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Key to Success for this week: Getting Along

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS SHARON MCMORROW

NAPLAN Week
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is designed to test the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year in the second full week in May.

Every year, students involved are assessed on the same days using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

Today our students completed the Language Conventions and Writing Tests. On Wednesday they will sit the Reading Tests followed by the Maths component on Thursday.

Our teachers have prepared our students well for NAPLAN and I am sure this preparation will ensure our children have every opportunity to succeed in all tests this week.

North Coast Regional Showcase 2012 Awards for Excellence In Schools
Presented annually, the awards aim to recognise, celebrate and reward excellent practice in state schools, foster the sharing of ideas, create professional development opportunities and promote public education. The award ceremony will feature the presentation of regional awards across eight categories.

Sandy Strait State School is in the running to receive an award in the Leadership category for our ‘Leap into Learning’ School Wide Focus.
As part of Education Week Celebrations on Thursday 24th May Mrs Forbes, Mr Jackson and Mrs Noonan will accompany me to the Awards Ceremony to be conducted at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough.

Under 8’s Celebrations for State Education week on Wednesday 23rd May
In the Junior school we have develop a tradition each year as we celebrate the joys of childhood through our “Under 8’s Celebrations” which we conduct during State Education Week. Our Under 8’s celebration is scheduled for Wednesday the 23rd May from 9.00-10.30am in our Junior school outside learning areas and playgrounds.

COMING EVENTS
21—25 May Education Week
21 May—USHS Year 7 Visit
22 May—P & C Meeting
23 May—P & C Sausage Sizzle
23 May—Under 8s Day
25 May—Show Holiday
11 June—Queen’s Birthday Holiday
22 June—Last day of Term 2
9 July—First day of Term 3

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FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL

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To obtain in our junior school outdoor learning areas and playgrounds.

All children from Prep to Year 3 come out of their classrooms to participate in a range of free choice activities including art and craft, puppetry, dance, construction, painting, goop, carpentry, physical games and much, much more. Parents are invited to join us for the morning and participate in these activities with their children.

Student Leaders will be assisting our teachers with activities and tasks in order to make the morning a big success. Frog FM our student owned radio station will also relaunch during our Under 8s Celebrations.

Parents are reminded of the P&C Sausage Sizzle that has been organised for Wednesday 23rd May. These order forms are due back by Wednesday 16th May.

These mornings have always been very well attended and it is a great opportunity for us all to come together to celebrate the magic of being a child.

State Education Week. Come and Help Us Celebrate
We have a range of activities school wide to celebrate State Education Week.

All families should have received a flyer for their fridge outlining the various events occurring across the school.

Parents are Invited to Join our Classes and Leap Into Learning
Timetable of Events to Celebrate State Education Week 2012

| Monday 21st May | P & C Spellathon Launch  
SEP classes using ICT to Enhance Learning 11.30-12.30  
Chinese Language Rotations with 6E 11.15am  
Chinese Language Rotations with 6F 12.15pm |
| Tuesday 22nd May | 10.45—12.45 Wallara Kids- Celebrating our Indigenous Students  
Group 1- Kids as experts- Mathletics team, Indigenous Stories and Butchulla  
Group 2 – Bushtucker – Hands on in the bushtucker garden  
1.30—2.30 Year 6 Hands on Science in Hall  
Session 1 (1.30pm) – 6A/6F  
Session 2 (2.00pm)- 6P/6E  
P&C Meeting – 3.00pm in the Conference Room  
“Nude Food Day” – Year 5 |
| Wednesday 23rd May | P-3 Under 8’s Celebrations for children and families 9.00-10.45am  
Hands on activities span the junior school areas as we celebrate the joy of early childhood  
Literacy and ICT activities- Year 4 in Resource Centre 8.45-9.45am  
Picnic on the oval- P&C sausage sizzle morning tea P-3, big lunch 4-7  
National Simultaneous Storytime 11.00am in the Hall  
Senior Assembly 2.15-2.45 |
| Thursday 24th May | Maths Olympiad Extension Program years 5, 6, 7 - 11.15—12.15pm in Cottage  
Literacy and ICT Rotations – Year 5 in E block 9.00-10.00am  
Chinese Language Rotations with 6P 11.45am  
Ancient Egypt SOSE - Year 7 in the Resource Centre 1.30-2.30 |
| Friday 25th May | Fraser Coast Show Holiday |

