From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

**COMING EVENTS**

- **20 Nov**—Showcase
- **26 Nov**—P & C Meeting
- **28 Nov**—Payments due for Bookpacks, Shirts & Swimming
- **1—10 Dec**—Year 2 & 3 Swimming
- **3 Dec**—Senior Academic Awards Ceremony
- **4 Dec**—Junior Academic Awards Ceremony
- **10 Dec**—Senior Farewell
- **12 Dec**—Last day of school year
- **26 Jan 15**—Australia Day Holiday
- **27 Jan 15**—First day of 2015 school year

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**20/11/14**

**Key to Success:** Persistence

**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 English and/or Maths 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 24th November.

**Semester 2 Academic Awards**

- **Senior Academic Awards**
  - Scheduled for Wednesday 3rd December from 1.30pm
- **Junior Academic Awards**
  - Scheduled for Thursday 4th December from 1.30pm

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

**Music Showcase and Hervey Bay Zone Sports Awards**

The areas of Music and Sport are celebrated and recognised through their own dedicated celebrations.

This Thursday 20th November from 5.30pm our choir and instrumental students will gather for our Annual Music Showcase which also includes the celebration of musical achievement through the various programs.

This Friday from 12.30pm schools from across the Bay will visit Sandy Strait who will play host to the Hervey Bay Zone Sports Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding sporting achievements of children from a range of schools.

We wish all students well as they participate in these special events.
Remembrance Day
Following Remembrance Day on the 11th November it was brought to my attention that a small number of students may not have had the opportunity to observe a minute’s silence for Remembrance Day.

As a school, we believe it is important for students to take part in Remembrance Day activities to acknowledge the sacrifices made by Australian service men and women in past and present conflicts.

Our student leaders attended the RSL community event on Tuesday to pay their respects and lay a wreath on behalf of the entire school community.

While it was difficult for the school to enforce a minute’s silence on students at 11am during first lunch break, teachers were advised to do this when class had resumed. We also provided all of our staff with information, facts and resources to assist them in discussing Remembrance Day with their children.

To ensure that this does not occur again in the future, we plan to reschedule the timing of our lunch breaks on Remembrance Day so we can formally observe a minute’s silence as a school on the 11th hour of the 11th Month.

A Successful Final Pre Prep Session last Week. Prep Interviews this Week
Last week our 2015 future Prep students and their families attended the final in their Pre Prep Program focussing on Oral Language Development.

Over the past 4 sessions it has been lovely to see our future students grow in confidence as they become familiar with the school, our staff and make new friends.

At the end of each session the children have been given a Takeaway Pack of activities based on the specific sessions focus so they continue their learning at home.

At last week’s session we awarded all of the students with a Pre Prep Certificate recognising their commitment and participation in our 2015 Pre Prep Program.

Next week our families return for Prep Interviews and information meetings. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance at one of these sessions can you please contact the school office.

A reminder also to all of our future families can you please be sure to return your completed enrolment forms to the school office to secure your position in the Prep 2015 Program at Sandy Strait.

A Reminder about 2015 School Sports Uniform Orders and Early Bird Bookpacks
For families who would like to purchase a Sports Uniform Shirt for the coming year order forms have been distributed to all families. These shirts are only available through a pre order system. In order to make the manufacturing deadlines for the year all orders and payment must be received in our school office by Friday 28th November.

This will ensure that the shirts are ready for the start of the 2015 school year.

Sample sizes of our Sports Shirt are available in the office if you are unsure of the size to order for your child.

A gentle reminder also to all of our families if you would like to take advantage of the Early Bird 2015 Bookpack order system all forms with payment must be received in the school office by 28th November.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information or have misplaced your order forms.

Planning Ahead for the 2015 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2015 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.

I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating a new school for the start of the 2015 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 2015 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.

Bookclub News
The final bookclub for 2014 due back to the office by Wednesday 26th November 2014.

Banking News
Final banking for 2014 will be Monday 8th December 2014. Thank you for all your support this year.

