ANZAC Day
Sandy Strait has a very strong tradition of commemorating ANZAC Day both here at school and in the community. This year we had our first whole school ANZAC day ceremony in our school hall. I was very proud of the way our students conducted themselves and of their thoughtful and respectful manner throughout.

Our Student Leaders played a key role in the service and spoke beautifully leading our ceremony and welcoming our invited guests from the RSL.

Our school was strongly represented at the ANZAC march and community service. It was lovely to have such a large group marching down the street, keeping the ANZAC memory alive. Many thanks to our teachers, teacher aides, students and parents who attended and supported both ceremonies.

Australasian School Competitions Closing Tomorrow
Students from Years 3-7 have been invited to participate in the Australasian School Competitions in English, Spelling, Writing, Maths and Science.

A reminder to parents that nomination forms and entry fees for these competitions are due tomorrow at the latest.

I look forward to working with our students on these competitions.

Education Week Date Claimers.
State Education Week is scheduled for week 6 the 21st – 25th May.

To celebrate Education Week we will have number of events and activities scheduled throughout that week.

Under 8’s day is one long standing tradition here at Sandy Strait. During Education Week on Wednesday the 23rd May all of our Prep to Year 3 students and their families are invited to join us for hands on activities, celebrating the joy of early childhood. Our junior school areas, and spaces will be transformed with numerous free choice activities to entertain and captivate our students.

We will conclude the morning of fun with a picnic on the oval for our students and parents.

The P & C have a sausage sizzle organised on the 23rd, please be sure to keep an eye out for notes with further details. Please be sure to set aside some time in week 6 to help us celebrate State Education Week and the fantastic work that occurs across the year levels here at Sandy Strait.

Year levels across the school will open their doors inviting parents to join in and celebrate many of the various learning programs on offer. Invitations with details about your child Year levels across the school will open their doors inviting parents to join in and celebrate many of the various learning programs on offer. Invitations with details about your child

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS SHARON McMORROW

COMING EVENTS
10—11 May—Mother’s Day Stall
21—25 May Education Week
23 May—P & C Sausage Sizzle
28 May—Under 8s Day
the various learning programs on offer. Invitations with details about your child’s class will be distributed to families in the coming week.

**Nominate Your Teacher for the My Favourite Teacher Awards.**

We encourage all of our students to give their teachers a pat on the back by voting for their 2012 My Favourite Teacher. My Favourite Teacher is a statewide program designed to showcase the achievements of teachers and their important role in inspiring and empowering students. All of our students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher by following the link to the “My Favourite Teacher” website: [www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/)

Once you have followed the link click on the newspaper link “Education Views” and follow the prompts.

Thanks to Village Road Show Theme Parks the 2012 winning favourite teachers will receive a family pass to Warner Bros. Movie World, Sea World or Wet ‘n’ Wild Water World. In addition students who nominate their teacher will go into the draw to win a family pass to the above mentioned theme parks. This prize will be randomly drawn so everyone is in with a chance!

Nominations close Friday 11th May with Favourite Teachers announced during State Education Week.

**Installation and Mounting of Data Projectors and Sound Systems**

As part of our school wide focus on ICT and technology we will have technicians working across the school this week and into the following week. They will be mounting the data projectors on the ceiling and the sound systems on the walls. While these installations are occurring 2 classes each day will relocate to teaching space 1 and teaching space 2 in the library for the duration of the day to allow the technicians room to safely work.

This installation is part of our long term vision to create interactive learning spaces across the school. Data projectors allow teachers to use online resources to enhance learning and display them on the big screen for class use.

I am very proud of our teachers and the way in which they have embraced the National Curriculum and its online capabilities to make learning interactive and connected. The installation of these projectors will streamline this process for our teachers.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as these important installations are occurring.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Woolworths will be conducting this great endeavour again this year. It's simple to participate: from the 9th May, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, they can place their sticker cards in the collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. Sticker cards will be sent home with students next week.

**NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL—MRS HELEN FORBES**

**PREP**

Mother’s Day is fast approaching and teachers from Prep R and Prep D would like to remind parents that ‘Pamper day’ notes need to be returned by Monday. Sounds like a totally relaxing experience is going to be provided to our mums by our PrepPies. Prep M and Prep T will be having a slide show of their bush excursion followed by a presentation to mums on Friday 11th May at 8.45am. Please come along and allow your Prep student to make a fuss over you and provide you with a priceless memento.

