in a professional development workshop presented by an internationally renowned teacher of mathematics, Michael Ymer. Michael travelled from Melbourne to present an engaging workshop covering all aspects of effective teaching in the area of mathematics. On Tuesday Michael taught a class in Prep, Year 3 and Year 5. This lesson gave our teachers an opportunity to see first hand the effective teaching practices Michael had spoken about on Monday. We look forward to integrating many of these practices into our every day teaching routines at Sandy Strait.

Day for Daniel
Next Friday the 28th of October we would like to encourage all students to wear red in support of

‘Day for Daniel’. ‘Day for Daniel’ is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Parents, carers and guardians are asked to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment.

‘Day for Daniel’ is an opportunity for our Sandy Strait students to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia. It aims to help empower our children to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if they feel something is not right. What does RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT mean?

Tuckshop Open—Thursday & Friday
RECOGNISE encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise body cues in situations where they don’t feel safe. REPORT encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult. Please be aware that this is not a fundraising initiative and students are not required to make a gold coin donation.

PAT Testing
Classes have been busy participating in our Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) over the last couple of weeks. Our PAT tests assess the progress of each individual student in the key areas of mathematics and reading. The tests enable teachers to measure gain across the year as well as reflect on their teaching and set targets.

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.

On Assembly
On senior assembly, last week, we took the time to acknowledge the attributes that help make a student get on track and stay focussed. We highlighted, Year 6 student, AJ’s effort. AJ has made a determined effort in recent weeks. He has asked questions when he is confused; he stayed on task and avoided distractions and surrounded himself with good friends who helped him make good choices. Congratulations AJ.

EVEN More bits on GRIT
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. In our recent newsletters, we have been focusing on GRIT and what we can do to help our students become grittier. This week is: Let him fall — and model resilience.

Being able to pick yourself up from low moments is probably the most important skill a child can learn. A clever boy recently was devastated when he didn’t do well in a chess tournament. His mum tried bucking him up, but eventually just gave him time to feel his negative emotions. “Later, she told him, ‘Chess is mostly a game of skill, but it’s also somewhat a game of chance,’” He was reminded that it’s possible to be smart and accomplished, and still lose.

Teach It: Share your own struggles. Kids learn from the adults around them, so if you want your children to handle setbacks with grace, model calm and determination in the face of yours. Lots of parents don’t want to talk about their failures in front of their kids, but that’s denying kids the potentially powerful experience of seeing their parents bounce back. If children see that adults can mess up and then come back and solve a problem, that’s an important example they can use. All of the most successful people in the world will tell you that it’s about trying again. When you give up after a failure, you never get anywhere.

2017 Student Leadership
To complement our student leadership process we have accepted an invitation from Fraser Coast Toastmasters to provide a 5 week program that focuses on the skills of public speaking and youth leadership to the students who have applied for 2017 leadership positions.

Toastmasters
Toastmasters operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. Facilitator, retired teacher Mr Steve Hill, will deliver a series of lessons and activities that provide ideas and strategies involving public speaking.

The program will run at school during the months of October and November.

We thank Fraser Coast Toastmasters in providing our students with this opportunity.

Forensic Science Workshop
Wednesday, 26 October students in yrs 3,4,5&6 are invited to participate in a hands-on Forensic Science Workshop. This is an exciting opportunity for any child interested in science. Limited spaces of 80 students per year level. Payment of $6.00 due Friday, 21 October, 2016.

On Friday, 21 October the Bookclub is due. Please be sure to register your attendance for the session.
Art Exhibition
Next week we will be exhibiting our art work in the Hall. Students have completed a term’s work on the elements of Line, Shape, Colour and Texture and will be displaying some of their pieces of work relating to these elements. Please drop into the hall and enjoy the exhibition if you are at school or able to drop in and enjoy your child’s artistic talents.

Target Meetings and Visiting Consultants
In a couple of weeks the administration team will be meeting with teachers to discuss student data and progress. Teachers meet one on one with a member of the administration team and share data and information about their class and individual students. These meetings are important in setting future goals for students, classes and year levels and celebrating successes. Over the term we have had two consultants visit and work with teachers on strategies and skills in providing feedback to students and on aspects of teaching Numeracy. During our target meetings we discuss these strategies and skills and other effective teaching practices that provide students with the best possible chance of success in their school work.

Leap into Reading in the Junior School
As we move into the last very busy term I’d like to share the work that is being undertaken with helping all of our students in the school with reading.
Throughout the year our teachers and teacher aides along with our Intensive Intervention team, Reading mentor Mrs McNall and volunteer readers have provided extra support in reading to our students. This support assists teachers with differentiating their reading program to allow for all students and to ensure all our students are given the best support to assist them in their reading learning.

Reading is a major focus at our school with ongoing professional development around teaching and monitoring reading. Student reading behaviours are identified and students are taught accordingly with continued monitoring of their progress. Adopting this focus has required careful timetabling, reorganising resources and time and effort by teachers and learning support staff.