Equipment for Sale
The school has some excess equipment for sale. On offer will be DVD Players, TVs, VHS Players, Upright Piano (requires repairs). These items will be offered in an “as is condition” with No Warranty and No Refunds. To our knowledge the items are all in working order and surplus to the schools needs. These items will be offered for sale on Tuesday 25 November from 8.30—10.00 in the Hall. This will be the only time offered for these items.
News from the Senior School—Mr Bruce Jackson

Cyber Safety:
The misuse of the internet amongst school age children continues to be concerning. Unfortunately the internet provides easy to use tools to bullying and sexual harassment others. There are some things parents can do to help their children use the internet appropriately.

Parent Tips:
1. Encourage real world and family experiences - set screen time limits (including TV).
2. Get involved in your child's internet experience - show interest in the sites and experiences they are having on line.
3. Have set family agreements for internet and computer use: e.g. Time of day, length of time, privacy and net etiquette. Some families develop a written agreement, if you do use this strategy make it positive not punitive and make sure it is appropriate to your children's age.
4. Monitor usage - Get to know how the programs and sites they are using work, also get to know their online "friends" and assist to safely manage contacts. Work with your child to find a balance between openness and their need for privacy.
5. Windows parental control functions and internet filters are handy tools – but do not replace age appropriate parent supervision! Check your content settings: e.g. Google
6. Put the computer with internet access in a public area of the home rather than the bedroom or other private areas. Remember if you are speaking with people on line or using webcam you are letting that person into your home. Consider a “no webcam in bedroom” rule!
7. Encourage your child to trust their feelings and discuss a plan of what to do if your child comes across something disturbing or upsetting.
8. Check the terms and conditions, privacy settings and “report abuse” functions of the sites or programs your child uses. Many sites have age restrictions for good reason – e.g. Facebook and Myspace is 13 years old.

Remember if something goes wrong, keep your cool. Over reactions like yelling, threatening to ban the computer, etc. can backfire and result in your child being more secretive and avoid talking to you about online matters.

2015 Student Leadership Process
Mr T is leading the 2015 student leadership process. He has developed a comprehensive training and election process including:

**Week 6—2014 LEADERSHIP MORNING (In The Hall)**
Monday 17/11/2014
8:45am Mr Jackson (Introductions/Expectations)
9am – 10am Leadership PowerPoint Presentation
10am – 10:45am 2015 Student Leadership Nomination Form (Rough Copy)

**Week 7—STUDENT LEADERSHIP NOMINATION ONLINE Wednesday 19/11/2014**
*** Students complete online nomination by Wednesday (Good Copy)
*** All students write speeches in class during week 7

*** Students present their speeches at Monday’s staff meeting to staff; teachers then vote.

What is a Leader?
A leader is a person who guides others toward a common goal, showing the way by example, and creating an environment in which other team members feel safe, respected and appreciated.

Message to parents of Senior Students……
Historically, we have held a Year 7 Farewell to celebrate student achievements and for successfully completing their initial phase of learning. However, this year is unique in that we have two year levels leaving the Primary sector at once, Year 6 and Year 7; therefore it is important that we celebrate both year levels equally.

Both Year 6 and Year 7 will celebrate the end of their time in Primary schooling together on the evening of Wednesday the 18th of December. There is no cost to attend this event however it is an invitation only event where students are required to meet a minimum behavioural standard throughout this term to attend. This evening is followed up with a day at the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre on Thursday the 11th of December.

To attend either of these events students must be on RIBBIT Level 3 and to allow every student a fair opportunity to put their “best foot forward” all students have commenced this term on a RIBBIT Level 3 and no student was allocated a behaviour card.