Preppies have been reading and learning about the characters in ‘Wombat Stew’ to allow them to plan and present a retelling of the story. This story has many characters who all provide something for the stew so students will have to try hard to remember the order of the characters in the storyline and what they provide for the stew.

In maths our Prep students have been making and discussing patterns. Examples of their learning can been seen in their classroom. In Science Prep students are learning about ‘What things are made of’ and are busy classifying objects into the categories of metal, wood, plastic, paper and glass. Students have been using specialised words – hard, soft, flexible, non-flexible, rough, smooth to help them in their classifying.

**YEAR 1**

**Maths**—Year one are practising patterning and counting and recognising numbers to 100. They are exploring and learning how to represent numbers to 50 in 10’s and 1’s. This will help them understand the place value system of numbers.

**English**—In year one students are writing character descriptions. They need to be able to describe their character using descriptors, writing in sentences and using correct punctuation. Students will need to be able to describe a given character as their final assessment in a couple of weeks time. Please enjoy a practice description from Jaxon in 1F.

*I like to play*

*It is a rainy day*

*Scott lost my book*

*Mum will pay the bill*
In Year Three students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of relaxing, fun and engaging activities. In SOSE students are undertaking a unit titled ‘All about Me’ where students observe and discuss how they’ve changed and what future changes they believe will happen!

YEAR 2

In maths students are working on developing the concept of multiplication through making arrays and creating equal ‘groups of’ different objects to help them visualise and understand multiplying. They are also working hard to understand the fractions of ⅓, ⅓, and ⅛ and place value of numbers up to 999. Working with fractions and place value will be ongoing for our year two students as they move through the grades and can be quite challenging concepts.

Year two English unit is teaching students to write character profiles. Students need to be able to use ‘describers’ to elaborate on describing how a character looks and behaves. Students will need to be able to use this knowledge to change a stereotypical character into a non-stereotypical character. Students are using fairy tales and a text ‘Fang Fang’, (which is about Chinese New Year), to help them find describers used by expert authors.

Science- Students are investigating how toys move through the forces of push, pull, spin and roll. This will lead them into making an aboriginal toy called a ‘Mammandur’. SOSE is focussed on teaching mapping allowing students to draw maps of their school and bedroom using a bird’s eye view.

YEAR 3

Maths—Year Three students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of fractions ⅓, ⅓, and ⅛. Students have also been practising for Naplan, developing test skills to answer multiple choice questions and short answer questions.

In English Year Three are reading and studying the text ‘The Shack that dad Built’ and answering comprehension questions related to the text. The questions are designed around three levels of understanding – literal or ‘right there’ questions, inferential or ‘Author and Me’ questions and Evaluative or ‘On my Own’ questions. The most challenging of these are inferential type questions where students need to provide an answer based on inferred or suggested information. Students are practising spelling that are linked into Naplan so please help out if possible and test your child using the list provided to them. The writing task for Naplan this year will once again be a persuasive text.

Students are learning to provide three describers for a given noun e.g. home-relaxing, fun-filled and warm. Puzzle – challenging, thought-provoking and stimulating. This is a fun activity to play with your child to help develop their knowledge and use of vocabulary.

In Science the students have been excited with the learning about the planets, their orbits and the phenomenon of night and day. Their final assessment will be the investigation of shadows. SOSE for year three students is from the strand Culture and Identity with a focus on China, its people, geography and culture.

NAPLAN testing time again

Students in Years 3, 5, and 7 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing next month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-schools states across the country from 15–17 May 2012. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school. http://www.nap.edu.au/

Student Teachers

The school welcomes a number of USQ students who are competing prac experience with some of our teachers. We hope they enjoy their experience with us and find some useful tips regarding teaching.

News from our Student Leaders from Maddy & Sara

FROG FM IS COMING BACK!!!

Sandy Strait students are looking forward to the return of Frog Fm. Year 6 and 7 students have been asked to complete a survey about being an employee at Frog Fm. Employees will be asked to run radio sessions during Wednesday lunchtimes. They will also be asked to attend after school sessions to write and practice their scripts. Students will be allowed to listen to radio broadcasts in the hall every Wednesday big lunch. Remember to complete your Frog FM surveys if you want to be a part of Frog Fm. “Croak Croak!”