Congratulations for 25 Years of Service
On last week’s senior assembly we congratulated Mrs Nola Davis one of our Crossing Supervisors who was awarded a meritorious award for 25 years of service.

Nola had dedicated the last 25 years ensuring that our children are safe and protected as they leave our school grounds and negotiate their way home.

The roads surrounding our school have certainly become very busy, particularly in the last few years, and we are very fortunate to have the assistance of ladies such as Nola to keep our Sandy Strait students safe.

Congratulations Nola

Sandy Strait Awarded and Academic Talent Grant
We received word last week that Sandy Strait has been successful in its submission for an Academic Talent Grant. We have been awarded $6500 to enhance our Academic Talent Programs which will allow us to enact some exciting new programs to extend and challenge our high achieving students.

One such aspect of our program will the “Aspiring Authors Program” in which our creative writers will work with an author to assist them in developing their skills. Our children will
the work with our talented art students who will come on board as illustrators for their short stories. The stories will all then be professionally bound for presentation.

We look forward to rolling out this new program and sharing its progress with our school community.

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL MRS HELEN FORBES

End of semester reporting

This semester’s report card is the result of student’s and teacher’s work with the new Australian Curriculum, which has been presented to Queensland’s teachers and students as the C2C (Curriculum to Classroom) teaching resources. Although the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum (The Essential Learnings), there are some differences which have required adjustments. For example, some concepts are now taught in an earlier year level than previously, there is a stronger focus on some specific areas and in some cases a different standard of work is now expected of students.

For Semester 1 report cards, teachers are evaluating student work based on our new C2C units and assessments tasks from Term 1 and 2 in English, Maths and Science. Due to the fact that this is the first assessment period following implementation of a new curriculum, report card results may also reflect students’ ‘learning curve’ in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level. This is not cause for concern, as teachers are adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students receive the necessary prior knowledge and are supported through their learning tasks. Also, C2C units are in ongoing review and adjustment, based on feedback from teachers.

Parents are encouraged to take up the offer of Parent Teacher interviews where student folios of work will be presented and discussed. This valuable meeting will give parents an opportunity to view work samples which will provide an overview of their child’s progress and also to receive feedback from their child’s teacher.

For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

This is assessment week for unit three with students beginning a new unit in maths and English next week. Year three students are taking part in NAPLAN this week as other year levels are completing assessment tasks. Please encourage your child to share their successes with you and celebrate their learning.

Do your best, students, and enjoy the challenges.

Next week Unit Four’s content:
Prep English- Enjoying and retelling stories
Students will listen to and engage with a range of literary and non-literary texts with a focus on exploring how language is used to entertain through retelling events. Students will sequence events from a range of texts and select a favourite story to retell to a small group of classmates. Students will prepare for their spoken retelling by drawing events in sequence and writing simple sentences.

Prep Maths
Number—counting forwards and backwards from a given number to 10, and forming numbers to ten using five as a reference
Pattern—copying, continuing, creating and describing repeating patterns, using materials, sounds, movements or drawings
Mass and length—directly comparing to determine which is heavier or longer
Shape—matching and describing familiar three dimensional shapes, two dimensional shapes and lines
Addition—simple adding

Year One English - Engaging with poetry
Students listen to, read and view a variety of poems to explore sound and rhythm. Students recite a poem to the class and reflect on their recitation

Year One Maths
Number—representing, recognising, counting & ordering numbers to 100,

Addition & subtraction
Fractons—exploring half,
Money—representing, recognising & describing all Australian coins,
Length—exploring length
Data—gathering, representing & interpreting data

Year Two English- Responding persuasively to narratives (story texts)
Students read, view and listen to a variety of literary texts to explore how stereotypes are used to persuade audiences. Students create a persuasive response. They compare how the representations of a character are depicted differently in two publications of the same story and give reasons for a particular preference.

