FROM THE A/PRINCIPAL  –  MR BRUCE JACKSON

A busy week to conclude the term

There has been no time for our students to sit and ponder what the upcoming holidays might bring to them as this week, like the 10 weeks that preceded it, has been a very busy one.

On Tuesday our Year 6 students attended their SOSE/Science Fraser Island Excursion.

On Wednesday our Year 6 & 7 level 1 and 2 students will participate in their reward excursions, with one being held at the PCYC and the other at school. Our Year 3 students will also attend their whale watching excursion on Wednesday.

This Thursday will see Ms. Mason and Mrs. Landon take a team of students to FCAC for a day packed full of fun and challenges as they participate in the “USQ Day of Excellence”.

On Friday the Year 4 & 5 students will turn our Hall into an Art Gallery as they take the time to display the art work they have been working on over the last few weeks. Parents are most welcome to come along and visit the “Gallery” on Friday. Please see your child’s teacher for the time their class intends to visit the display if you would like to attend at the same time they do.

NAPLAN results to be available next term

Our Year 3, 5 & 7 students will receive their NAPLAN test results early next term. NAPLAN is just one testing instrument that schools use. It provides information on how students are performing in the areas of literacy and numeracy and support improvements in teaching and learning. The data from NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to measure their students’ achievements against National Minimum Standards and student performance in other states and territories.

Some Final Thoughts for the Term

Education seems to be on the minds of many of our politicians as they ponder the Gonski Report. The Gonski report was commissioned by the Government in 2010 and chaired by businessman David Gonski, the review panel received more than 7,000 submissions, visited 39 schools, and consulted 71 education groups across Australia.

It concluded that funding for schools should be increased and be changed to ensure that differences in educational outcomes would not be the result of differences in wealth, income, power or possessions. Of course politicians are now fighting over how much money should be given to schools: It has made me think of a quote that resonates with me:

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

I came across this poem that my grandmother gave me when I graduated from Uni in the late 80’s. I find myself reflecting on it frequently. To me the poem reinforces why schools, parents and communities should work together. Thanks for the term and see you in 2 weeks.
Children Learn What They Live
If children live with hostility,
they learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule,
they learn to be shy.
If children live with tolerance,
they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement,
they learn confidence.
If children live with praise,
they learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness,
they learn justice.
If children live with security,
they learn faith.
If children live with approval,
they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance, and friendship,
they learn to find love in the world.
1972/1975 by Dorothy Law Nolte

Crossing Supervisor
This Friday 21 September we say goodbye to one of our Crossing Supervisors, Mrs. Anita Taylor.
Anita has been attached to Sandy Strait School since October 2009 and has done a wonderful job of ensuring our students have remained safe whilst using the school crossings. Mrs. Taylor is moving on to develop other interests and we wish her well and thank her for her contribution to Sandy Strait School.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays now upon us, we would love you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – we appreciate your help.

Be safe on the roads for school holidays
The holiday period is also a good time to check the safety of your vehicle.

The Department of Transport and Main Road's Transport Inspectors will be checking all vehicles they pull over these school holidays in a state wide operation, Safe Drive, to ensure safety on Queensland’s roads.

Look out for their new magenta, yellow and white uniforms because the transport inspectors could save your life.

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL. MRS HELEN FORBES

Celebration of Learning
I’d like to take this opportunity to share some of the amazing work our Junior school students have completed this term. Well done students for the hard work and great results!

Prep
Prep M will be having their very own art exhibition this Thursday and we’re all looking forward to attending this exciting show.

All of our prepes have been studying the weather this term and have asked some inquiry type questions which they have then answered through a series of activities. Why does it Storm? What are clouds made of? etc. This form of learning allows our students to ask questions that are meaningful to them and teaches students ways of solving these questions/problems.

They have also been emailing Wilma the Weather wombat and solving problems for her. The latest email from Wilma asks them to use their skills in sorting and sequencing holiday photos of different seasons.

Year One
Year One students have learnt how to retell a story. They needed to retell the story of ‘Tiddalik’ and their teachers report that this is the best writing they have done all year. Well done all year one students! We have included the work of Liam.

Tiddalik awoke and he felt thirsty. He drank all of the water in Australia. All of the water was dry. All of the animals were thirsty and the wombat said we might make Tiddalik laugh. So some of the animals pulled funny faces and some of the other animals made funny jokes. The platypus came out of the hole and made Tiddalik laugh and all of the water came out. All of the animals could drink again. There were no big frogs like Tiddalik, only little frogs in Australia.
Liam 1R

Year Two
Year Two have become experts on ‘ducks’. They have explored the difference between narrative...
Year Two have become experts on ducks. They have explored the difference between narrative texts and informative texts. Their final piece of assessment was an informative piece on ducks.

