Leap into Learning Target and Goal Setting Reviews

As part of our Leap into Learning process, teachers from across the school meet with their Leadership Team Rep (Principal, Deputy Principals, Head of Special Education) every 5 weeks to review class and assessment data and set goals for the coming 5 weeks.

This week we have been meeting with our teachers to review the progress of students from February through to November using a range of assessment tasks.

It has been very pleasing to measure the large gains that have been made by many of our students in the key areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

As part of our target meeting process we also reflect and review various teaching practices that have contributed to these gains. Our school wide approach to focussed and explicit teaching has been clearly identified as a major contributing factor.

Our teachers across the school are very focussed on the goals they set for the children with numerous children exceeding their individual and class goals.

At this time of the year teachers are formulating report cards and finalising assessment tasks linked to their current units of work.

Student Report Cards will be issued together with the Student Assessment Folio on the 12th December.

Semester 2 Academic Awards

As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, I will be presenting all students from Prep to Year 7 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.

A Principal’s Academic Award will be issued for students who achieve an A in Chinese with 3 Encouragement Awards being issued for outstanding progress in this subject area.

This Semester Principal Awards in Visual Arts will be awarded 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 25th November.
The Senior Academic Awards are scheduled for Tuesday 3rd December.

The Junior Academic Awards are scheduled for Wednesday 4th December.

I look forward to celebrating the outstanding achievement and efforts of our students with our school community during both special award 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 Friday from 12.00pm 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.

On Thursday 21st November from 6.00 pm our choir and instrumental students will gather for our Annual Music Showcase which also includes the celebration of musical achievement through the various programs.

We wish all students well as they participate in these special events.

Pre Prep Session 4 for our 2014 Prep classes this Thursday 14th November
Today our 2014 future Prep students and their families have 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 today’s session we have awarded all of the students with a Pre Prep Certificate recognising their commitment and participation in our 2014 Program.

One Education 1-1 Device Program in Prep for 2014.
As you would be aware Sandy Strait State School has been enrolled in the One Education 1-1 Device Program commencing in the 2014 school year. Our school was selected to receive a $32,000 grant from the One Education 1-1 Device Program. This program is a Federal Government and corporate Australia initiative.

One Laptop Per Child Australia is a not for profit organisation dedicated to helping children enjoy learning. By making technology an integral part of education it opens up a world of opportunities for countless children.

Our 2014 Prep Teachers have been enrolled in this program and will undertake 15 hours of Professional Development in using the XO Laptop device. The teachers have commenced their training on the devices and when completed each child in their class will have access to a laptop to enhance their learning.

In 2014 we will have 4 Prep classes with one hundred 1-1 “XO Laptops” to enhance learning.

There is no cost to the parents for children to access these 1-1 devices.
To ensure that your child has an opportunity to participate in this wonderful program you must have returned your completed 2014 Prep Enrolment Forms to guarantee a place for your child.

If you have yet to return your completed enrolment package or have friends or family who have yet to do so, I encourage you to do so ASAP to ensure your child has a chance to experience this wonderful learning opportunity.

Planning Ahead for the 2014 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2014 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 to a new school for the start of the 2014 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 2014 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.

A Reminder about 2014 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 Wednesday 20th November. This will ensure that the shirts are ready for the start of the 2014 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 2014 Bookpack order system, all forms with payment must be received in the school office by 29th November. Please contact the school office if you would like more information or have misplaced your order forms.

The New 2014 School Uniform shirt will be in stores from early January
We have been in contact with the local uniform stores today to ascertain when the new 2014 School Uniform Polo shirts will be available to purchase. The latest information we have at the moment is that they are expected in stores in early January.

If you are intending to purchase new uniform shirts for the 2014 school year please be sure that you purchase the new design that mirrors our sports shirts with the white side and shoulder panels made from lightweight, easy breathe fabric.

I will continue to keep families up to date with the anticipated delivery of uniforms to suppliers via our school facebook page.

Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
Many of the programs and activities that occur throughout the school would not be possible without the hard work of many of our parent and community volunteers.

We would like to show our appreciation of the great work our volunteers do each and every day through a special morning tea on the 27th November from 10.00am.
An invitation will be coming home next week to our volunteers with more details.
Mrs Forbes to go on sick leave
Next week I will be having an operation on my shoulder and will need to take 2 weeks leave to recuperate. Mr Mark Hansen will be acting in my position for the time I am away. Please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Hansen if you need to clarify any issues or share information regarding your child.

Head Lice
Thankyou to parents who have treated their children for head lice and continuing to follow up with treatment if necessary. Please treat your child’s hair with the appropriate shampoo etc. if your child has head lice as it becomes an ongoing issue for everyone if some children go untreated.

Timbarra Productions
Next week our Prep and Year One students will be treated to a lovely show related to Christmas by Timbarra productions. Teachers will add to the show by learning the songs from the show and doing activities related to the Christmas theme. Prep students will use the show to extend their English work on letter writing. Students may wish to dress up simply for the show in Christmas theme. Parents and toddlers are invited to attend the show free of charge if they wish to share in the production. This is a great opportunity to see quality children’s entertainment and we would encourage all parents to have their child attend if at all possible.

Prep students will attend the show ‘Santa around the World’ on Monday 18th November. Students will fly to many countries in their search for Santa and return something he has lost. Please ensure you have returned your child’s permission note with $6.00 by Wednesday 13th November.

Year One students will attend ‘Here Comes Santa’ on Tuesday 19th November. Please ensure you have returned your child’s permission form with $6.00 by Friday 15th November.

Celebrating our Leaps in Learning
This is a busy time for students as they focus and present their learning under assessment conditions. This week I have been meeting with Junior school teachers to analyse data and celebrate the great work our students and teachers have done. It is always a rewarding experience to look back on the year and note the progress students have made. Many of our students have indeed made huge leaps in their learning and need to be congratulated along with their teachers.

Please enjoy some samples of work from unit 7 English assessment tasks. These samples were produced independently under test conditions.

Prep
Dear Max, You could play Tiddy with your sister and Snakes and Ladders and Hide and Seek. Princesses and Knights is a good game.

Adam
Dear Max, I think you and your sister could play Hide and Seek and I think you could play Dinosaurs.

Tahlia

Year One
How to Make a Disgusting Sandwich
What you need
2 slices of bread, pants, rotten eggs, socks, green chillies, sticks, seaweed, garbage, cardboard, grass, hair, banana peels.

What to do
Pull out 2 slices of bread. Cut up two rotten eggs. Place the 2 rotten eggs on the bread. Chop up the green chillies and squash the chillies and spread them across the bread. Go down to the seaside and pull out some seaweed. Rip cardboard and slide it on the sandwich. Chop up some grass and place it onto the sandwich. Find some hair and place it on the sandwich. Get a banana and eat it and place the banana peel on the sandwich. Get some pants and rip them. Find some socks and cut and place. Pull some sticks apart and put on the sandwich. Go to the bin and get some garbage and put it on the sandwich.

Layla—1R

How to Make a Disgusting Sandwich
What you need:
Bread, Chili, Pepper, rotten tomato, bugs, dirt, rotten sardines

What to do:

Menphis—1R

Year Two
Year two students had to write an episode for narrative Spirit of Hope using characters and plot from original story.

The next morning Sammy had an idea, an extraordinary idea to put a giant balloon on the roof. So Sammy went to get the fabric to make the balloon. When Sammy came back with all the fabric they all helped to make the balloon. But they didn’t have enough fabric so they started to cut up old clothes and then they had enough fabric to make a balloon. Sammy made the balloon so big that I popped! Dad said “We’ll try again next week.”