Year Two Maths
Data—representing and interpreting data,
Money—counting collections,
Number—place value,
Addition and subtraction,

Multiplication and division—representing situations, explaining multiplication as sharing equal quantities, representing multiplication as arrays.

Year Three English: Exploring procedure (How to... make, grow, care for)
Students listen to, read, view and analyse informative, literary and digital texts about caring for animals to plan and create a written procedure (How to...).

Year Three maths
Number patterns—describing, continuing and creating patterns using addition and subtraction, Three-dimensional objects—describing and comparing features and making models, Symmetry—identifying symmetry in the environment, Addition and subtraction—recalling facts to add and subtract 2-digit numbers

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NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL         MR BRUCE JACKSON

Year 7 USHS Visit
Next Monday our Year 7 students will receive a visit from USHS staff to provide some information regarding High School.

Key parts of this information session includes:

Key People for Year 8 students:
- Deputy Principal – Mr Ian Christie
- Year 8 House Managers for 2013. Student representative/s
- Overview of high school life including what students can expect at high school.
- Handout Application for Enrolment.
- Question and Answer session.

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!”

Children and Anxiety
Self-doubt and lack of confidence hold more kids back than any other factor. You can send kids to the best school available but they won’t be happy and achieve unless they feel confident in their abilities.

Real confidence-building is the most important skill you can develop as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low levels of confidence.

But building a child’s confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of becoming a praise robot heaping positive comments on kids at the first sign of them doing something well. For some children praise is meaningless.

CONFIDENT kids take learning risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents. I guess this last reason is why so many youngest kids are risk-takers as they are not as concerned as eldest kids about the approval of their parents.

But knowing this stuff is one thing. Getting inside kids’ heads and shifting their thinking is another thing entirely.

Self-esteem and confidence-building is more than developing children’s capabilities as very competent children can be filled with self-doubts. You have to do more than teach them to be optimistic as a Pollyannish feel-good view of the world won’t mean a child will take risks when they meet real challenges.

You need to tackle children’s lack of confidence on a number of different fronts — that is, what they think, how they feel and what they do: Head, Heart, Hands approach
Michael Grose’s ‘Head, Heart and Hand approach shows parents how to tackle confidence-building on three different levels:

- foster positive mindsets in kids and a real sense of optimism.
- help your child overcome their fears and anxieties, so they can take more risks socially and academically.
- develop a lasting sense of independence and self-sufficiency so they can really start achieving.

Want more Confidence-building ideas?
You’ll get plenty of great Confidence-building ideas and parenting advice on Michael’s blog.

A message from Student Leaders Jessie and Shaiyl
This week we would like to wish all year 3, 5 and 7s good luck as they start NAPLAN testing.
Here are some tips to help you:
- Don’t rush
- Check your work
- Read the question carefully
- Try your best!
Try your hardest
Think back to what your teachers have taught you
HAVE FUN (even though it’s a test)
So Good luck to everyone!

Last Thursday and Friday students from Sandy Strait were involved in the Winter Carnival. At the Winter Carnival there were sports such as hockey, soccer and rugby league. Students from all over the Wide Bay Region came to play each other and were looked at to see if they were good enough to be in the Wide Bay team. Congratulations to all those people.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS – MS LEE SMITH

Specials for this fortnight: (16th May to 25th May ONLY)
Party Pie - $1.10
Spaghetti Bolognese - $2.80

Under 8’s Day

Wednesday 23rd of May the tuckshop is closed due to the “sausage sizzle” Meal Deal. Sausage sizzle for Prep – grade 3 will be served on the oval from 10.30 am. Tuckshop will be serving the sausage sizzle for grade 4 – 7’s from 12.40 pm.
Over counter sales will resume as normal 1.00 pm – 1.20 pm for all students.