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Please be advised due to emergency family circumstances the Tuckshop will be closed next Wed and Thurs 9 & 10 May.

New Menu
The new menu sent out start of term (printed on gold coloured paper) had a couple of typo’s please correct on your copy.
- “Frozen Pineapple Rings” – 50 cents
- “Biscuit packet” – 50 cents
- Chicken Salad Wrap - $5.00

The menu is also on our school website: www.sandstrass.eq.edu.au

We are trialling plain “Mini Poppadums” (gluten free) for morning tea orders only @ 10 cents each.

“Hot Food” & “Ice-creams” are not to be ordered for morning tea.

If you do order them for morning tea you will not receive them until Big Lunch. We encourage Snacks, Treats & Drinks for morning tea.

Volunteers are essential in keeping our tuckshop operating and are needed from the hours of 9 – 10.30am or 12.30 – 1.45pm.

Please consider giving us a little of your time.

Volunteer Roster:

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P & C NEWS

The P & C are hoping that families who were unable to pay the P&C ‘Voluntary Contribution’ at the beginning of the year may consider paying it now. The Voluntary Contribution is $20 per student (or $40 per family) and will be receipted through the school so it can be claimed as part of the Education Tax Refund when you complete your Tax Return. If every family who could gave their Voluntary contribution, then the pressure for fundraising on families would be able to be reduced, and we could continue to improve access to technology in the classrooms.

P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop:
The P & C are collecting donations of good quality school uniforms to sell in our Second Hand Uniform Shop. We are also interested in clothing racks to store and display our stock on. If anyone has either uniforms or clothing racks they no longer need please consider donating them to the P&C.

We hope a Second hand Uniform shop will benefit our school community by giving a low cost alternative to new uniforms and helping new families who move to Hervey Bay and join Sandy Strait throughout the year to find uniforms when they enrol their children at the school. It is also another way of the P&C gaining extra funds that can in turn purchase resources and equipment into the classrooms. If you would like to donate uniforms call Kim on: 4125 1630 to arrange a time, Thank you.

P & C Mothers Day Stall, and Mary Kay Raffle - 10th and 11th May
The P & C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on the 10th and 11th of May for the students to visit in class groups. Most of the stock has been ordered from Smart Fundraisers, and there will be a great range of gifts perfect for your Mother/Grandmother/Caregiver. We have also received a lovely donation of handmade hair accessories (created and donated by Monika Miller) which is greatly appreciated and will also be available at the Mother’s Day Stall. Prices will range from $2.00 - $10.00 per item to cater for the needs of as many children as possible.

We are very grateful to Kelsey Bergin who has donated a Mary Kay Hamper to be raffled alongside the stall. Tickets will be $1.00 per ticket, and will be drawn on the afternoon of Friday 11th of May after the stall has closed. The winner will be notified by phone. Good luck!

Please consider sending your children to school with a couple of dollars on these days so they can have the fun of buying a surprise present. Enjoy your Mother’s Day!

“Tell Us What You Think About Parenting”
The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents’ thoughts about parenting and parenting programs around the world. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on your parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-12 to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit

Thank you for supporting your P & C
Kim Parnell, P & C President
WIN GREAT PRIZES for you and the school!! The Commonwealth Bank is doing an amazing competition at the moment were students who do School Banking can enter a competition where they can become the name and face of a new Dollarmite Character. All students have to do is bank 5 times between 16th April and 30th June through the school banking program. Once they have made 5 deposits they have to write in 25 words or less their best savings tip. Easy! The prizes include…

- For the student – Be Dollarmized as a new Dollarmite Character
- For their family – Annual movie pass
- For the class - $1,500 towards a school excursion
- For the school – 25 Apple iPad 2’s

Every student was sent home with a flyer with more detail about this competition, so please have a look.

If you child is not involved with banking but would like to enter the competition, please join up with school banking, details on how to do this is written below.

It is great to see the number of students who are taking advantage of our extra reward program for Term 2. Don’t forget to bank EVERY week so you don’t miss out on your special reward.

The “Booklight” reward is now available. We have noticed that lots of students have 10 or more tokens and we will be placing a reward order on Friday so please count your tokens and if you have 10 you can redeem a reward. Please also note that the “Wallet” reward is no longer available.