Dana—2R

The next morning Micky had a weird idea. We can put oil on the ground and get a digger to dig up our house, and put it on a truck so it can slide to a different place. Mum called Dad’s friend to dig out the house and put it on the truck. Then Dad got the bottle of oil and put it on the ground. But Mum thought it might slip off so Dad went to the garage to get some strips to hold the house. But it slipped on it’s roof and Lily cried. “We’ll try again next week,” said Mum.

Montanna—2Q

Year Three
A Beach Community
On the beautiful coastal beach, In the bright ocean sunlight I can see The golden sand comforting your feet as you walk along, wary driftwood finishing its journey upon the beach, the waving flags standing motionless on the waters edge, hundreds of people enjoying the wide open space of the sandy beach. I can hear The howling wind whistling wildly through the tree tops, the children building sandcastles and playing chase like prey running away from a predator, the crunch crunch crunch of a picnic lunch and the slurping of a much needed drink.

I can feel The hot, hot sun burning my fair skin, the cold sea water washing off the rubbing sand, the smooth shells that play soothing sea music, I feel as content as content can get.

Emily—3L
Wide Bay Transit considers all aspects of student safety and for that reason we do on occasion take students to and from their respective schools without the correct fare being paid. This is not a new rule for Wide Bay Transit as this has been our procedure for many years. In saying that if students/parents continue to exploit this then we have no alternative then to leave those said students at their respective school each and every afternoon. We are able to do this because they are still under the care of a responsible source. As you can understand doing this does place an extra burden on the schools so in respect we always contact the school before starting this and make them aware of the reason we need to do it. So far we have had the blessing of each school contacted. This situation is best avoided so please send your student with the correct fare each and every time they are to catch a bus.

**Showcase News**

Showcase 2013 is next week and all groups are putting the polishing touches on their performances. So please come along next week on Thursday 21st of November to see what all their hard work has been about. Our Showcase takes place in the Sandy Strait State School Hall promptly at 6:30 pm. The children are expected at the year 2 block from 6pm onwards to tune their instruments and get into their vests if they are part of the choir. It is a great night full of fantastic performances so I look forward to seeing you all there.

The Senior Choir’s upcoming excursion is now only 2 weeks away with the cut off for returned forms next week. So start getting those festive hats ready and I know the Baycrest residents are looking forward to hearing the choir sing.

See you next week at Music Showcase 2013!

Kylie Hunter, Music Teacher

**Music News**

It’s that time of year again when we start thinking of stocktaking all the resources used by students and teachers in our school. To that end, students have only this week and next week to borrow from the library. All student loans must be returned by Friday November 29. After this date, bills for outstanding loans will be issued.

**MEGA TOY RAFFLE:** Over $1500 has been raised in this great raffle for the Chaplaincy program. All of these toys were donated by a lovely parent who helps out at Chappy Activities. Thanks Lee! The three lucky winners will be announced on the next parade! Thank you to everyone that supported this event. A big thank you goes out to Mrs Blyth and Chappy Trina for organising this raffle.

**Wednesday Chappy Activities**- Every Wednesday at big lunch, outside of the Cottage is a fun Christmas themed activity. Join Chappy Trina and the welfare leaders for some Christmas fun! All students are welcome to have some fun.

**Spin Cycle Challenge**- In September, the PCYC was the venue for this awesome event that Sandy Strait came 1ST in! Early next year, this awesome event supporting Chaplains will be back.

**BACK OUR CHAPPIES**

Parents, staff, students and community members are encouraged to sign a statement of support. These can be located in the office and placed in the box provided and they will be forwarded to Scripture Union who, with other signatures from throughout the state, will be forwarded to the Federal government. A backpack was also passed around the school earlier this week for supporters of school chaplains to sign. This will also be forwarded to the Federal government.

Have a great week and remember to be kind to each other!!