Ducks
Female ducks need a lot of rest before they lay their eggs and they have to find a nice resting place away from predators. When the female has layed her eggs she has to keep them safe. After the eggs have hatched little fluffy yellow heads will pop out from the white eggs. Then when the baby ducks get older they will go with their mother and become a brood and they will waddle together.

Katie 2Q

Year Three
Congratulations to all of our year three students on their NAPLAN results. Your teachers are very happy with the results. Well done!

Students in year three have been working on narrative writing in the world of fantasy and have produced some excellent work which provides the reader with an emotional connection to the writer and some lovely imagery.

Please enjoy the beginning of Destiny’s and Tallen’s narratives:

Where is Arisu?
I think about my little sister Arisu, where could she be? Life without her would be like the moon falling from the dark night sky. Oh, I've got this stirring in my stomach like tossing of the strong sea waves crashing against the tall rocks. I have a bad feeling, but now I am as determined as ever to get Arisu back, she might be annoying but she's MY little sister and I'm going to get her back. Destiny 3L

I think about Arisu and how scared she would be, I think of a dark kingdom in the sky and what the shadow catchers could do to Arisu. My guardian dragon, Tomodo tells me that I can't go with them to save Arisu. BUT SHE’S MY SISTER! I argue! He finally lets me go. My plan to save Arisu is to go after the shadow catchers with half of the dragons then if we need back-up to send the other half in there, while I find and rescue Arisu. All of the dragons said great plan, ok, well done and go, Kumiko. But Tomodo just smiled. Tallen 3W

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STUDENT LEADERS NEWS

At last, the holidays are nearly here but, the school term isn’t over yet. During the last week of term a lot of activities will be going on around the school. On Wednesday, the level one and two students will be either competing in an amazing race held at the school or they will be going to the PCYC to participate in a range of fun activities. So congratulations to our level one and two students for their exceptional behaviour.

We also wish good luck to our Year sixes who will be going to Fraser Island as part of their SOSE studies and our Year threes who will be going whale watching. We hope you have fun on your excursions! Early next term, the Year threes, fives and sevens will be waiting eagerly for their NAPLAN results to come back. Good luck with your results!

Sarah Hanson

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

New Tuckshop Menu
Each student will receive a new menu to take home once Term 4 commences. Please throw out all old tuckshop menus.

Special 1st and 2nd break
During the last week of school we will be selling hotdogs, pies and sausage rolls on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for both breaks. Please support the tuckshop.

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Volunteer Roster

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Fathers Day Stall: Well the figures are in for the Disco and the P&C, with the help of all of you raised $3187.07. What an outstanding result, we hope that your Fathers were very happy with their gifts. Thank you all for your continued support.

Second hand Uniforms: The end of the year is fast approaching. For many of you it is nearly time to buy new uniforms as the kids outgrow their old ones. We NEED good quality second hand school uniforms to make our Uniform Shop a reality, this would benefit the whole community. If you would like to donate, feel free to drop of uniforms at the school office or contact Kim on: 4125 1630.

Update on the Christmas Raffle: We are running a Raffle at Christmas. If any parent/caregiver can assist in any way by donating a prize/voucher, or service this would be greatly appreciated. Lets see what results we can get from within our school community. If you have something that you would like to donate ring Kim on the number above, Thankyou so much to Dare Hair Studio for donating a pamper pack, and being the first on-board, followed closely by the Mantra Hervey Bay Resort who have offered 1 nights Accommodation in a One Bedroom Spa Apartment. Thank you to the two school mums for donating these prizes, our raffle is really starting to take shape.

Donations of Christmas items/food: To make our Christmas Raffle go off with a bang we are asking Parents/Caregivers to consider donating food or goods suitable for Christmas hampers (ie: Bonbons, decorations, canned food, confectionary etc). NO PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE. So next time you go shopping why not buy an extra something and pop it into the clearly marked container in the Admin Building, the P&C will then make up some fantastic hampers for our Raffle.

Wishing Well: The P&C are wanting to increase the Parent/ Caregivers participation, and are interested to hear from you, our School Community about what you would like to see us spend some of our hard earned fundraising money on, in your school or in the grounds for 2013. You will see a white Wishing Well in the Admin foyer. The well will have some forms attached for you to fill in (don't forget to include your Name and Contact details). The P&C Volunteers will spend some time collating them. Each request will be read.

We may pick one or two that may be feasible for next year, we will contact those concerned.

Please note: Unfortunately we are unable to reply to each request, we are only a small band of Volunteers.

Those great ideas that aren't picked will be held onto for possible future use. So keep your eyes open for the next newsletter.

Volunteers Needed: The P&C desperately needs Volunteers. We need these Volunteers to attend our monthly meetings, learn what we are all about, and at the same time get to have a say in the future of our kids school. We also need your help in assisting us with our fundraising efforts. To help us with our many projects call Kim on: 4125 1630. This is a great way to meet new people. Remember you can Volunteer only as much time as you can spare. I hope to hear from you.

P&C Meeting: The next P&C meeting is to be held on Wednesday the 19th of September at 3.00pm.
(We will be having a quick Special Meeting from 3.00pm to 3.05pm followed by a General Meeting.) All are welcome to attend.

Kim Parnell, P&C President

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SCHOOL BANKING

It was so good to see so many students who took advantage of our school banking competition this term. Unfortunately there could only be two winners, and they were:-

- Lara Borg
- Riley McIntyre

Congratulations to you both and a big thankyou to Suzanne from the Torquay Commonwealth Bank who was able to come and hand out the prizes on Assembly on Friday.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school, whether it’s 20 cents or $20, they receive a cool Dollarmites token. These tokens can then be redeemed for exclusive Dollarmites reward items.

We know that many students have ordered the Book Light reward and are still waiting for these. Please note that they are all on back order due to a high demand of these items. Due to so many reward items now out of stock the Commonwealth Bank has brought forward the release of the USB’s.

Available at the moment are:-

- Money Box (Cred, Pru, Pat, Addy)
- Drink Bottle;
- Pen Pod
- USB

Items currently out of stock, awaiting delivery:-

- Book light (due November), and
- Spen Moneybox (due late November).
Items no longer available:
- Handball,
- Wallet,
- Lunchbox, and
- Watch.

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 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.

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LOST PROPERTY

All items in the lost property will be donated to charity over the holidays. If you have lost any articles of clothing, hats or lunchboxes please take the time to have a look in lost property before Friday.

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BOOKCLUB NEWS

We require a new bookclub co-ordinator. If you would like to take over this position please leave your name and contact number at the office.

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Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on Tuesday 23rd October 2012.

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available after the holidays.

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

Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day.

We have an automated 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 Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from your school & return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HERVEY BAY CRICKET

SURFING BAY UNITED

INVITES ALL
BUDDING CRICKETERS
(both Junior & Senior)
TO SIGN ON
FOR SEASON 2012-13
AS FOLLOWS -

Sunday 9 September at P.C.Y.C.
Sunday 16 September at Sport First
Saturday 29 September at Walker Road
Grounds, Urangan
from 10.00am to 1.00pm
For further details email
herveybaycricket@yahoo.com.au
or 'phone Les on 4124 5842 or Neville on 4125 1408

Holiday activities @ the library
Lego competition - For ages 5-14 - Use your imagination and creativity to make a Lego creation
using the Lego provided by the library. You can make anything that pops into your mind as long as
it’s your own design! A prize will be awarded to the best construction in three age groups 5-7, 8-10
and 11-14. Tuesday 2nd October 10.00-11.30 am

Mini-Olympics @ the library - For ages 3-8 - Make your own Olympic torch and gold medal, enjoy
some fun games and an Olympic themed morning tea. Tuesday 25th September 10.00-11.00 am

Papermaking - For ages 8+ - Learn how to make your own paper using recycled
paper. Thursday 27th September 10.00-11.00 am

Pencil toppers - For ages 6+ - Make some cute and funky pencil toppers to get ready for back to
school. Thursday 4th October 10.00-11.00 am

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. All activities require a booking fee of $2.70 per
child per activity, which much be paid at the time of booking.

STAR KIDS CLUB
Spring 2012 Vacation Care Program

Hervey Bay Touch Association 2012

JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

Hervey Bay junior touch SIGN-ON is on 18th
September and 9th of October 2012
HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

FAST TRACK SWIMMING LESSONS -
Learn to swim, stroke correction & infants.

WINNER
Qld. Austswim Teacher 2012
Sept. 24th - 28th & October 2nd - 5th
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Summer 29/10, 26/11, 23/12, 20/1/13, 17/2/13 and 17/3/13
Where: Rawdon Rd, Torquay
How much: $60 inclusive of all Softball activities and a pack containing a bat and softball glove.
Register before 6th October 2012: Pay on the Day

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Email – herveybaytouch@gmail.com