From the Principal

Key to Success for this week:
Resilience

FROM THE PRINCIPAL — MRS SHARON MCMORROW

Last newsletter for this term.
It is hard to believe sometimes how time flies. We are now in the second last week of term 1, with nearly a quarter of the school year completed.

This term I have been extremely proud of how hard our students have worked to reach their targets, strive to make leaps in the learning and have engaged in all aspects of school life.

Our teachers have embraced the new National Curriculum that has been implemented in the areas of English, Maths and Science. Technology and ICT’s have been an integral component of this new curriculum as children make links to the world beyond their classrooms with the click of a mouse, through live online activities, video link, clips and many other activities.

Many of our students have been involved in various extension and enrichment activities to extend their learning through maths challenges, readers clubs and much more.

Last week our year 6 children worked with the CSIRO and a travelling scientist participating in a range of hands on experiments testing their knowledge and understanding. It was very pleasing to receive feedback from the CSIRO staff that our children were the best they have worked with, demonstrating wonderful manners and attentive behaviour throughout.

The Science fun has continued into the lunch hours as children participate in Science Club hands on activities with the support of Mrs Aslett and Ms Powell (the visiting Science Spark Teacher).

Last week our Year 7 students travelled to Marantha, near the Sunshine Coast for their Leadership and team building camp. Once again the staff at Marantha and our own teachers who accompanied them spoke so highly of the behaviour, attitude and conduct of our children.

I am so very proud of the students and staff at Sandy Strait who strive every day for excellence in all that they do.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

On Friday 16th March many of our students and staff came to school dressed in orange in support of National Day of Action Against Bullying and the promotion of the Bullying No Way website.

I have added a quicklink on the home page of the school website which will take you to this wonderful website. The Bullying No Way website provides very helpful information for parents, students and teachers.

Many thanks to the class of 2B who performed one of the anti bullying songs on assembly as part of this awareness raising campaign.
Leap into Learning target setting meetings next week  
Every 5 weeks teachers meet with a member of the Leadership team (Principal, or Deputy Principals) to share data that has been collected and to discuss student progress towards their 5 weekly goals or targets. This process sits within the framework which we have entitled "Leap into Learning".  

Next week teachers will come off class for approximately an hour to work in partnership with their Leadership team member.  

Why 5 weekly targets?  
Students make progress in their learning each and every day. It is important to carefully monitor these little steps forward to ensure that our programs are tailored to the needs of our students. Often a concept has proven more difficult to grasp than expected and a teacher needs to reassess now he/she is going to plan future teaching experiences to ensure that children have truly understood the task. Hence the need for a cycle of ongoing data and “check in” points or targets. It is vital that the timeframe is short, hence the 5 weekly targets.  

I am very proud of the work our teachers have produced as part of this new focus. To have the opportunity to sit and work with our teachers and share the improvements and gains made by our students in the past 5 weeks is very rewarding.  

We are very lucky at Sandy Strait to have such a hard working and dedicated teaching team who are focussed on ensuring that all of our students are making leaps in their learning each and every day.  

Dogs and pets in the school ground  
I would like to remind all parents and visitors that pets including dogs, snakes, birds etc are not permitted in the school grounds. We have a growing number of parents who are walking their dogs to and from school and bringing them into the school grounds.  

It is against EQ policy for pets to be within the school grounds even if they are on a leash.  

I am sure you can all appreciate that both children and animals can be very unpredictable and for this reason we must ask all parents to please refrain from bringing your dogs or pets in the school grounds.  

Your assistance in keeping all members of our school community safe is very much appreciated. I thank you for your cooperation with this matter.  

Bike and Scooter Engraving Program  
A reminder to all families that the Police engraving program for bikes and scooters will occur tomorrow, Wednesday 21st March. Children will require a signed permission form for the police to engrave an identification number on their bike or scooter. If you have misplaced the permission form please come into the school office for another copy.  

Emailed copy of newsletter  
We are endeavouring to cut down on our paper copies of the newsletter. Enclosed in this week’s newsletter is a cut off slip that I would like every parent to fill out so that we can keep our records as accurate as possible, so that we can make sure that you only receive one copy of the newsletter either via email or in paper copy.  

Thanks you for your assistance in this matter.  

Student arrival  
A reminder to all parents that students are not to arrive at school until 8.00 am. It is unsafe for children to be arriving at school between the hours of 7.00 am—8.00 am as there is no supervision of students during these hours. We have a large number of students arriving between 7.00 am and 7.30 am every morning that do not need to be at school this early. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.  

