Key to Success for this week: Getting Along

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS SHARON MCMORROW

Wild Weather Over the Weekend
I am sure that for anyone who has recently driven around streets neighbouring our school you would be aware that the wild weather and storms have cut a path of destruction through this area over the weekend. Star of the Sea Primary School on the other side of Robert Street lost part of its hall roof in the storm. A great deal of debris and materials from the area were scattered throughout our school grounds.

We had many trees toppled, fences knocked down and part of our hall roof had the capping torn away and damaged. This was found wrapped around one of our playgrounds.

Our cleaners and facilities staff have worked tirelessly throughout the day on Monday, moving the debris and trees to make our school grounds safe. As of Monday afternoon we still had large amounts of insulation material from our hall roof and Star of the Sea’s roof lodged high in trees, fences and on the tops of buildings.

As always the safety of our children is paramount and areas where trees and fences have come down will be blocked off until the area is safe for children to enter.

If you are in the school grounds and you see such areas, your assistance in ensuring children keep their distance would be much appreciated.

We have had contractors in on Monday to work on our hall roof to ensure that it is safe and secure. Unfortunately more strong winds are predicted and this makes the clean-up task difficult.

We take great pride in our school grounds and such damage comes as a big blow to our staff who work so hard to keep the grounds looking beautiful.

School Musical Students in Thursday’s Chronicle Newspaper
On Friday the Fraser Coast Chronicle visited our school to photograph some of our “Rock Toyz” cast for an article to be published in this Thursday’s newspaper. Be sure to keep your eyes open for our proud students.

On this week’s assemblies the musical cast will perform for us to give us a taste of what we can expect on the 29th October.

I look forward to watching their performances at 2.15pm on Thursday and Friday. As always you are welcome to attend either assembly.

Principal’s E-Learning Program
Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I will be out of the school attending a 3 day practical at

COMING EVENTS
18 Oct—Year 4 Museum Trip
19 Oct—Prep Parent Information Sessions
25 & 26 Oct—School Photos
29 Oct—School Musical
1 Nov—P & C Meeting
2 Nov—Year 6 Fraser Island Trip
3 Nov—year 3 Fishing Excursion
10 Nov—Music Showcase
7 Dec—Year 7 Farewell
9 Dec—Last day of school year

Term 4, Week 3
18 Oct 2011

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Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will be out of the school attending a 3 day practicum at the ICT Innovation Centre at Sippy Downs. This practicum will involve planning and professional development on enhancing the way we incorporate ICTs into our school programs, teaching, learning and whole school operations. This is an area of schooling that I feel very passionate about as we work towards preparing our children for a future that is ever increasingly linked to technology and a digital world.

Help Recognise Your Teacher on World Teachers’ Day 28th October
The teaching profession’s independent state body—the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)—wants to acknowledge one of our most valuable and rewarding professions.

‘TEACHERS INSPIRE’ is our World Teachers’ Day theme and our communities don’t need to look far to find inspiration during what has so far been a particularly challenging 2011. In classrooms all over Queensland, teachers kept teaching when facilities, resources and years of precious work had been destroyed through natural disasters—some carrying on even when their own homes were destroyed, while others encouraged their school communities to help those in need. Others invested a great deal of their own time to stay at the forefront of their practices through professional development, training and fulfilling all that is required to make our educators among the world’s best.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day is symbolic of the hard work done in classrooms and of hopes for our next generation. Introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), it is a day on which students, parents and community members are encouraged to show their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

Students and parents can log on to the QCT website to download a World Teachers Day Thank You Certificate to present to their teacher.

These certificates can be found at www.qct.edu.au/wtd

Planning Ahead for the 2012 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2012 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 2012 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 2012 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.

2012 Prep Parent Information Sessions this Wednesday 19th October This Wednesday the 19th October we move into our next phase of our Prep enrolment process. Parents are invited to attend an information session focussed on our Prep Program, the beginning weeks of school and our changing National Curriculum Expectations for Prep. Two sessions have been organised to meet the needs of working parents.

Session 1: 9.30-10.30 in the Cottage
Session 2: 6.30-7.30 in the Cottage

Children are welcome to attend and will be supervised in an adjoining Prep room by our friendly staff.

If you have not already done so can you please register your attendance at one of the above sessions by contacting our school office.

I look forward to working with all of our future Prep parents at these sessions on Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL - MRS HELEN FORBES

Numeracy Coach News
As was discussed in last week’s newsletter the first 2 weeks of this term have been busy planning for effective assessment as well as assessing the students in our school.

Teachers have been working very hard to develop Numeracy assessment to aid in the consistent grading of students in each year level. This allows for tests to be ‘fair’ as well as consistent with the content that has been taught.

Classes have been busy doing our second round of PAT testing. This is an important process. It helps teachers to measure the gain across the year, reflect on their teaching and set targets for the remainder of the year. I have been really impressed with the gains that have been made.

There are many things that parents can do at home to help their numeracy skills such as: allowing children to count the money in their money box, help plan their tuckshop order, read toy/food catalogues, make grocery lists and help with shopping. Parents can also point out the uses of numbers as they come across them in daily life at the petrol station, shops, road signs etc.

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Prep
Our Prep students have been busy learning to count to 100 and backwards from 20. They have been studying basic addition using concrete materials and following this with visual pictures that require them to add. The language they use during this activity is ‘and’ and ‘makes’

Another fun game our preps are playing around numbers is ‘I spy’. Students think of a number and then provide hints of ‘before’, ‘after’ and ‘between’. Don’t hesitate to play this game with your child as a way to help with the concept of number.

Year 1
Our year one students have developed their knowledge around addition and are able to compute number facts that add to 10 (5+5, 8+2, etc.), doubles to 10 (1+1, 2+2, 3+3, etc.) and near-doubles to 10 (2+3, 4+5 etc.). Students are also working with subtraction to 10 and counting backwards from 30.

Challenge your child mentally with asking simple addition facts as often as possible.

Year 2
Two year students have developed their understanding of number to working with fractions. They are able to recognise 1/4s in real life as well as working with parts and whole concepts in maths lessons. Year 2 are extending their number facts to larger numbers so they have developed 2+2=4 to 20+20=40 and then to 200+200=400 as well as 12+2=14. This allows the students to enjoy playing with larger numbers and make connections to what they already know.

Year 3
As we move into Year Three, students are working with multiplication, division as well as addition and subtraction (to 10000). Helping your year three student with times tables – 3x, 4x, 9x for the remainder of this term will definitely benefit them for next year. The other areas you can always help out with are; telling the time and working with money. I know teachers appreciate any assistance you can provide your children with in these areas,

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Something to think about....... Please read this with your son or daughter

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.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and turned each high 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 pulled 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 a piece of carrot and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma and then asked, “What does this all mean, mother?”

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

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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?

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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?

Emotionally intelligent people will experience happiness to make them sweet, enough trials to make them strong, enough sorrow to keep them human and enough hope to make them happy.

The happiest of people don’t necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes their way.

Here is some Magic... How to make a dollar disappear without spending it, giving it away or losing it...

Three men rent a hotel room. Each pays $10 for a total of $30 spent on the room. The next day the hotel owner tells the three men that they over paid for the room as it only costs $25. The three men tell the owner to give them each a dollar back and he can keep two dollars.

If you do the math, each man paid $9 a piece for the room for a total of $27. The owner kept $2 which brings the total to $29.

The question is where did the other dollar go?

Tackling the National Curriculum through C2C

Next year all schools in Australia will be guided by a standard ‘curriculum’ in English, Mathematics and Science. The Curriculum into the classroom (C2C) project will assist Queensland schools in implementing this new curriculum. The C2C project, will assist Education Queensland to meet its future goal of — one vision, one curriculum, one platform, different ways.

C2C exemplars will include an example of whole-school curriculum and assessment planning, year-level plans and classroom plans (unit plans, lesson plans and resources) for P–10 English, mathematics and science.

This comprehensive suite of exemplars (available through the school’s on-line management hub (One-School) will demonstrate how teachers are able to plan using the Australian Curriculum. The C2C exemplars will provide a starting point, and teachers will be able to adapt them to meet the needs of their own class and students.

The C2C resources are being developed using the draft Australian Curriculum and will be refined and updated once the final version of the Australian Curriculum is released.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS - MS LEE SMITH

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Tuckshop will be closed next week on Wednesday 26th October only and will return to normal trade the following day.

Muffins are now baked each morning at tuckshop 70g “Chocolate Mud Muffin” or “Choc Chip” $1.60. We are not selling the pre-packaged sara-lee brand now.

**Specials for this week** - Jelly cup 60cents / Hot apple pie $1.00 / Chicken & corn roll $1.90.

Volunteer roster this week:

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YOU CAN BE A CERTIFICATE

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4P—Max Merrett for becoming very settled in class and impressing Ms Pritchard with his commitment to learning.

5F—Holly Bell for always being organised for learning. Well Done!

5/6S—Mitchell Ferrier for having his reading questions completed for his Buddy well ahead of time! Well done.

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4P—Skye Shorrock for being ready with her materials for maths. Well Done!

5F—Levi Hoffman for always being organised for learning. Well Done!

5H—Trent Rata for being organised with his class work.

5/6S—Kane Stuart for his efficiency completing class work.

6W—Jake Bingham for being organised and trying hard all week.

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P & C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 3.00pm in the Meeting Room at Sandy Strait State School. We will be discussing the new school photography packages, the purchase of technology for the classrooms to support the national curriculum, possible changes to pupil free days in 2012, the Artwork Fundraiser and planning for events for the remainder of 2011 and first term 2012 so we can have a clear vision to begin next year. Please come along and join us if you would like to know more about any of these activities, or if you have suggestions of how
School Photos
Photos will be taken on Tuesday 25th October & Wednesday 26th October 2011 by Advanced Life Photography.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope or you do not wish to purchase anything. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day only—a timetable is below.

The photography company has an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling, Student Leaders, LCC Representatives, Student Council Representatives, Musical Cast, Band Students and Strings Student photos are also available for students in these extra curricular groups, please collect an envelope from the office if you wish to purchase any of these.

Fundraising News—Picture Products
The students have completed their artwork in class, and can be viewed in The Cottage on Thursday 20th October from 8.30 – 9.00am and 2.30 – 3.00pm. Please take this opportunity to come and look at the Artwork if you would like to purchase anything. We would appreciate all orders in by Friday 21st October. Payment can be made by cash in envelopes, EFTPOS or credit card.

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