Our school has worked to ensure all students’ needs in reading are being catered to and our data has provided us with evidence that the hard work of teachers and students is making a difference. This term I’d like to encourage you to help us continue to focus on improving student reading strategies and comprehension by checking in with your child’s teacher for appropriate ways you can assist your child at home. Through a combined effort our students will reap the benefits.

Hints for Helping your Child with Reading at Home

Provide positive comments about what your child is doing well throughout the reading encounter.

Before reading the text (3 mins approx.)
Encourage your child to discuss what they think the book will be about. Encourage them to use:
The title, cover illustrations, any prior knowledge they may have on the topic. Repeat any ‘quality’ words they use when discussing the topic. (‘Quality’ words are words that they don’t usually use in their everyday talk).

Before and during the reading:
Encourage your child to predict what may happen in the story.
Choose from one of the following depending on the age of your child, difficulty of text and/or ability of the child:
Read to your child.
Share the reading with your child. E.g One page each etc.
Allow your child to read to you or another family member.

Celebrate their efforts when they self-correct and use strategies to help them decode challenging words.

After the reading:
Discuss one or two words that your child didn’t know the meaning of – (they may be able to pronounce but not know the meaning of the word).
Briefly discuss the main events or messages of the book.

What to do if they don’t know a word-
Difficult words to decode - Discuss strategies they use at school that help them decode. – Eagle Eye, Stretchy snake, Chunky monkey, Try’in Lion. Encourage your child to reread the sentence once they have solved the word.

Some useful strategies:
- using the pictures
- thinking what would make sense, sound right, look right
- chunking (breaking the word into smaller words or sounds)
- Using the beginning sound of the word
- read past and then REREAD the sentence/word.

Chunky Monkey

Chunk the Word!

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News from Helping Hands—OSHC

Blazing Billy Karts 5 Week Program
Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 02/11/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6
For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact;
Helping Hands on 0439730544 or email

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Thanks again to our school community for their ongoing support of the P&C Association.
Kylie Dinte
P&C President

News from the Music Teacher—Ms Kylie Hunter

We have two exciting events coming up in the next couple of weeks.

**Music Count Us In- 3rd November, 2016**

Music Count Us In is back for 2016! Every year Sandy Strait State School along with over 2100 other schools around Australia takes part in this national event. This year it is taking place on Thursday, 3rd of November at 11:30am. This much loved and highly anticipated event within the national school calendar, is now in its ninth year and reaches over 500,000 students all over the country when we all stop to sing the same song, at the same time.

Our school will be gathering together in the Sandy Strait State School Hall just after morning tea on Thursday the 3rd to sing this year's song ‘Let it Play’. All families are welcome to join us in the hall from 11:15am. So come along and celebrate Music Education in Australian Schools and support all the children who have worked so hard to learn the song. As Australian icon and 2015 Music Mentor for the program Marcia Hines says, ‘Music Count Us In plays such a vital role in bringing the joy of music to school children around the country. Kids should have the opportunity to be involved in music at an early age, and this program does that. We want to spread the word music opens doors and creates opportunities for everyone.’

**Music Showcase 2016- 10th November, 2016**

Our second exciting music event coming up is Music Showcase. This is an evening that showcases the work our Band, Strings and Choir students have put in during the year. It is a fabulous evening of entertainment and also provides our students with the important learning opportunity of performing in front of an audience. Keep an

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News from the Chaplain—Chappy Trinia

Well in “My Life Rulz” this week we are looking at Rule 3- “I deserve to feel safe and loved always” and what that might mean for each of us. This Rule is a biggie because each one of us wants to feel safe and loved so that we can function well in whatever environment we are in.

However there are times when we don’t have that assurance of ‘feeling’ safe or of being loved. So what would that mean, how can we respond and still know that ‘it’s going to be ok?’

Does it mean that if we feel scared, something bad is going to happen? Probably if something scary did happen we would be ok, if we stopped thinking in ‘what ifs’ and started looking back at evidence - “I remember… and I was ok….

Are we loveable no matter how others may treat us? Yes we are, we can still learn how to love ourselves and others.

These are some great keys to always remember “I deserve to feel safe and loved always”. Look after yourselves.
Community News Continued ....

**Maryborough Futsal Summer Series**

Team and Player Registrations

NOW OPEN

Juniors & Mens Comp
Starts Monday 24th October

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Starts Tuesday 25th October

All skill levels Welcome

Juniors 5.50 Rego & $7 Game

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**HERVEY BAY SWAP MEET & Shannons Summer Show and Shine**

2016

Hervey Bay High School
Old Maryborough Road,
Pialba, Hervey Bay

"Admission $2"

**Saturday 5 November, 2016**
**Gates open 6am - 1pm**

**Swap Meet**

*Singles Sites (10m x 5m) $20*

For Site Bookings enquiries:
Kylie - 4104 3790 (M-F, 7-3)
Kylie - 0407 746 073
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**Shannons Show and Shine**

$10 per car (includes passengers Swap Meet entry)
 Plenty of trophies & prizes

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Something for everyone, not just car parts!

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All proceeds go to Hervey Bay High School P&C to improve student facilities

- Hervey Bay Swap Meet