Outlined below are the school’s expectations for students to be eligible to attend the events:

- Be on or above a RIBBIT Level 3 – (Must be a Level 1, 2 or 3)
- Encourage and support school expectations (e.g. Google, study, do their work).
- Be respectful to property and follow the school “sign in” rules regarding phones and other electronic devices.
- Participates in class activities and completes work to the best of their ability, including submitting assessment items on time.
- Be focused on class work and does not distract others from doing their work.
- Is punctual to all classes and has a record of regular school attendance.
- Is organised and has items required for school (including hats, pencils etc.)
- Wears the correct school uniform. This includes the correct jewellery (1 set of studs / sleepers, 1 watch only). No brightly coloured hair.

Hervey Bay Primary School Sports Awards
Mr Baldwin and Ms Mason will convene the Annual Hervey Bay Primary School Sports Awards at our school this Friday. This assembly provides an opportunity for all students how have represented Hervey Bay in sport to be formally recognised for their sporting efforts.
Over the next few weeks students will be working on their final five week unit in both English and mathematics. During this time teachers will be assessing as well as teaching and preparing student’s final report for this year. Please encourage your child to do their best in both work and behaviour during the last five weeks of this year. The following overview will give you some information of the learning your child will be doing in English.

**English**
Students will be creating their own version of a favourite story. Students will learn how to innovate on the story by changing characters, setting and events. They will need to use persuasive language and they will also present a spoken justification about the choices they made for their innovation.

Reading will continue to be a focus of literacy activities and students will be encouraged to keep practising their reading and comprehension in school and at home.

**Year 2**
**English**
Students will be exploring narrative texts by reading, viewing and listening to a range of stories from other cultures. They will create a written retell of an event in the life of a person or character from one of the stories studied. They will be taught to use and check for correct use of sentence structure, spelling and punctuation. Students will continue with their reading activities with a focus on comprehension.

**Year 3**
**English**
In year three students will be reading, responding to and writing people’s stories. Students are studying the lives of past noted Australians and have been studying a notable Australian biography about Mary Gilmour. They will write a letter to a student in the future describing a memorable event in their life and their hopes for the future. Students will need to use appropriate language features and text structures to write their letter.

In Reading comprehension students will practise comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning.

**Prep**
**English**
Prep students have been working on writing and illustrating a story that allows them to practice and show their knowledge about words, sentences and matching pictures to text. They have been building these skills over the term and are now preparing to publish their stories. Please discuss your child’s book with them and provide positive feedback about their effort. Students will also continue to practise their reading and comprehension by developing their sound-letter knowledge, fluency and responding orally to comprehension questions.

**Swimming**
Year 2 & 3 will commence Swimming Lessons in weeks 9 & 10. This will be an 8 lesson swimming program beginning 1 December. The lessons will be conducted at the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre with students travelling by bus. The cost for this program is $40 and it is very favourable for children to attend. If you require a copy of the letter that was sent home please collect one from the school office.

Payment for these lessons is due by 28 November.
**Community News**

**The dinosaurs are coming!**
Dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures of all shapes and sizes will take over Maryborough’s heritage-listed City Hall over the school holidays. Explore-a-saurus is an interactive exhibition featuring amazing animatronic versions of some of the world’s most famous dinosaurs, one of the most complete dinosaur skeleton specimens ever found in Australia, and the carnivorous Tyrannosaurus Rex, King of the Cretaceous Period.
The exhibition will run from the start of the Christmas school holidays on 13 December and continue until the end of the Easter Holidays on 19 April, 2015.

**Celebrate Christmas with Carols in the Park**
Celebrate the magic of Christmas with song at Carols in the Park, a free open air concert in Queens Park, Maryborough on Sunday 14 December.
The Apex Santa Fair will run from 3pm-5:45pm with the main carols program led by Maryborough City Church in conjunction with the Ministers Fellowship of Maryborough starting at 6pm. A visit from Santa will add to the magic with a fireworks finale around 8pm.
Presented by Fraser Coast Opportunities, donations from the evening will go towards the Maryborough Base Hospital respite refurbishment project.
Buy dinner and treats from food stalls or bring your own picnic basket as well as BYO blanket or folding chairs. Please note the event is smoke and alcohol free.

