From the Principal - Mr David Hillhouse

Key to Success this fortnight: Getting Along

Target Meetings
Next week is Target Meeting Week. Teachers from across the year levels meet with their Leadership Team Rep to discuss the progress of their children in the areas of Reading, Word Study and Numeracy. During these meetings teachers review the past 10 weeks and set targets for their children.

Each of the leadership team members have a group of teachers that we work with throughout the year, observing classroom practice and working collaboratively around target setting to ensure that our children continue to make leaps forward in their learning.

Every Day Counts
This year our attendance target at Sandy Strait is 93%. As we reach the end of Week 3, our current attendance rate for the year is 92.64%. I would like to remind parents of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results and develop strong friendships with their peers. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

School Opinion Surveys
Last fortnight all families received an invitation to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey. The survey will give each of our families an opportunity to have your say about what Sandy Strait does well, and how we can improve. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. The survey closes this Friday the 29th of July.
Sports Success

Congratulations to Noah on his recent selection in the Presidents U12 Rugby Union Team. Noah will be competing at the State Championships later this term. Well done also to Anna and Ebony on their selection in the Hervey Bay District Cricket Team and also Hannah on her selection in the Hervey Bay Zone Rugby League Team!

We also have a number of students representing our school at the Hervey Bay Zone Athletics trials today and tomorrow. We look forward to sharing their achievements in the coming weeks.

Pre-Prep Days

In the coming weeks we have three Pre-Prep days organised. These days are a great opportunity to help your child transition into prep at Sandy Strait.

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Author of Month

On some assemblies, this year, we have taken the time to celebrate the great writing our students have been producing. We celebrate their great work by video recording the students narrating their own piece of writing. We then add sound and visual effects and then, on assembly, we reveal the final product.

So far, we have had students in Year 6, Year 4 and Year 1 entertain assembly audiences with their writing.

Last assembly, Georgie in Year 4 authored and narrated a non-narrative text that provided tips on how to deal with bullies. While on junior assembly Charlotte, did a delightful job on recounting the story “Rose Meets Mr Wintergarden”.

We have plenty of other budding authors waiting in the wings to launch their stories. I am sure they would appreciate as many people as possible hear their stories so feel free to come along to assembly and hear their stories.

GRIT

On senior assembly last week our students were introduced to a 4 letter word that we welcome at school; GRIT. GRIT refers to the combination of emotional resilience and persistence. It is, according to psychologist Angela Duckworth, the best predictor of success; even better than IQ. In other words an individual who has GRIT is likely to be more successful than someone who may be deemed intelligent but has little GRIT in their makeup.

Teachers and parents can help students build more GRIT by:

- Praising children’s effort rather than praising them for being smart.
- Giving comments that emphasis effort and application rather than giving comments that emphasis achievement.
- Building robust self-confidence instead of praising children for achievements that come easily.
- Giving children a strong voice in the learning process and a sense of purpose rather than directing them to which tasks to complete.
- Providing constructive criticism and placing importance on learning rather than grades/levels.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Good luck to our athletics team this Friday when they participate in the Zone Athletics Carnival at Dundowran. Mr Baldwin and a handful of other staff will accompany our students providing supervision and support.

Camp Gear for Sale

8 Men tent—used twice; Portapotti; Toilet Shower Screen—never been used; Camp Kitchen Pantry; 2@ Double Air Bed Mattress and 1 Swag

$400.00 for the lot

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Leap into Learning – English

Our first five week unit this term will have students learning about the following concepts in English:

**Prep – Rhyme**

This term our Prep students are listening to and providing responses to a number of rhyming texts. This will help them develop their letters and sounds and many common words and visual patterns. Students will enjoy reading familiar rhyming stories as well as rhyming stories they haven’t already read. Please take time to enjoy some rhyming chants, stories and words with your child whenever possible. Their assessment will require them to innovate on a rhyme and recite a rhyming story for their classmates. They will also provide gestures to go with their presentation and write and draw a personal response to a rhyming story.

**Reading**

Teachers will continue to focus on reading in small group reading, Independent reading and Shared reading. Further support through Mrs McNall has been provided to the small group reading sessions to ensure we provide opportunities for our Preppies to learn and practice their reading strategies to allow them to decode texts and discuss the main messages in the texts. Please find time whenever possible to read to your child as the enjoyment this provides creates a desire in your child to read.

**Year 1**

Students are learning about how authors create characters and that animal characters are often depicted as having human qualities. Students need to be able to connect to these characters by sharing their own similar experiences and by showing understanding of characters actions and behaviours.

Our year one students will be required to complete a written and spoken character interview as their main assessment of this unit. To do this they will need to know the difference between a question and a command and statement and be able to ask questions and listen to answers as they interview their classmates.

This term students will continue to work on their reading strategies and start to focus on comprehension strategies. Being able to answer literal – ‘right there’ type questions and to be able to ‘read between the lines’ to understand what the author has inferred are an important part of this learning. Students will develop this understanding during small group reading and during teacher focussed lessons in Shared reading.

Mrs McNall will continue to work with small groups of students in Year 1 & 2 needing reading support.

When reading with your year one child please encourage them to use their strategies to solve unknown words. Students must use picture clues as well as letters and sounds strategies such as – ‘Stretch Snake’, ‘Chunky Monkey’, ‘Lips the Fish’ when solving words. Please remember to encourage your child to use strategies as when you tell your child the word they have not done the thinking and problem solving necessary to work out the word and will not remember this word when they read it again in a different text.

**Year 2**

Year 2 students are using Roald Dahl’s novel ‘George’s Marvelous Medicine’ to analyse characters. They will learn how to write a procedure, the use of comma’s in a list and the appropriate words to use when describing characters. They will need to sequence a jumbled procedural text as part of their assessment for this unit as well as writing and presenting a multimodal procedure to present to their teacher and classmates.

**Reading**

In reading students will continue working in small groups for Guided Reading where they will be developing their ability to use their reading strategies and comprehension to help them read unfamiliar texts. Students in year two know when they come to an unfamiliar word they can use – ‘Stretch Snake’, ‘Chunky Monkey’, ‘Lips the Fish’ and ‘Eagle Eye’ to help them problem solve the word. Students are also encouraged to practise their fluency as they read familiar texts so their reading sounds like their talking.

Mrs McNall will continue to work with small groups of students in Year 1 & 2 needing reading support. Please ask your child to share the reading strategies they know with you during home reading so you can further support their use of these strategies.

**Year 3**

Year 3 students are examining myths and Aboriginal Dreaming stories. They will learn to analyse verbs, clauses, sentence structure, evaluative language and compare and contrast different myths. For their assessment they will need to answer comprehension questions to show understanding of the texts, analyse a rhyming text and to present a retell from another perspective. Students are using Dr Seuss ‘The Lorax’ to tell the story from the Lorax’s perspective.

**Reading**

In Year 3 our students are more fluent with the use of their reading and comprehension strategies and it is exciting to see them use these strategies as they work towards deepening their understanding of the author’s message. Their teachers are working in small groups to ensure all students are given the opportunity to share their understanding and the strategies they are using to assist them with making their connection to the text.

Leap into Learning – The Visual Arts

The Visual Arts program has started and will continue through until the end of this term. Students will be given lessons in each of the four elements – line, shape, colour and texture and will be creating works of art to display at an art exhibition in week ten. Students will eventually work with all of the teachers on their year level as each teacher will focus on only one of the elements and students will rotate through the various lessons.
We wish to thank all families who have supported our school spell-a-thon. A reminder to all families that spell-a-thon sponsorship forms and money can still be returned to the school office until Wednesday, 3rd August, 2016. The winners of the gift cards will be drawn at assembly on Thursday, 4th August and Friday, 5th August, 2016.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the school we have just installed 4 new seats on the oval for the use of students, staff, parents and caregivers. Thank you again to those families who have supported these events.

The school disco is being held on Friday, 26th August, 2016. More detailed information regarding this night will be sent home in the coming week.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held in the cottage at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 24th August, 2016. We welcome anyone to attend and to be involved in their school community.

Kylie Dinte
P&C President

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The Operation Christmas Child project encourages people of all ages, to fill shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and gifts. These boxes are delivered to children around the world who are victims of war, persecution, poverty, disease and natural disasters. It is now the largest children’s project of its kind in the world.

This year a number of Sandy Strait classes will be involved in this project. It is great to see student responses when watching the DVD showing children in 3rd world countries open the shoe boxes- they do get that real sense of contribution.

If you personally would like your own family to pack a shoe box, then let me know and I can give you a box and brochure. All boxes need to be back at school a week before the school holidays.

Chappy J

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Wobbly Worms 5 Week Program

Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 10/08/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6.

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact;

Sandy Strait Helping Hands on 0439 730 544 or email Sandystrait@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.
School Photos

Due to unforeseen circumstances school photos have been changed to be held on Tuesday, 30th August and Wednesday, 31st August, 2016.

School photo payment envelopes have been sent home with each student today, Thursday, 28 July, 2016. Please remember to hold onto the school photo payment envelopes until the day of photography. Included below please find information relevant to the payments—online; cash; credit card or cheque. A class photo schedule will go home with students closer to the photography day.

Sibling, group payment photo envelopes are available from the administration office.

PHOTO DAY—FAMILY & GROUP PHOTOS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Queensland School Photography will be taking our school photographs on the following dates:

TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST & WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 2016

Students should wear their correct school uniform and Yr 6 students should wear their senior shirt.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ON THE date mentioned above and on the class photo schedule below—NO EXCEPTIONS.

Follow these steps to order:

1. Complete student details on the order envelope—one envelope for each student.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, and credit card or online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
3. Online Orders—visit www.qldschoolphotography.com.au to order. Reference number must be recorded on envelope and handed to photographers.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given).
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.
8. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together please collect a family envelope from the school administration and bring the completed envelope along with your children to the Sandy Strait State School Hall from 8.00 to 8.30am. Please note if you are ordering sibling photos online, online orders for sibling photos are closed off at 4.00pm the day before photography. Alternatively, please hand your envelope to the photographer with cash or cheque before school on photo day.
9. Students having group photographs—Band, Strings, House Captains and Leaders please collect a group envelope from the school administration and bring the completed envelope to the photographer on the day of photography.
10. School Photo Schedule

WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS CLOSER TO THE DATE

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child Queensland Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 07 3216 6111.

Kind regards,

Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd

Queensland School Photography—PO Box 122, Archerfield BC. QLD 4108. Ph: 07 32166777
Sandy Strait Fit Kids

Yr 3 – 6 Parents and Guardians,

During Semester 2 I have decided to implement a new HPE Unit called “Sandy Strait Fit Kids”.

The aim of this unit during PE lessons is to assess, improve and then test each student’s endurance, core strength and agility while developing some knowledge, positive attitudes and habits about exercise.

To assist with students improving these 3 elements of fitness — extra-curricular fitness sessions will be run before school, during lunch breaks and for those students and parents/guardians interested on Saturday mornings at the Hervey Bay Park Run.

Please see the attached timetable of activities that are offered with an explanation of how the Swimming and Park Run sessions will be offered (Swimming will start on Wednesday 3 August and the Park Run on Saturday 6 August). Please note that attendance at any timetabled session is entirely optional — however they are being offered to provide each student with the opportunity to participate, have fun and improve their fitness.

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Swimming — this is aimed at the 9, 10, 11 and 12yr olds interested in trying to compete in the HBD Swimming Carnival in Term 4 or the Wide Bay Aquathlon (for 10, 11 and 12yr age students – 1km Run 200m 1km Run – no bike) or Triathlon (for student turning 13 in 2017 - 400m swim, 12km ride and 3km run) trials in November. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM FOR HESITANT SWIMMERS. STROKE CORRECTION WILL BE PART OF THE PROGRAM BUT AS A GUIDE STUDENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO SWIM 25M OF FREESTYLE WITH SOME FORM OF BREATHING PATTERN, EYES IN. Cost will be $3.90 each morning – a limit of 20 students each morning will be applied. Transport to and from the pool will be a private arrangement. Students will be allocated a morning depending on the response level. Permission and medical forms must be collected from Mr Baldwin and returned to him by Monday 1 August. Payment of $3.90 will need to be made at the Hervey Aquatic Centre each morning your child attends. Please remember transport to and from the pool is a private arrangement.

Park Run — this is a community based event run from the park adjacent to the Pier at Urangan every Saturday Morning starting a 7.00pm. It is a 5km run/walk event purely based on participation and competing against the clock. To take part you need to register online as outlined below. For children under 11yrs of age a parent or guardian needs to run with them or “after them”. Most Saturday mornings I will be on hand to run and encourage them but parents/guardians need to be on hand also. It would be great to see parents involved – runners of all shapes, sizes and fitness levels take part in a supportive environment. Further details as below:

When is it? Every Saturday at 7:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place at Lions Park, Charlton Esplanade, Urangan QLD 4655. See Course page for more details.


I look forward to your support of this initiative and strongly encourage the involvement of your child in these extra-curricular fitness opportunities!

Regards

Darren Baldwin (HPE Teacher)
**Crafted Reef Project**

There will be a variety of crafts workshops on offer including creating lanterns.

A selection of crafts can be used in our kid’s reef project giving kids an opportunity to be a part of a community arts display at the regional gallery in 2017.

The lanterns can be used in the illumination parade for the whale festival on the 20 August.

Contact us now for details: enquiriesfca@gmail.com

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**ART & CRAFT DAY**

**ADULT & CHILDRENS CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND LOTS OF FUN**

**SUNDAY 14 AUGUST**

10AM – 2PM

**$5.00 PER PERSON MATERIALS SUPPLIED**

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**Condy Park’s Annual Community Event.**

**Teddy Bear’s Picnic**

Sunday 7th August 2016 9am-1pm

**Venue**

Beside Discovery Sphere/Art Gallery – Cnr Old Maryborough Rd & Charles St Pialba.

**Entertainment by:** Brett Campbell Children’s Musician

Come along for a great family fun day.

Major Raffles, Face painting, Jumping Castles, Rides, Stalls, Petting Zoo, Food, Drinks, Rex the Dinosaur & lots of Entertainment.

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