Welcome Back to the 2014 School Year

I would like to welcome all of our students and families to the 2014 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.

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Key to Success: Organisation

At this stage in 2014 we introduce some new staff, welcome back some returning staff and have changes in teaching roles for other staff members:

- Mr Brad Tsakisiris is joining our Year 5 team teaching the class of 5T
- Mrs Kim Sheehy is joining our Year 5 team teaching the class of 5S
- Mr Ray Chapman is joining our Year 5 team teaching the class of 5C
- Ms Shaloam Robe is joining our Learning Enrichment and Adjustment Team supporting students with disabilities
- Mrs Fran Wilkins is joining our Learning Enrichment and Adjustment Team supporting students with disabilities
- Mrs Natalie Chan is teaching Chinese to our Senior Classes (yr 6/7)
- Mrs Jo Minuti has a change in teaching role and is teaching the class of 1J
- Mr Russell Pitts has a change in teaching role and has a combined role of teaching Health and Physical Education as well as a component of Intensive Intervention and Support.

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 2014.
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. 2014 promises to be an exciting year full of exciting opportunities for all of our students and families.

**School Uniforms and an Update on Sports Shirts.**

2014 sees the introduction of our new school polo shirt. It has been wonderful to see so many children wearing the new school shirt as part of their school uniform. This year will be a phase in year for our new school uniform with children permitted to wear the former polo shirt throughout this year.

Pre ordered Sports Shirts have been delivered to school and these will be sorted and distributed to children in the coming days to bring home.

We have had a number of enquiries from parents about ordering additional sports shirts. We have ordered some additional shirts which will be available for purchase in the coming weeks. We will advise of which sizes are available and when these can be ordered via our school Facebook page and through class announcements.

This year we will work with our uniform suppliers to discuss the possibility of our Sports Shirts being available for purchase all year round. We will advise you of how this is progressing in the near future.

**A Reminder about School Resource Levy**

Thank you to a number of parents who have already paid their School Resource Levy for 2014.

The School Kids Bonus was introduced by the Federal Government in 2013 to assist parents with the costs of schooling.

Below is the latest information on the future of the School Kids Bonus:

Parliament is yet to pass legislation to abolish the Schoolkids Bonus. This means the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid to eligible families and students in January 2014. Payment of future installments of the Schoolkids Bonus, including July 2014, will depend on whether the legislation is passed by Parliament in 2014.

Families and students who receive fortnightly payments will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus from 3–17 January 2014. Often we have parents who comment that “State Education is Free”. While parents do not pay for the tuition of their child in a State School parents are responsible for providing stationery, levies, uniforms etc for their child. The School Kids Bonus was designed to assist parents with these payments and costs.

In 2014 we continue with our Student Resource Levy which is in addition to a student stationery list. By implementing a levy for all children we can avoid having to include expensive text books to our booklists keeping the costs per child down. All parents are asked to pay this levy for each of their children.

Accompany this week’s newsletter is a copy of the Student Resource Levy payment form. Thank you again to the parents who have already paid their levy for this year.

**Class Dojo Classroom Behaviour Management Tool**

This year we have a number of new initiatives, projects and programs occurring across the school. One such project is the school wide trialling of “Class Dojo”.

Class Dojo is a classroom tool that helps teachers save time, boost classroom engagement and improve student behaviour, quickly and easily. Class Dojo also allows teachers to communicate student behavioural progress with parents. Parents are provided with an individual log in code that allows them to see how their child has been engaging during class activities.

In the coming weeks all children will be bringing home an information handout with their unique student code and your parent log in code.

At the moment our teachers are setting up the program and sharing it with their classes.

Please keep an eye out for this information coming home in the weeks ahead.

**Workshop for Parents at Urangan High School**

On Wednesday 12 February Neways/The Parenting Strategist is running a seminar at the Urangan High School (PA Block) 6.30pm – 9.30pm. The guest speaker is a lady by the name of Lillian Reekie.

Lillian through many years of TTP (Tried and Tested Parenting) and a challenging roller coaster ride with her youngest son (diagnosed with Childhood Depression, ADHD/ODD) Lillian now shares her passion for helping parents, educators and families.

HOW you say? She has been there and now enjoys a wonderful and genuine relationship of unconditional love and respect with her now 20 year old son. Lillian is a teacher, an author of 6 books and a parenting coach. Her work has been featured in many newspapers articles, magazines, radio, online and on TV.

If any of our families wish to attend we have a couple of tickets to give away. Please contact us if you are interested. Information about the workshop is contained in the information flyer.

**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)
Welcome back to our students and parents after the Christmas break. I hope you enjoyed your break as much as I did and are ready for another exciting year of learning. Welcome also to our new families and on behalf of our teachers and wider school community we look forward to having you join us at Sandy Strait and feel sure you will embrace our school community partnerships, parents, staff and children as we ‘Strive for Success’.

Over the next couple of weeks you will receive information from your child’s teacher informing you of classroom procedures, suitable times to have informal meetings with the teacher and upcoming events for this term. As well as this information sheet teachers will also offer an afternoon/evening meeting where you can be informed of classroom rules, procedures, behaviour management processes and general curriculum overviews. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend this meeting if possible as it will be an excellent opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and clarify any concerns you or your child may have about their ‘new’ teacher and classroom.

Teachers are always appreciate of any support and assistance you can offer in helping your child have a successful year and communication between parents and teachers whenever necessary assists with achieving this. Many teachers will provide their email address in their class information communiqué and the following list is a repeat of these emails. Support staff and administration email contacts are also listed for your information.

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A message to parents of students in Year 6 & 7
2014 is a defining year for primary schools throughout Queensland. It will be the last year that Year 7 students will be placed in primary school. From 2015 onwards Year 7 students will enrol in High school.

Educators agree that this reform will provide young teenagers with an opportunity for greater independence and it will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge of subject matter.

The formation of the 2014 senior classes has been our response to helping our Yr.6 & 7 students to become better prepared for their initiation into high school in 2015. We have created 6 Senior Home Group classes.

Our Senior teachers are keen to share with you how Senior classes will work this year. All parents of students in Year 6 & 7 are invited to attend a brief meeting next Tuesday 4th February from 3:30 to 4:00 in the hall to hear more. At this meeting the following topics will be discussed:

- Meet the Teachers
- Student Timetables;
- Communicating with teacher
- Senior Students Ed Studio;
- Senior Camp; and
- Senior shirts

Teachers’ Email Addresses;
Your child’s teacher is only too happy to correspond with you via email. If you have concerns, require something clarified or just wanting to touch base, please feel free to send your child’s teacher an email. Below is the list of Year 4 to 7 teachers and support staff and their email addresses:

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**FOOTBALL HERVEY BAY**

**CALLING ALL JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS!**

Come on down and sign up for the 2014 season!
Saturday February 8th 10am – 1pm
Thursday February 13th 5pm – 7pm
Saturday February 15th 10am – 1pm
Thursday February 20th 5pm – 7pm
At the Hervey Bay Sports Club,
Teviack Street, Torquay.

Bring your skills, enthusiasm and energy!
Parents and Citizens News

On behalf of the P&C I hope that you have all enjoyed your holidays and are ready for another great year. Welcome to all of our new Parents and Caregivers.

We are again without a Fund-raising Coordinator as Danielle Shepherd has decided that due to time constraints she is unable to fulfil the role. Danielle will remain on the P&C at this stage and help where possible.

We are always after Volunteers in our P&C, it is a great way to stay engaged with your children and teaching staff. We need Volunteers for:

• **Our Tuckshop** - Tuckshop re-opens for the 2014 school year this week. Keep a look out in next fortnight’s newsletter for specials. Our Tuckshop is open on a Thursday and Friday, Kerry is your Tuckshop Convenor and would appreciate any help offered. Pop in and see her, or leave your name and number with the school admin.

• **P&C Members** - Why not come to our meetings and help shape your school. The meetings are great for meeting new people, and having a say. As a P&C Member you may like to assist with the preparation of a Fundraiser, follow up on some research, or share an idea.

• **Fund-raising** - At this stage the P&C is after a Volunteer Fund-raising Coordinator, and some willing helpers. As you can imagine each Fundraiser takes considerable planning, and work to complete. The more people helping, the less work for everyone. Please give this some thought.

Our next meeting is on: Wednesday 12 February, at 3.00pm in the Conference room, in Admin building. All Welcome.

At this stage our AGM is set for Wednesday 26 March, at 3pm, in the same building as above. Nomination forms will be available a bit closer to the date.

To those people who applied for the Bookkeeper position, you will be contacted shortly with an interview time.

Kim Parnell
P&C President

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Banking-
Welcome back to another school year! In 2014 there are some fantastic new prizes for all school banking students. If you would like some information on your child starting school banking please come and see us in the cottage from 2-2.30 every Thursday. As there is a new system being installed we are unable to process banking in the first 2 weeks of school but will be up and running for Week 3. We will have some information packs going out to some students shortly, these will also be available from the office. We look forward to another great year of saving!!

Book Club-
Hi! We hope everyone has had a fantastic break and is ready for another school year. Issue 1 for 2014 will go out to students by Week 2. All orders should be given to the office with name, class and the correct money. All orders are due back by the 13th February. Thanks to every one’s support in 2013 the library has been able to order some fantastic books for free. We hope in 2014 you will continue to support Book Club and encourage your children to read!

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Come & Play

**Football with BAYSIDE STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

Our Club is URGENTLY looking to fill the following player VACANCIES for 2014.

For both male’s and female’s!

U6-U17 Divisions.

- Be part of a TEAM
- Learn new SKILLS
- Make new FRIENDS
- Increase FITNESS
- Have FUN

Sign on days are

8th Feb 10am-1pm
13th Feb 5pm-7pm
15th Feb 10am - 1pm
20th Feb 5pm – 7pm

Season starts soon so register to play TODAY!

Simply call the Club President Mark Fouracre on 0415 282 592 or email president@baysidestrikers.org.au

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Come & Join a Team

**Hervey Bay Netball**

**Sign on Day**
Saturday 8th February 9am-11.30am

PCYC ‘Pulse Room’ - entrance near the library

- Games are Saturday (8years & Up)
- 6 Clubs to choose from
- Training during the week
- NetSetGo programme for 5-7yr olds.

Any queries please email herveybaynetball@gmail.com or go to the website.  
www.herveybay.netball.asn.au