COMING EVENTS
2 Feb—School Banking commences
25 Feb—P & C Meeting

Key to Success: Organisation

Welcome Back to the 2015 School Year
I would like to welcome all of our students and families to the 2015 school year. It has been wonderful over the last couple of days to see so many happy, smiling faces ready to “Leap into a year of Learning.” Welcome to all of our new students who have joined the Sandy Strait family.

Interim Staffing through until Day 8
Schools across Queensland do not have their staffing arrangements confirmed until the 8th day of the school year to allow for new enrolments and those individuals moving in between schools to settle.

Here at Sandy Strait we use as much information as we have at hand to determine the number of students returning to commence a new school year and also include new enrolments to our school to determine our classes.

All schools across Queensland are staffed on a formula based on enrolments.

If there is any change to class arrangements as a result of Day 8 Staffing collections we will contact parents ASAP to advise of any foreseeable changes.

At this stage in 2015 we introduce some new staff, welcome back some returning staff and have changes in teaching roles for other staff members:

- Mr Ricky Smith is joining our Prep team, teaching the class of Prep S
- Mrs Marita Rapley is joining our Year 1 team for Semester 1, teaching the class of 1M while Ms McGuire is on Maternity Leave.
- Ms Kristy Barbour is joining our Year 2 team, teaching the class of 2B
- Ms Kylie Green is joining our Year 3 team, teaching the class of 3G
- Mrs Susan Coverdale is joining our Year 6 team for Term 1 teaching the class of 6F while Mrs Franz is on Maternity Leave.
- Mrs Ashley Wrigley is joining our LEAP team, teaching the class of 4/5W
- Mrs Harrington has had a change in her teaching role this year and joins our Year 6 team, teaching the class of 6H.
Ms Ashcroft has had a change in her teaching role this year and is supporting students as part of our Literacy Numeracy Support Team.

Ms Shaloam Robe has had a change in her teaching role and is supporting students in Prep and Year 1 as part of our Early Intervention Literacy Support Team.

Mrs Kylie Smith is joining our Teacher Aide Team as part of our Early Intervention Literacy Support Team.

Mrs Nicole Dare is joining our Teacher Aide Team supporting Students with Disabilities.

Mrs Katrina Cunningham is joining our Teacher Aide Team supporting students in Prep.

Mrs Alisa McGarvie is joining our Teacher Aide Team supporting children in Year 1 and 3.

Mrs Natalie Chan returns to our school this year teaching Chinese to our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes.

Mrs Claudia Prince is joining our Strings Instrumental Music Teacher Program replacing Mr Marsh Robinson.

In coming newsletters we will share the school wide teaching and support roles of all staff so you can become familiar with our entire teaching and learning team and their areas of focus for 2015.

We are very lucky at Sandy Strait to have such a hardworking and talented staff team who are clearly focussed on the important whole school agenda of engaging all students in the love of learning. 2015 promises to be an exciting year full of exciting opportunities for all of our students and families.

Welcome Back Chappy Trina
In the final days of the 2014 school year we received some wonderful news- we would have a new Chaplain in 2015 ( after being without the services of a Chaplain last year).

I was even more pleased to learn that Chappy Trina would be returning to this role.

We would like to formally welcome Chappy Trina back to our school. We look forward to another wonderful year.

School Uniforms and an Update on Sports Shirts
In 2014 we introduced our new school uniform polo shirt. 2014 was a phase in year with 2015 being the year in which all students should now be wearing the new green and white school polo shirt.

A big thank you to all of our parents, it has been wonderful this year to see our children wearing the new school shirt as part of their school uniform.

At the end of last year many of our families pre ordered the school sports shirt. These shirts arrived in the school a few days ago. Today when our P&C volunteers were organising and packaging up the orders we have noticed an error with the coloured piping and embroidery on the shirts. We have had to contact our supplier and request a reorder due to this significant error in the shirt design.

We are hopeful that our supplier is able to have new orders processed swiftly.

We thank you for your understanding and are doing everything in our power to have the correctly designed sport shirt out to our families as soon as we can.

I will place a post on our school Facebook page to advise parents of when these shirts will be available.

Sandy Strait School Hall is a voting venue this Saturday
This Saturday our school hall will be utilised as a voting venue for the State Elections. This venue replaces the election booth previously located at Urangan High.

Quote of the week:
“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go”  (Dr Suess)

Bookpacks
Thank you to everyone who supported the school’s initiative regarding bookpacks. Delivery of headphones has been held up by the supplier but are expected to be delivered by the end of this week. Also any of the known discrepancies such as sketchbooks will also be delivered by Friday. The full bookpack which included photocopy paper, tissues and hand wash will not have been in your box. These items have been supplied in bulk to the school.
Well a new year has begun, I hope that you have all enjoyed your holidays, welcome to 2015. We hope to see lots of NEW faces representing our school community across the board.

Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills, and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school’s decision-making process and shape the future.

If you are part of your P&C’s executive team at your school, it is important to be familiar with the role you have taken on. There is a lot of information and assistance available, but you must know where to look. Sometimes this can be difficult. This booklet aims to give you guidance that will allow you to perform your role in an informed way and to quickly find the information and support you will need. This guide will give you an expanded view of your role. This booklet is a resource tool to be used to enhance the P&C operations within the school community.

The major elements of a school community include:-

- The P&C Association and Members
- The School Principal
- The School Staff
- The Students
- The Parents (including caregivers, guardians, grandparents etc.)
- The wider local community
Local businesses and organisations

(Information provided by: www.pandcsqld.com.au)

If you would like to join the P&C, or would like more details contact Kim on: 0497379793, or leave your details at the office.

Other news:
The P&C books are off at the Auditors, we look forward to receiving any feedback from the Auditor upon their return, just before our AGM to be held on 25 March.

This year lots of Fundraising will be taking place to purchase all new stainless steel bench tops for the Tuck shop, and we are also looking at repainting the interior and exterior, we will keep you posted on these projects as they happen.

We will hope to make a final decision also about placing shade in the Playground area behind the Grade 2 Building. Charla has given us a few quotes, we will look at how much more fundraising is needed to make this happen.

REMININDER: The Tuck shop is open for Business in the FIRST week of school in 2015. The Tuck shop days are WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. Our Tuckshop does not open before 8.30 am, please keep this in mind.

Our first Meeting for 2015, will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 3 pm in the Conference room in the Admin Building. We will be talking about fundraising, our Audit and upcoming AGM. All welcome.

Kim, Tash, Sharon
(Your P&C Executive team)

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Bookclub & School Banking News

School Banking will commence on Monday 2nd February 2015. Anyone wanting information on how to become a student Banker Please call 0407637150, or leave a message for me with the lovely Administration ladies.

Bookclub brochures will be coming home in the next week to kick the year off. Any new parents with enquiries don’t hesitate to call.

Both Banking and Bookclub have benefits for the school in the form of Rewards or Commissions that are used by the school to enhance the children’s learning experiences. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou
Nicole and Carlie
Banking and Bookclub Coordinators 2015
Position Vacant
School Crossing Supervisor—Star of the Sea School
For more information and application package please contact Star of the Sea on 4125 1220

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Child, Youth & Family Services
Phone: (07) 4122 8733

Community Health Buildings
Maryborough 167 Neptune Street “Bauer Villas Building”
Hervey Bay 34 Torquay Road “The Village”

HEARING SCREENS
To make a booking for child

• Ring 4122 8733
• Tell the person which community centre you want to go to.
• You will be given a time to come