



# NEWSFLASH

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## **Striving for Success in Semester 1**

As this will be our last newsletter for the Semester, I would like to thank our community for your contribution to the important partnership that exists between parents, teachers and students. We truly appreciate and respect your support in the education of your child.

During the past few weeks teachers have been writing end of semester reports. These are very time consuming and will be issued this week. Last week our leadership team read many of these reports and were excited to see the progress of all students over the semester.

One aspect of concern for us is the rate of student attendance. Students who attend school regularly are better positioned to achieve in their learning and assessment tasks and on behalf of our teachers I need to remind parents of the importance of ensuring your child attends school every school day. *If a child is absent for six days per term during the primary years then in effect they have missed one year of their schooling.*

Congratulations to those students who have achieved the necessary results to be recognised with an academic award. This is the result of focussed effort and self-discipline by students, carefully considered planning and teaching by dedicated teachers and support and nurturing by parents and guardians. These awards also provide an opportunity for all students to reflect on and celebrate their own individual progress in our whole school agenda '**Striving for Success**'.

## **Independent Reading**

Over the term we have been encouraging our students to read independently and keep a log of their reading. We have printed the log on red paper to ensure it is easily found etc and we have referred to it as the 'red reading log'. This log doesn't need to be perfectly written as we are encouraging our students to fill it out and will give an indication of the books the child has read.

Next term we will be picking names of students from each class who have managed to fill in the log and return the log to their teacher. These students will receive an incentive prize. Some teachers are keen to continue the reading log over the holiday period so your child may share this with you during the break.

## **NAIDOC 2017**

Next term we have NAIDOC week celebrations in the first week. The theme this year is 'Our Languages Matter' and Mrs Steyger, our Indigenous teacher aide and community liaison person has prepared activities for all of our classes aligned to the theme. At the conclusion of the week we will celebrate with a whole school assembly so please join us if you are available.

## **Stay Safe**

School holidays commence tomorrow and I wish all students and families a safe and happy break. I hope you find the chance to spend time with family and friends over the June/July break. School recommences on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

Kind regards

Mr Hillhouse, Mrs Forbes and Mr Jackson

## **Position Vacant—Cleaner**

Applications are invited for the position of

### **PERMANENT PART-TIME CLEANER- SANDY STRAIT STATE SCHOOL**

15 hours per week—Monday to Friday (Afternoon shift only 3.00-6.00 pm).  
ADO's (Accumulated Days Off) will be worked in addition to these hours.

Application Packages including Selection Criteria and Role Description can be collected  
from Administration between 8.30am -3.00pm or emailed.

Application Packages will **not** be faxed or sent out by post.

All prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from  
the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.  
The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period.

### **APPLICATIONS MUST ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA IN WRITING NO MORE THAN 2 PAGES ('How you will be Assessed' section)**

**Applications close Friday, 21st of July at 3pm.  
(Include a Resume in your application with at least 2 current referees)  
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Applications will remain active for a period of 12 months.

#### **Please forward your application to:**

Business Services Manager  
Sandy Strait State School  
134 Robert Street, Urangan QLD 4655

or drop into the front office between 9.00am-3.00pm or email to [bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au)

## **P&C News**

A massive thank you to all students, parents, and staff who supported our school disco on Friday, 09th of June, 2017. We hope that all students had a fantastic night and we would like to congratulate them on their outstanding behaviour. As a result of your support we have raised between \$2,600 and \$3,000. A huge thanks to all those staff and parents who volunteered their time to assist with supervision, canteen, sign in of students, and pizza tables etc. Your help was greatly appreciated!

'A special thanks to Dominos Hervey Bay for delivering our massive orders of pizzas on time and at a fantastic discounted price. We appreciate your support!'

There are still a very small number of students waiting on fun run prizes. We will deliver these to students as soon as they are received. We apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience.

It has been a massive term of fundraising events and we wish to thank all those who have supported these events with the goal of air conditioning our students' classrooms.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held at 3pm on Wednesday, 19th of July in the conference room of the office. We welcome all parents and teachers to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

## **Cancer Council Cupcake Fundraiser**

Congratulations to those who participated in the Cancer Council Cupcake Fundraiser. Together we raised \$865 towards this great cause.

Thank you for the support

Stella Hall