**Superboats roar into Hervey Bay**
See fast and furious action on the water as Hervey Bay hosts the national series final of the Hervey Bay Boat Club Offshore Superboat Championships on 28-30 November.
The weekend program includes an Esplanade boat parade and pole position shootouts on Saturday and championship racing on Sunday 30 November.
A dedicated event zone will be set up at Hervey Bay’s Torquay beach for the main race day on Sunday from 10am to 2pm, with roving buskers, licensed wet area, market stalls, free face painting and children’s rides, including Zorb Balls and dunking tanks.
The boats will race a triangular course running from Torquay to Point Vernon, within 600 metres from the shore.

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**MARYBOROUGH HERITAGE COMBINED CRAFTS**

**“CHRISTMAS SHOP”**

**WILL BE HELD AT**

**MARYBOROUGH CENTRAL PLAZA**
(Opposite IGA)
Cnr Alice & Bazaar Sts.

**24TH NOV. TO 23RD DEC. 2014**

mon to fri... 8.30am to 5pm
sat...8.30am to 3pm, sun...9.30am to 2pm

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Including: dressed dolls and teddies, decorative arts, vintage care stands, plants, home baking, preserves, baby knits, decorative art, cushions, handbags, sewing, crochet, decoupage, all forms of sewing, decorated photo frames and albums, papers, crafts and handmade gift cards, and more. More.
Community News

Positions Vacant
Canteen Assistant

Education Training & Employment (Organisation site (http://deta.qld.gov.au/))
Urangan State High School, North Coast Region, State Schools Division
There are 2 x temporary part-time positions (0.86 FTE and 0.39 FTE)
As the Canteen Assistant you will have responsibility for leading the following activities and delivery of the following key tasks:
- Provide quality canteen and catering customer service including food production and food preparation duties, counter service, clearing tables and cleaning duties.
- Provide a clean, hygienic environment for the preparation, storage and safe handling of food.
- Follow procedure regarding food preparation and adhere to daily menu plans.
- Ensure that malfunctioning equipment is reported to the Canteen Supervisor in a prompt manner using appropriate paper work.
- Operate a cash register and collect money from client groups.
- Follow Workplace Health and Safety Practices to ensure that the canteen and equipment is operated and maintained in a safe and hygienic manner.
- Promote a safe, secure environment for staff, students and visitors.
- Participate in purpose based networks, team activities, performance management processes and professional development and training programs.
Closing Date 27 Nov 2014
Contact Kacey Hannant on 41970110 for more details.

Canteen Supervisor

Education Training & Employment (Organisation site (http://deta.qld.gov.au/))
Urangan State High School, North Coast Region, State Schools Division
As the Canteen Supervisor you will have responsibility for leading the following activities and delivery of the following key tasks:
- Coordinate the daily operation of the school canteen and oversee the preparation of food and counter services.
- Identify stock requirements and place orders with appropriate vendors on a regular basis.
- Participate in regular stocktake, recording and reporting processes.
- Maintain accurate and appropriate records for the canteen and associated catering operations including filing of ordering, receipt and associated documentation.
- Liaise with suppliers to maximise earning potential for the school.
- Deliver a quality service to students and customers through approved marketing arrangements.
- Ensure food storage and handling is appropriate, hygienic and in accordance with the standards outlined by health controlling authorities within relevant legislation and regulations.
- Provide effective supervision and appropriate training and assistance to canteen and catering employees in the performance of their roles.
- Observe Workplace Health and Safety Practices to ensure that the canteen and equipment is operated and maintained in a safe and hygienic manner.
- Oversee canteen staff ensuring:
  - A positive work environment is maintained and clear and concise operational procedures are provided.
  - Display of emergency procedures in a prominent place.
  - Preparation of rosters on a weekly basis.
  - Oversee cash handling and related security processes, operate a cash register, collect monies and balance funds at the end of the day.
Closing Date 27 Nov 2014
Contact Kacey Hannant on 41970110 for more details.