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

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

The Reading Hour—25 August

I’d like to share the words Margaret Allen, chair of the National Year of Reading founders and State Library of WA as she explains a special event we aim to be a part of during the National Year of Reading.

“The Reading Hour itself is for everyone and there will be activities for all age groups, but there will be a special message for families. The phrase “10 minutes ad ay, an hour a week” is our slip, slop, slap. It’s the take away message that we hope will become the accepted norm. We know it’s not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if they can manage 10 minutes most nights, their child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings.”

Under 8s Donations Required

Under 8s Day is coming soon—28 May. For this day to be a success we are asking for the following donations:

- Rice
- Used or unused Christmas or greeting cards
- Small pieces of soft wood
- Nails
- Craft items eg feathers, sequins

All donations can be taken to Mrs Lee’s 3L classroom.

The new name of our Indigenous Group is Wallara Kids. Wallara is an aboriginal word that means “clever”. This is the name that was voted most popular by our Indigenous students. And all the Wallara Kids have been showing us just how clever they are, working very hard on Mathletics. Last week I was amazed to hand out 18 Bronze Certificates to students. This week an
Last week I was amazed to hand out 18 Bronze Certificates to students. This week an incredible 30 students achieved Bronze Certificates. Many of these students have been accessing Mathletics at lunch time or at home. Well done for taking great responsibility for your learning! Each week students need to earn 1000 points to receive a Bronze Certificate and they have to do this 5 times to earn a Silver Certificate. I wonder who will be the first Wallara Kid to achieve a Silver Certificate?

Congratulations must also go to these Wallara Kids who had 100% school attendance in Term 1: Conan 1L, Jaycub-Jai 2/3S, Maddison 3N, Slayde 6P and Hallie 6E. What a fantastic achievement! I am hoping to see even more Wallara Kids with 100% attendance in Term 2.

Mrs Karlee Franz

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Wide Bay AFL team to attend the State Championships at Southport from 9—13 June:
Regan Zelow
Vincent Green
Slayde Johnson

The following have also been selected for Hervey Bay Zone Teams:
Byron Love and Daniel Goodwin
Slayde Johnson and Regan Zelow
Jessie Staples, Shae Staples, Sarah Hanson
Ethan Howat, Joshua Grinner, Shaun Seletkoff
Gracie Reeves, Shanae Dowden, Ryley Dunne, Olivia Whatman

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Location: Torquay State School

Contact: Kim Briggs (Business Services Manager)
4194 4333 or kbrigg27@eq.edu.au

Application packages are available for collection from the school office
Applicants should submit a written summary of no more than 2 pages addressing the position requirements and items within the Department of Education Role Description together with their current Curriculum Vitae.

Please forward to: Business Services Manager, Torquay State School, PO Box 5588, TORQUAY Q 4655

Closing date for applications is 3.30pm Friday 4 May.

PLEASE PROVIDE 3 COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION

Exercise Classes for Busy Mums (taken by an Accredited Exercise Physiologist)
Mums & Bubs – 9am Mondays – 3/147 Old Maryborough Rd Pialba; Start date permitting with numbers
Mums on the Run – 1pm Mondays – Cost $7 per class or 6 pass - $36
Call 4325 4352 if interested

Portside Lamplight Bazaar
See Museum exhibits come to life, join free fire twirling workshops, watch a blacksmith in action and take a horse and carriage ride at the Lamplight Bazaar at Portside, Maryborough on Saturday 28 April.

Food and market stalls, music and live art demonstrations, working displays and a host of weird and wonderful costumed characters will add to the colour and fun of the night, which starts at 5pm.

Take a “Night at the Museum” tour of the Maryborough Military Museum or experience an eerie torchlight visit underneath the old Bond Store museum to see a sound and light show as part of a Night Watchman’s tour.

EXTRA NEWS

Sandy Strait State School
The fun continues the next morning at Sunday in the Park in Queens Park. As well as steam train rides and brass bands, there will be traditional children’s games and the firing of the time cannon. Mary Heritage will conduct free guided “Sunday Strolls” through the park sharing details of its many exceptional features as one of Australia’s earliest botanic gardens.

Go to www.marypoppinsfestival.com.au or call 1800214 789 for more information.

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Please RSVP to each event prior to the event by completing the form (see next page) and return by the date at the top of each event.

For more details or to register, please call 1800214 789.

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