School Holidays  
Friday the 30th March is the last day of term 1. This year all state schools will have a 2 weeks Easter Vacation with school recommencing on Monday 16th April.  

I would like to wish all members of our school community a safe and restful Easter break.  

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL—MRS HELEN FORBES  
Prep  
English—Prep students will be focussing on signs and labels for the next two weeks so please encourage your child to attempt to read these in the community and around your home. Teachers have been taking the Preppies on walks around the school to help them identify and read signs and labels as well as providing opportunities for the students to write labels for their classroom. This could be a fun activity for them at home – use sticky notes and label drawers and areas of their room.  

Maths—Our students have been practising their subitising: quick identification of ‘how many’ in groups up to five; as well as counting and labelling in maths also.  

Science—Preps are finishing their unit on ‘Living Things’ so have released their beetles into the garden. Students created booklets on the lifecycle of a Meal worm and followed their growth into y.
Easter celebrations—Prep M will be having an Easter afternoon on the last Wednesday of term at 2.00 pm so please bring along a plate and join in the festivities.

Year 1
Year 1 classes have been learning about Fire Safety from our local fire fighters. On Monday the 26th of March the fire fighters will return to the school with the fire engine for the students to have a closer look and maybe even use the hose! Please ensure that you have spoken to your child about fire safety in the home and then return the fire safety hand out to school.

English—Students in year one are preparing for their assessment of a book interview. They need to be able to identify the problem in the story as well as the resolution to the problem. They also need to be able to identify the characters and where in the story structure the characters are introduced. Please chat with your year one child and encourage them to share their knowledge of the text structure of a book interview with you.

Maths—students have been studying 3D shapes, addition to 10 counting numbers to 20 and counting on from 10 to any other number. Students have also been looking at positional language so you might wish to challenge them to the meaning of ‘between’.

Science—year One students have finished their assessment on the needs of animals and have now to prepare for an interview with their teacher on ‘protecting our environment.’ Good luck year one students.

Maths—Students are learning strategies to help solve mental computations ie. Count on and count back 1s, and 2s, doubles and near doubles, rainbow facts for 10. Take some time whenever possible to ask your child number facts and help them build up their speed at recalling them. They are also using the problem solving strategies of drawing a picture to solve addition and subtraction problems. Students will be representing numbers to 999 using concrete materials, digits and words.

In measurement they have been measuring the length and covering the surface of objects using a variety of materials. This week they are investigating the volume of containers.

Science—To conclude our science unit on Materials and Properties we designed a carrier that will be able to use their knowledge of long noun groups, pronouns and compound sentences. Students have been working hard to understand how to use these language devices to make their writing more descriptive and entertaining so please check in with your year 2 student as to their knowledge on these noun groups and pronouns. Next week they will then be transferring their biography onto a power point to present to the class. With all this biography writing knowledge, it won’t be long before they’ll be writing a biography about someone very close to them!

Maths—Students are ordering and working with four digit numbers, counting patterns to a variety of numbers and location aspects - seeing objects from above, below, aside etc. students in year 3 need to have good recall of their number facts to 20 so please check in and help your child with this whenever possible.

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NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL MR BRUCE JACKSON

RIBBIT: Rewarding Individual Behaviour Because It’s Terrific
Last year we commenced our RIBBIT program; a Positive Rewards Program to complement our School Behaviour Plan. The intent of the program is to provide opportunity for our students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviour and attitudes to receive “special recognition”/rewards”. Student behaviour will is categorised into 5 levels:

A Level 1 student displays: exemplary behaviour across a wide range of school contexts
A Level 2 student displays: demonstrates exemplary behaviour in some school contexts and demonstrates appropriate behaviour in all other contexts:
A Level 3 student: displays: demonstrates appropriate behaviour across a wide range of school contexts
A Level 4 student displays: some appropriate behaviour in some school contexts and displays some unacceptable or irresponsible behaviour in other contexts
A Level 5 student displays: very rarely demonstrates appropriate behaviour.


22/03/2012
A Level 5 student displays very rarely demonstrates appropriate behaviour.

This term’s rewards will be given at the end of the term for our level 1 students.

**Every Day Counts**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

**Inter-School Sport**

Congratulation to our Year 6 & 7 students on their outstanding start to this year’s interschool sport competition. While many of our teams came back to school last Friday with wins under their belts what was even more pleasing was to hear the recounts from teachers and other students about the fantastic sportsmanship, attitude and behaviour our students displayed. They were certainly exceptional school ambassadors and a credit to themselves and their parents.

**QLD Reps**

Congratulations are in order to Taylor Bower and Sara Hanson. The girls have been selected to play Oxtag for Qld Under 12 girls. They were selected from the State Cup, and will be playing in a series against NSW in June, and could possibly gain Australian selection from this. We are extremely proud of them.

**Yr 7 Camp**

While we are on the subject of being great ambassadors it was extremely pleasing to hear that our Year 7’s had a fantastic time at Maranatha, Yandina, participating in their leadership camp. Feedback from the camp facilitators indicated our students were very well behaved and showed great maturity and leadership. The camp got off to a rocky start with our students having to battle a downpour just to get their bags and themselves on the bus; but like true troopers that dealt with the circumstances without any fuss.

**Chaplaincy Update**

You would recall that last year our chaplain, “Chappy Mike Radic” had to reluctantly resign from his Chaplaincy role to take up a teaching position. This left a vacancy and applicants were interviewed during the Christmas holidays. The successful applicant, Mrs Petrina Rowlands, will hopefully take up her position early next term.

**Ride 2 School**

The Bicycle Network’s sixth national Ride 2 School Australian event is officially on the 23 March (this Friday) however we are encouraging out students to ride, scoot or skate to school this Wednesday (aligning it with the Bike and Scooter Engraving Program). In the 1970’s 80% of school children were active on the way to school (i.e. they rode their bikes). Today, only 20% experience the joy of getting fresh air on the school journey. National Ride2School Day provides an opportunity for Australian students, parents and teachers to give riding, walking, skating or scooting to school a go, while celebrating the regular walkers and wheelers.

**Office News**

A reminder that all student record detail forms must be returned to the office whether there are any changes to your details or not. Thank you to those parents who have already returned your forms. To those that still need to return they can be placed into the box in the office.

We will be finalising all financial transactions as of Tuesday 27 March and will be unable to process any transactions from the 28—30 March due to the close down of our existing financial system getting ready for the new financial package for the start of next term. We appreciate your assistance with these matters.

**Tuckshop News – Ms Lee Smith**

The tuckshop will trade as normal for the last two weeks of this term Wed, Thurs & Friday (yes we will be open the last day of school)!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tuckshop’s first day back next term will be Thursday 19th April. Therefore, please ensure your child has lunch packed on Wed 18th as there is no-one at tuckshop this day.

*Tuckshop Specials—available from Wed 21st March until Friday 30th March*

- Party Pie - $1.20
- Hash Brown – 90 cents
- Hot Dog & Sauce - $2.50
- Hot Dog, Cheese & Sauce - $2.80
- Spaghetti Bolognese - $3.00

**Volunteer Roster:**

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YOU CAN DO IT CERTIFICATES

16 March
5H — Nicola Caru for persisting with her SOSE poster even when things got tough. Great effort!
6E — Imogene Chaffey for working extremely hard with some difficult concepts.

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P & C NEWS

Sandy Strait State School P&C Annual General Meeting -Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 3.30pm in Meeting Room at Sandy Strait State School

Please come and join us!

Being part of Sandy Strait P&C can have great benefits for your child and for you! It is a chance to meet other parents, to work with people who share an interest in making their school the best, to get to know more about what is happening at your child’s school and to raise money that will directly improve the quality of the resources available for your children. Members are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they have to give.

Nomination for Executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer are also being sought – please come along to the meeting on the 27th March if you would like to be a member of the Executive, of the fundraising committee, or to become a general P&C member to see how it all works!

Sandy Strait P&C Plan of Scheduled P&C Events for 2012 (current at February 2012 meeting)

1st term
23rd January – Tissues, TimTams and Tears – Welcome to new Prep parents by P&C
Hot Cross Buns fundraiser
Multidraw Raffle
18th March – Family Portrait Photos with Advanced Life
2nd Term
Mothers Day Stall – gifts sourced from catalogue (Week 3 May)
Disco middle of Term 2
Grandparents Day (July)
3rd Term
Fathers Day Stall (Term 3)
Spellathon (Term 3)
Term 4
School Photos booked 14th / 15th October 2012

P & C Multi Raffle news
All money and Raffle Tickets sold/ unsold are to be back at School no later than Friday (this Friday) the 23rd of March. The Raffle will be drawn during School assembly on Friday the 30th of March.

If you can not be present at the drawing of the Raffle we will contact you by phone to make alternate arrangements.

We have been extremely pleased by the response so far, however we still have many outstanding Raffle books and money to come back.

The P&C would like to thank everybody for their support, and continued support, in assisting us with purchasing state of the art technology, to support learning and the National Curriculum.

Kim Parnell (Sandy Strait P&C)

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LOTE NEWS – MRS CHARLOTTE SANDERS

Hi all

The holidays are nearly here! However, there are some important things happening in LOTE I need to tell you before we enjoy a well-earned break:

- LOTE Listening Test. This week is Test Week. I hope all the students have been busy preparing and revising for their Listening Test this week. I wish all the students the very best as they complete their tests.
- LOTE Tutoring. Starting this week and continuing after the holidays, 5 wonderful Year 7s will volunteer their time to assist students who need help with their LOTE. LOTE Tutors will be available each morning before school at Homework Club for anyone who needs help finishing LOTE work or who would like a study partner. The tutors can be identified by their big red badge. If any other Year 7s are interested in becoming LOTE Tutors, please get in touch with me.
- Changes to the LOTE Behaviour Management system. Mrs McMorrow, Mr Jackson and I are still drafting the changes but we will make everything known at the start of Term 2 via the newsletter or a letter home to parents.

Have a wonderful Easter break. I look forward to working with you all again next term.
Thank you to all the students who have completed their colouring in competition sheets. All finished entries must be handed into the office before school starts on Friday 23rd of March. If you have misplaced yours, you can collect a new one from the office (grades Prep to 3 only). While at the office check out the great prize pack. There will be a competition for grades 4-7 next term with another great prize pack.

Only two weeks until end of term so it’s time to count your tokens. If you have 10 silver tokens you can redeem any of the following:-
- Money Box (Cred, Pru, Pat, Addy or Spen);
- Wallet (limited supply left);
- Drink Bottle;
- Lunch Box;
- Watch; or a
- Handball

So count your tokens and see if you have 10 to redeem a reward.

If your child is not involved with school banking and you would like them to start, here are two easy ways:-
- If you’re an existing Commonwealth Bank customer, log into your NetBank, go to the ‘Offers and Apply’ tab, the clink ‘Accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver and School Banking’. From there you’ll just need to select your child’s School, and have their birth certificate on hand for ID purposes.
- Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for you (drivers licence) and your child (birth certificate). It takes 5 minutes and your child can start banking the following day.

Don’t forget deposit books need to be handed into the office by THURSDAY. If you would like to visit us come to the “Cottage” before school on Friday to say hello.

If you have any questions about school banking please send us an email at ssssbanking@yahoo.com.au

Thank you from your School Banking Co-Ordinators Tammy, Rebecca and Sarah.

Last week Year 7s (including myself) went to Maranatha Educational and Recreational Camp. This camp, by far, is one of the most enjoyable camps I have ever been to. I made friends and built more trust with fellow peers. It was jammed full of adrenaline. The possum pull was funniest of all, it is when your classmates attach a rope that pulls you 10 metres up a tree. It is really freaky! The food was also good. We had spaghetti, burgers and a lot of other really delicious food. For future Year 7 Sandy Strait students I strongly recommend the camp. A big thank you to the teachers who attended camp for your time and effort.

Josh Grinter

Hi everyone, as some of you know, the year 7s participated in school camp. We left last week on Wednesday at about 8 o’clock in the morning. We were there for 3 days and when we got back we were pretty exhausted. We had heaps of activities and many of them involved heights. These activities include Possum pull, leap of faith, river rafting, group initiatives, mid ropes, abseiling and more. All and all it was a pretty awesome experience and I recommend you go. Thank you to all the teachers who attended camp for your time and effort.

Zoe Gallagher

Cross Country Program
Friday 30 March
8.45 Years 1, 2 & 3 gather on the oval in house groups
8.50 Grade 1 Girls
9.00 Grade 1 Boys
9.10 Preps
9.20 Grade 2 Girls
9.30 Grade 2 Boys
9.40 Grade 3 Girls Any students born 2003 need to run in the 9 yr old races
9.50 Grade 3 Boys
10.00 9 yr Girls
10.10 9 yr Boys
10.20 10 yr Girls
10.30 10 yr Boys
10.45 Normal Morning Tea
11.15 11 yr Girls
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11.30  11 yr Boys  
11.15  12 yr Girls  
12.00  12 yr Boys  
12.15  13 yr Boys and Girls combined  
12.30  Presentation and Clean Up (All students out to the oval)

Grade 1—3 are welcome to stay and watch. Please bring your class back out for presentations.

Years 4—7 please be on the oval at least 20 minutes prior to the age groups races.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sandy Strait State School’s  
Parent “Ready Reader” Program  
A FREE Program for parents who have children aged from  
Pre-Prep & Prep up to Year 3.

Choice of Sessions:  
1. Wed 14th March 12 till 2:30pm  
   OR  
2. Thurs 22nd March 12 till 2:30pm

* Learn how to best support your child as he/she develops early reading skills.  
* Meet with other local parents who are interested in learning more about the reading process.  
* Help boost your child’s reading enjoyment.

Please phone Sandy Strait State School Office on 41970333 before Mon 12th March to register.  
VENUE: “The Cottage” at Sandy Strait State School

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day! If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years  
Price: $85  
Includes: Zoo entry, Australia Zoo cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals  
Duration: 5 hours  
Location: Australia Zoo  

Further details are available on our website http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

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Invites the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community  
To have a  
FREE Flu and Pneumococcal needle  
The needle is for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 15 years and older  
Clinics will be held at:  
Hervey Bay High—Wednesday 21 March—9.30 am—11.00 am  
Urangan High—27 March—9.30 am—11.00 am  
USQ Uni C Block—28 March—12.00 pm—2.00 pm  
Scrub Hill—9 May—9.30 am—12.00 pm  
Glendyne—14 May—9.30 am—12.00 pm  
You will need to bring your current Medicare Card
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Islander rd. Pialba
Ph. Penny 4128 4888

“Kids to Kangaroos”
Rugby League Coaching Clinic
HERVEY BAY

The ARLD will host a “Kids to Kangaroos Holiday Coaching Clinic” at Stafford Park, Hervey Bay on Wednesday 4th April 2012, 12 - 3pm.

The 3hr coaching clinic will consist of a variety of basic rugby league drills and modified games involving passing, catching, kicking and tackling skills, introduced and practised under the guidance of qualified coaches, with the main emphasis of the session placed on having FUN. Players will participate in a number of controlled and monitored activities involving tackling and body contact – a mouthguard is strongly recommended.

The cost for the program is $30.00 with all participants receiving an ARLD Boot bag, Mod Rugby League ball, Hazem El Masri Kicking Tee and ARLD Water bottle.

Players will require a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and suitable training attire and footwear (sandshoes or football boots).

Player can register on-line at: www.arldevelopment.com.au/centralqld

Registration forms will be available on the day of the clinic however for organizational purposes, it is appreciated if players are registered on-line prior to the clinic.

For more information please contact:
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Name of youngest student enrolled at Sandy Strait: 
Class 

LIBRARY NEWS

As the end to our first term is fast approaching, I’d like to remind students that all library books must be returned by Thursday of the last week of term. Don’t forget though, that the Fraser Coast Regional Library in Maryborough has both fantastic activities and books that can be borrowed especially over the holidays to build on the reading stamina everyone has been working hard to increase this term.
Thanks to parents for encouraging your children to return their books on time.
Happy holidays, and happy reading J

Melanie Mills, Librarian

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AWD GALA DAY

Last Friday three students from 4/S, Joshua Todd, Blaise O’Brien and Zake Summers represented Sandy Strait at the athletics Gala Day held at Palm Bay SS.

It was a fabulous day, with students from all over Hervey Bay joining together to compete in different athletic events: running, jumping, throwing and shot put.

The purpose of the event was to encourage students to develop athletic skills and to increase their chance of representing their school and Hervey Bay Zone.

Joshua, Blaise and Zake were terrific ambassadors for their school, showing great sportsmanship and sporting prowess on the day. Their results in their divisions were:

Joshua Todd: 1st in 11 yrs 100m, 3rd in Throwing, “Well Done” in Shot Put and 400m
Blaise O’Brien: 2nd in 10 yrs 100m, 2nd in Throwing “Well Done” in Shot Put and 400m
Zake Summers: 3rd in 10 yrs 100m, 3rd in 10/11 yrs 400m, 3rd in Throwing, “Well Done” for Sportsmanship.

Soon we will find out if the boys have been selected for the development squad which will begin training next term. Great work boys and good luck!

Louise Bloomfield, Head of Special Education Services

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