Thank you,

Luke Strochnetter, Welfare Leader
Zone Sports Award
A big thank you to Mr Baldwin and Ms Mason who will host the Hervey Bay Zone Sport Awards ceremony at our school this Friday. The Zone Sports Awards will be a time to reflect and celebrate the outstanding achievements Hervey Bay primary school students have achieved this year. Without hard working people like Mr Baldwin and Ms Mason the Hervey Bay Zone Sport Awards would just be an idea rather than a reality. Congratulations to all of our students who will be attending the ceremony and receiving their well-deserved recognition.

2014 Student Leadership positions
We have 52 nominations for the 2014 student leadership positions from our Year 5 & 6 students. 31 from Yr. 5 and 21 from Yr. 6. These nominations will be scrutinised carefully and from this process a shortlist will be created. Students who are shortlisted will be invited to give speeches on the 25th Nov.

Year 6 Smart Steps
Good luck to our Year 6 students and their teachers as they participate in the next round of Smart Steps at USQ. Smart Steps is a federally funded program to promote tertiary education to primary school students.

Learning Goal Meetings
Teaching and Learning is our core business and over the last few years a major strategy that we have utilized to help us remain focused on this has been the setting of “5 week targets/learning goals”. Again this year our teachers have engaged in a 5 week cycle that has seen them:
- collecting student data (through systemic and class based assessment items)
- analysing this data

Why set these targets? 5 Good reasons why teachers set targets:
- Targets give teachers some clarity on what they want their students to achieve
- Setting targets encourages teachers to drive forward
- Setting targets helps our teachers to have a laser focus on what is important
- By articulating targets and making them transparent teachers become accountable for their teaching AND
- Transparent targets encourage teachers to be the best they can be.

This week our teachers will do a yearly review of the targets they have set.

Win Redge’s Bike
Thanks to Mr Friske for his kind donation of his bike as an incentive for our students to strive to win. Congratulations to Jasmine who was a worthy recipient. Jasmine was identified as a student who consistently met the criteria. The criteria included:
- Be at school every day … everyday counts
- Avoid detentions …..make good choices
- Work hard in class… do your best
- Lend a helping hand to a peer…. be a good friend
- Take responsibility
- Show self-discipline

Hervey Bay Zone Swimming Carnival—Cancelled
It is with much regret that Hervey Bay Zone Primary School Sport MUST cancel our HBZ Swimming Carnival for this year. Due to extended delays on refurbishments being undertaken at the HB Aquatic Centre HBZ are unable to go forward with the Carnival. The HBZ Executive Committee has held off making this decision, for as long as possible, in anticipation that the Aquatic Centre would be completed. As per normal protocol, the Wide Bay Swimming Team will be selected based on times, that have are proven by a Meet Manager print out and verified by the Coach or Secretary of the swimming club and submitted, by club swimmers, at the commencement of the 2014 school year.

Thank you, Wendy Mason HBZ Secretary on Behalf on the HBZ School Management Committee.”

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For your support of our Zone Sports Awards Ceremony and Year 7 Farewell Ceremony.
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A very mismatched, young couple find themselves ‘in love’ or so they think. They embark on a journey to find the man who brought them together, the infamous ‘Dr Frankenfarter’. On that journey they find themselves somewhat ‘lost’ on Broadway. Whilst on the Broadway strip they discover many truths about each other and also about the many faces of ‘love’ the good, the bad and the ugly. In the end well, I won’t tell you what happens in the end! We want you to come along and see what happens at the end of their journey and along the way enjoy some fantastic tunes and actions from your favourite hit musicals from Broadway, such as: The Rocky Horror Show, The Lion King, Chicago, Priscilla, Wizard of Oz and Matilda just to name a few! If you enjoy a good laugh and Broadway musicals, I am sure you will love our show!

Friday November 8th & Saturday November 9th @ 6:30pm and Matinee Sunday November 10th @ 1:30pm
Tickets are on sale at Mary Ryan’s Book Shop or at the door:
 Adults $15 / Concession/ Theatre Member/ Group Bookings of 10+ $12/ Youth /Child $10

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