For any parents attending under 8’s Day you’re welcome to stop by the tuckshop to purchase; Cold Drinks, Tea, Coffee, Chips, Muffins, Cheese & crackers, Custards, Yogurts between 9.00 – 11.00 am.

Volunteer Roster

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CHAPPY’S SPACE

What a great start as the schools new Chappy and what a warm welcome received by all teachers and children. My name is Trina, this is the first time I have been appointed as a chaplain and I am really looking forward to all that the role has in store. I thought I would start by telling you all a little about myself...

I live in Toogoom with my Husband and 4 Children aged from 20 – 4yrs old, I enjoy playing the keyboard (well I’m learning), Walking along the beach and collecting shells (they make great things like wind chimes) and having lots of Bar-Be Ques with great friends.

My Favourite show would have to be Australia’s Got Talent, My favourite Song is ‘Make Your Move’ by Third Day, and Favourite Book to read is ‘Linage of Grace’.

Great Fact about School: the Nesting Boxes for the birds in the trees Prep entrance. When you come into school look up into the trees and see if you can spot one and if there are any birds nesting

Youth Happenings –

19th May  Ground swell- Youth Alive Concert
Where: Great Hall Hervey Bay High
Time: 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Cost: Pre-Paid tickets $10.00
Pay @ door $15.00
BOOKCLUB NEWS

New pamphlets have been distributed to classes today. All orders need to be returned by Friday 1 June and placed into the blue box in the office. Please make sure that you have correctly labelled your child’s order and placed correct money into envelope as change is difficult to get back to children.

We have two orders in the office that did not have names on them. If you have placed an order for Bookclub and have not received your order please check with the office staff.

2012 SANDY STRAIT CROSS COUNTRY TEAM REPORT

Congratulations to all of our competitors at last week’s Hervey Bay Zone Cross Country held at the Fraser Coast Anglican College on Tuesday 8 May.

All team members strived to do their best in the warm conditions and showed the courage to keep pushing ahead when the going got tough.

Vincent Green (3rd), Charlie Merret (5th), Shae Staples (3rd), Byran Love (3rd) and Zake Summers (AWD) were all selected in the HBZ Team to compete at the Wide Bay Trials in Murgon.

Other notable top 10 finishers were Damon Mack (6th), Charlotte Simpson (8th) and Jessie Staples (8th) with several other students finishing just outside the top 10.

A special mention to Lachlan Crowe and Jack Noonan who were unfortunately struck down with illness on race day but need to be commended for attending all the training sessions and working their socks off to prepare for the race. All students who participated will receive a certificate on next week’s assembly.

Well done runners and good luck to our SSSS representatives attending the Wide Bay Trials.

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 have been sent home with students. If you require another card please pick one up from the school office. We have a box in the office foyer for the completed cards to be placed into and one has also been placed at Urangan Shopping Centre.

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Under 8's...
"Fun in the Park"
'Language – actively connecting children to their world'
Celebrating and Showcasing Early Childhood in Hervey Bay
Story telling!
Bubbles! Puppets Threading!

Collage!

Tuesday 22 May 2012
Time: 9:00am to noon
At the TAFE Oval
(Urraween Road)
Parking available off the street.
out the back!

Playdough! Painting! Face painting!
And much more!!!
Obstacle Course!
sing-a-long at 12 noon
All parents and children (under 8) invited
TORQUAY STATE SCHOOL
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – TEACHER AIDE (SCIENCE LAB)

Position: TEACHER AIDE (SCIENCE LAB)
Permanent Time (20hrs/week)
Location: Torquay State School
Contact: Kim Brig (Business Services Manager) 4194 4333 or kbrig27@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 18 May.
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.
A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices
and motor vehicles.

PLEASE PROVIDE 3 COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION