**DATE CLAIMERS**

3 Nov—Music Count Us In
7 Nov—Swimming due Yrs 1 & 4
10 Nov—2016 Music Showcase—6.00pm—Hall
11 Nov—Remembrance Day
15 Nov—Timbarra Production—Prep & Yr 1—Santa Around the World & Here Comes Santa
14-18 Nov—Pre Prep Interviews
14-18, 21-23 Nov—Yrs 1 & 4 Swimming
16 Nov—P&C Meeting—3.00pm—Cottage
18 Nov—Swimming payment due—Yrs 2 & 3
25 Nov—2017 Year 6 Leadership Camp Deposit due
25, 28-30 Nov—Yrs 2 & 3—Swimming
30 Nov—Senior Academic Award Ceremony—9.00 to 10.30 am—Yr 4-6—Hall
1 Dec—Junior Academic Award Ceremony—9.00 to 10.30 am—Prep to Yr 3—Hall
2-7 Dec—Yrs 2 & 3—Swimming
5 Dec—Yr 6 Farewell Ceremony
5 Dec—Yr 6 Report Cards issued
6 Dec—Yr 6 Break Up Day
7 Dec—Whole School Assembly
8 Dec—Prep to Yr 5 Break up Day
8 Dec—Prep to Yr 5 Report cards issued
9 Dec—Clean Up Day
9 Dec—Last day of school
23 Jan—First day of school 2017

**Tuckshop Open**—Thursday & Friday

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**03/11/2016**

**Key to Success this fortnight: Confidence**

**From the Principal - Mr David Hillhouse**

**Music Showcase**

Our annual Music Showcase Evening in which we celebrate the achievement and involvement of our children in Instrumental Music and Choral programs will be held next Thursday the 10th November at 6pm. All student performers are required in the year 2 block at 5.30pm.

The evening will culminate with the presentation of trophies for all groups. Showcase is an important event in the Sandy Strait School Performing Arts program and we thank you for your continued support both of the program and of your child’s participation. We hope you are able to attend to Showcase and see your child perform.

**Target and Goal Setting Reviews**

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

This week we have had meetings with all of 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, Word Study and Numeracy. As part of our target meeting process we also reflect and review various teaching practices that have contributed to these gains.

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 on the 5th December for Year 6 Students and the 8th December for students in years Prep to 5.
Remembrance Day
Our school Remembrance Day Service will be held next Friday the 11th November. Just prior to 11.00am our senior leaders will present a special Remembrance Day poem to each of our year levels followed by a minutes silence at 11am. Two of our leaders will also represent our school and lay a wreath at the Hervey Bay RSL Remembrance Service.

Semester 2 Academic Awards
As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, we will be presenting all students from Prep to Year 6 who have achieved outstanding results in English, Maths or Science with an Academic Award. Students who have made wonderful progress through hard work and dedication will also be awarded with an Encouragement Award.

This Semester an Academic Award will also be issued in Visual Arts following the implementation of our school wide Visual Arts Program throughout Semester 2. Letters to all families of children receiving awards will be sent in late November.

The Senior Academic Awards (Yr 4-Yr 6) are scheduled for Wednesday the 30th November from 9.00am – 10.30am.

The Junior Academic Awards (Prep – Yr 3) are scheduled for Thursday the 1st December from 9.00am – 10.30am.

We look forward to celebrating the outstanding achievement and efforts of all our students with our school community during our awards ceremonies. Please be sure to add these dates to your diaries.

2017 Prep Enrolment Forms
Thank you to all of our future Prep families who have completed and returned your enrolment documentation. Your child’s enrolment and confirmed placement in our 2017 Prep Program is secure and guaranteed with the return of these forms.

If you are yet to return your completed enrolment documentation and forms can you please do so ASAP. If you have friends or family who have yet to return their completed paper work who wish to secure their placement in our 2017 Prep Program can you please pass on this message.

Planning for the 2017 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2017 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.

I would like to ask all families who are moving or relocating to a new school in 2017 to please contact our office so that 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 2017 school year I would ask that you encourage them to contact our office for an enrolment pack.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try to ensure a smooth start for the upcoming school year.

Timbarra Productions are visiting for Prep and Year One
Timbarra Production is coming our way with a show for year 1 and a show for Prep. Year 1 will be entertained with a show called “Here Comes Santa” and the Prep show is called ‘Santa Around the World’. The shows will be presented on Tuesday 15th November.

Both shows are very interactive with all children being invited to participate at some stage throughout the performance. Year 1 students will need to put their problem solving skills into practise as they try to stop the ‘evil witch’ from taking Christmas away and Prep students will be searching for Santa around the world.

Costumes and instruments are supplied by Timbarra and children also have the option of coming dressed in Christmas clothing (e.g. T-Shirt, headwear).

The cost of the show is $7.00 per child.

This is a great opportunity to see quality children’s entertainment and we would encourage all parents to have their child attend.

Tuesday, 15th November Show times
Prep L & Prep S 11.15am-12.15pm
Prep D & Prep G 1.30-2.30pm
Yr 1A & 1L 8.45-9.45am
Yr 1M & 1J 9.50-10.50am

A letter was sent home earlier this week with permission slip and further details. Payment due Friday, 11th November.

Swimming
Our Prep to Year 4 students will start swimming lessons this term. These lessons have been subsidised by our P & C to assist parents with the cost of lessons as many members of the school community feel it is important for all of our students to be safe around water.

The following year levels will attend swimming lessons on:

Year 1 - 14, 18, 21 November
Year 2 - 25, 28-30 November & 2, 5 December
Year 3 - 14-18, 21-23 November
Year 4 - 25, 28-30 November & 2-7 December

Payments due – Yr 1&4 7th November
Yr 2&3 18th November

End of Unit Assessment and Attendance
Over the next fortnight our students will be doing their assessment for their English and maths units so it is important that they attend school every day. This Assessment is important in providing students with the opportunity to show what they have learnt this term and contributes towards their final report card for this year. When students are absent it is difficult to collect the necessary assessment as there are limited days available so please ensure your child attends school. Students will be assessed in English, maths, science, history or geography, The Arts and physical education.

Target Meetings
This week I have been meeting with Junior school teachers to analyse data and celebrate the great work our students and teachers have done this semester. 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.
Problem was solved, a new one arose. She gave up; she was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as if she had lost hope. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, and came out strong and soft and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile, but after being subjected to the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The daughter then asked, “What does all this mean, mother?” Her mother replied, “Consider today’s offers.”

The daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardboiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, “What does all this mean, mother?” Her father explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, and came out strong and soft and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile, but after being subjected to the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. “Which are you?” she asked her daughter. When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Are you the carrot that seems strong but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose strength? Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did you have a fluid spirit but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have you become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same but on the inside you are bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Are you the carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

On Assembly

On senior assembly, last week, we took the time to acknowledge Brenden Cavanagh’s outstanding result at the recent State Athletics Championships. Brenden, broken finger and all, was able to achieve 6th place in 12 Yr boys shot put. We also presented Andie Staples with a certificate for being selected in the Wide Bay Hockey team that competed in the State championships a few months ago. Parents are reminded that they are most welcome to attend our assemblies: every second Thursday (Senior) and every second Friday (Junior).

Term 4 Target 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 regular targets. Throughout this year our teachers have:

1. Collected student data (through systemic and class based assessment items).
2. Analysed this data, and
3. Identified areas to focus on and communicated these focus areas as targets.

This week our teachers have checked in with the Leadership Team to gauge the level of progress.

Why set these targets?

5 Good reasons why teachers set targets:

1. Targets give teachers some clarity on what they want their students to achieve.
2. Setting targets encourages teachers to drive forward.
3. Setting targets helps our teachers have a laser focus on what is important.
4. By articulating targets and making them transparent teachers become accountable for their teaching AND
5. Transparent targets encourage teachers to be the best they can be.

“Carrots, Eggs and Coffee”

This great parable from an unknown author encourages us to reflect on how we cope with adversity. A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up; she was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

The Kitchen

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and turned each hot plate to high. Soon the pots came to the boil. In the first pot she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and in the last pot she poured ground coffee beans. She let the three pots sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pushed the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, “Tell me what you see”. “Carrots, eggs and coffee,” she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardboiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The P&C wishes to thank those families who attended the family portrait session on Sunday, 23rd October, 2016.

We have supplied 6H with new blockout curtains to improve the classroom environment. Thank you to Mrs Harrington for organising these.

Last Friday, 28th October, 2016 was World Teachers Day. The P&C provided the teaching staff with morning tea as appreciation of the hard work and dedication shown to our students. A huge thank you to Sarah Jane Thompson and Amber McKee for their help on the day. Also, thank you to the Brown family for assisting with delivering of the catering. We would like to acknowledge Coffee Central who provided an outstanding morning tea for our wonderful teachers.

The P&C are contributing $1600 towards the installation of the shade sails to the junior playground and seating on the oval. We are also subsidising the cost of swimming for each student to keep the cost to parents at $50.00.

I wish to welcome Amber McKee as the Treasurer of our P&C. Sarah Jane Thompson is now Secretary.

Our next P&C meeting is being held in the cottage at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 16th November, 2016. We welcome all to attend.

Thanks,
Kylie Dinte
P&C President
News from Helping Hands—OSHC

$Helping Hands Presents

BLAZING BILLY KARTS!

The sturdy and strong Blazing Billy Kart is easily made using hand tools. All accessories including axles, wheels, steering and rope are provided and added before the racing colours and stripes complete the masterpiece! The final week is time to race your Blazing Billy Kart. Bring along decorations and stickers to make it your very own. Helmets must be worn in Week 5!

Blazing Billy Karts 5 Week Program

Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 09/11/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6

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

Helping Hands on 0439730544 or email
sandystrait@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

News from the Music Teacher—Ms Kylie Hunter

Music Count Us In- 3rd November, 2016

Music Count Us In is back for 2016! Every year Sandy Strait State School along with over 2100 other schools around Australia takes part in this national event. This year it is taking place on Thursday, 3rd of November at 11:30am. This much loved and highly anticipated event within the national school calendar, is now in its ninth year and reaches over 500,000 students all over the country when we all stop to sing the same song, at the same time.

Our school will be gathering together in the Sandy Strait State School Hall just after morning tea on Thursday the 3rd to sing this year’s song ‘Let it Play’. All families are welcome to join us in the hall from 11:15am. So come along and celebrate Music Education in Australian Schools and support all the children who have worked so hard to learn the song. As Australian icon and 2015 Music Mentor for the program Marcia Hines says, ‘Music Count Us In, plays such a vital role in bringing the joy of music to school children around the country. Kids should have the opportunity to be involved in music at an early age, and this program does that. We want to spread the word music opens doors and creates opportunities for everyone.’

Music Showcase 2016- 10th November, 2016

Our second exciting music event coming up is Music Showcase. This is an evening that showcases the work our Band, Strings and Choir students have put in during the year. It is a fabulous evening of entertainment and also provides our students with the important learning opportunity of performing in front of an audience.

News from the Chaplain—Chappy Trinia

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It’s always been tough being a kid...Today, it’s even tougher… School chaplains support young people in one of the most high pressure environments — the schoolyard.

The most commonly asked question is ‘What does a Chaplain do?’ Our School chaplain, more commonly known as “Chappy Trina” by students, is involved in breakfast club and lunchtime activities. She provides a safe and supportive influence and builds positive relationships with students. Supports at-risk students either in the classroom or one to one and Support Staff and families from the wider school community.

This year Sandy Strait will be having a Christmas Raffle so as to continue the chaplaincy program in our school. There are some great sport prizes up for grabs:-

1st Prize: Penny Skateboard, Vision Street Wear Helmet and protective pad set and a handball. Total value $250.00

2nd Prize; rope Quoits, Wahu Bash Bat and Ball Game, Blazen Family Bocce St and a handball. Total value $150.00

3rd Prize: Zuru Buncho Balloons Blaster and extra packet of 100 water balloons, Wilson Beach Kit and a handball. Total Value $90.00

Get behind our school Chappy, tickets are $1.00 each, and add to you stocking fillers for Christmas.

Cheers.
Community News Continued ....

**HERVEY BAY SWAP MEET**

& Shannons Summer Show and Shine

Hervey Bay High School
Old Maryborough Road,
Pialba, Hervey Bay
*Admission $2*

Saturday 5 November, 2016
Gates open 6am - 1pm

**Swap Meet**
*Single Sites (10m x 5m) $20*
For Site Bookings enquiries:
Kylie - 4194 3790 (M-F, 7-3)
Kylie - 0407 746 073
kylieacko@yahoo.com.au

**Shannons Show and Shine**
$10 per car (includes passengers Swap Meet entry)
Plenty of trophies & prizes
For Show and Shine enquiries:
Des - 0416 334 700

Something for everyone, not just car parts!
A big thank you to **Wide Bay Rudders** and **Shannons** for their huge support of our Show & Shine.
All proceeds go to Hervey Bay High School P&RC to improve student facilities.

- Hervey Bay Swap Meet
Join us for a workshop and a conversation that provide information about the NDIS and are designed to help people think about how they can best use the opportunities offered by the new scheme.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of supporting people with a disability in Australia. The scheme will start to roll out in the Fraser Coast region from 1st July 2018.

**The NDIS – Getting Informed**

9:15am – 11:45am

**What do I need to know to feel ready for the NDIS?**

This workshop provides information about the why, when and how of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Queensland, and things you can do now to get ready.

**The NDIS – Sharing Practical Strategies**

12:30pm – 3:00pm

**What are the opportunities for you and for others?**

Join us in a guided conversation about practical strategies for you and others in your community to share information, prepare and make best use of the opportunities offered by the NDIS.

**Who should attend?**

People with disability, family members, close friends and allies can register for the either the workshop or the conversation, or both.

**Community Resource Unit** has a 28 year track record of working across Queensland to help people with a disability take control of their lives and take their place in their community.

Contact CRU if you need assistance to register, attend or participate in this event.

(07) 3844 2211
cru@cru.org.au

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Join us in celebrating International Day of People With Disabilities

Interactive activities include:

- Sausage sizzle / fruit kebabs
- Face painting / coloured hair spray
- Silent morning tea
- Sand art creations
- Stress ball making
- Sports Abilities demonstrations and participation
- Communication & technology displays
- Seedling planting
- Live band / drumming display
- Virtual Learning Environment display
- Live event broadcast by Fraser Coast FM

When: Friday 2 December
9.30am – 1.30pm
Where:
All Abilities Park,
Esplanade, Pialba

Contact: Steven Reid on (07) 4124 4003
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