**Key to Success this fortnight: Persistence**

**From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow**

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<td>It is with a heavy heart that I write my last newsletter as Principal of Sandy Strait State School. After 15 years at Sandy Strait I will be saying farewell to the Sandy Strait family as I take up the position of Principal at Yarrilee State School permanently from the start of term 2.</td>
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With Year 7 moving to secondary school our school numbers have been reduced which has impacted on the classification of the Principal assigned to Sandy Strait. On Tuesday I received word that I would move across to lead Yarrilee State School.

Matthew Bulger has been appointed to the role of Acting Principal at Sandy Strait for term 2 and will commence this role on Monday 11th April.

Sandy Strait has been a very big part of my life for the past 15 years and I treasure the time I have spent here being a part of your children’s lives. I have been very fortunate to work with a wonderful staff and school community and it will be very hard to say goodbye tomorrow.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved over the years at Sandy Strait ensuring that each and every day children are making leaps forward in their learning.

I have been overwhelmed by the kind words and messages of farewell from staff, students and parents over the past 2 days. I consider myself very lucky to have been a part of this wonderful school.

I wish all members of the Sandy Strait family all the best for the future and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of your support and friendship over the last 15 years.
Thank you for Supporting our P&C

This year it has been wonderful to have our P&C up and operational and a number of parents involved in supporting the initiatives planned.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our hard working P&C executive and volunteers and wish them well for the great events they have planned for you all in the terms ahead.

This week thanks to the generosity of our school community the P&C were able to put together 10 prizes as part of our Easter Raffle Mega Draw.

On Monday the raffle was drawn with the assistance of our Student Leaders.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1st Prize - Katie
2nd Prize - Jan Thorburn
3rd Prize - J Griffin
4th Prize - Tyson
5th Prize - Blake
6th Prize - Kopacz Family
7th Prize - Sandra Graham
8th Prize - R Taylor
9th Prize - Richard Cates
10th Prize - Kyzyn

Thank you for supporting our P&C in this fundraising initiative. Thanks to your generosity the P&C raised $2715.00 through this Easter Raffle.

Interhouse Cross Country Event this Thursday

This Thursday is our Inter-house Cross Country Event. All children have been practicing for this event during their PE lessons and are fit and ready to go. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer along our children.

Children run a set track through our school grounds with the distance increasing as their age increases.

All children score a point for their house for participating and children can choose to run, jog or walk the cross country track during their event.

Don’t forget to wear your school sports shirts and house colours on Thursday.

Our 2016 School Sports Captains are looking forward to leading their houses as they cheer and support their team in the battle for the Inter-house Cross Country Trophy.

I wonder which team will take home the honours this year?

A program of the 2016 Cross Country has been included as an insert.

Sausage Sizzle at the Cross Country

The P&C will be operating a sausage sizzle throughout the event with a stall operating out of the Hall Canteen.

Please come along and support the P&C and purchase a sausage sizzle for $2. Cold drinks and a small variety of sweets will be available for over the counter sales until sold out. A price list of items available while stocks last is below and as a pullout insert.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Easter Holiday Break

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Sandy Strait Family a very safe and happy Easter break. I hope you are all able to spend time with the people who mean most to you in the world and you are able to create some wonderful memories. If you are travelling these holidays please take extra care on the road at this very busy time.

All the best for the future. Thank you for the wonderful memories.

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News from the Tuckshop

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is closed Thursday, 24 March for cleaning.

Cross Country Sausage Sizzle—Fund Raiser

Available from Hall Kitchen—Thursday, 24 March - Prices as per beside and as a pullout insert.

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News from the Bookclub

Just a reminder to all parents ordering book club. Can you please make sure your child’s name and class are filled out. Without this information we cannot process your child’s order. In issue 2 we had an order without a name or class filled out. If your child does not receive their order this week please see the ladies at the office regarding your child’s books.

Thank you. Carlie & Catherine
Parent teacher interviews
Next term will begin with parent teacher interviews for all year 1 levels. These meetings are an essential part of the parent teacher relationship and provide important information to both parents and teachers.

Teachers are able to provide parents with insights into their child’s progress in their school work and social development. This interview is also important in providing information about ways parents can help their children to progress in both school work and socially. From a teachers perspective these meetings provide them with invaluable insights about their students. Teachers are often disappointed when they are unable to meet with parents to learn more about their children so please find time to attend this meeting if possible.

All teachers will have sent home a timetable for parents to select a suitable time for the interview next term so please contact your child’s teacher if you have not received this form. Teachers will send parents a reminder of their meeting time next term.

Farewell
This Thursday we farewell Mrs McMorrow. Sharon has been at Sandy Strait as both a Deputy Principal and Principal. During these 15 years in leadership roles she has been a dedicated, caring and responsible leader. She has often stated that “I love Sandy Strait and the teachers, students and parents of this school”. Sharon has always supported this school and worked hard to provide the best resources, programs and support for the students. We will miss her hard work and leadership. We wish all the best in her new role as Principal at Yarrilee State School.

P&C
The P&C would like to welcome all new parents and congratulate our new 2016 P&C Executive Committee:

P&C President: Kylie Dinte  
P&C Treasurer: Sarah-Jane Thompson  
P&C Secretary: Melissa Heaton

We would also like to thank all parents who donated Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Raffle. Thanks to the support of our school community we were able to raise $2,715.00.

Farewell
We also wish Sharon McMorrow all the best in her new school – you will be greatly missed and we thank you for your service and support over the last 15 years.

The Sandy Strait State School staff, students and school community would like to congratulate Sharon McMorrow on her appointment as Principal at Yarrilee State School.

She will be sadly missed as she has been part of the school community for the past 15 years, first as Deputy and now leaving as Principal. Many friendships have been forged and partnerships formed with past and present P&C executives, staff, students and parents/guardians.

Good luck in your future endeavours.
2016 Cross Country Program
Thursday 24 March

8.45  Years 1, 2 & 3 gather on the oval in house groups
8.50  Grade 1 Girls
9.00  Grade 1 Boys
9.10  Preps
9.20  Grade 2 Girls
9.30  Grade 2 Boys
9.40  Grade 3 Girls
9.50  Grade 3 Boys
10.00 9yr Girls (Born 2007)
10.10 9yr Boys (Born 2007)
10.20 10yr Girls (Born 2006)
10.30 10yr Boys (Born 2006)
10.45  Normal Morning Tea
11.15 11yr Girls (Born 2005)
11.30 11yr Boys (Born 2005)
11.15 12yr Girls (Born 2004) + any 13yr
12.00 12yr Boys (Born 2004) + any 13yr
12.20  Presentation and Clean Up (All students out to the oval)

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