**Sandy Strait State School Wins Showcase Award for Excellence**

As part of Education Week Celebrations across Queensland the Regional Showcase Awards for Excellence in Education are announced.

On Thursday Sandy Strait State School was awarded the Regional Showcase Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership for our “Leap into Learning” school wide focus.

This award recognises the fabulous work of our dedicated staff who ensure that every day students are making leaps forward in their learning.

The award also recognises the impact this program has had on improved student outcomes and the commitment of our teachers and teacher aides to developing a professional learning community.

We will now progress to the State Finals.

Congratulations to all members of our Sandy Strait Team. This is a time to be very proud!!!!!!

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**Key to Success this Week: Getting Along**

**Under 8’s Celebrations Rescheduled for this Friday 17th May**

Due to the wet weather we had to postpone our Under 8’s celebrations and reschedule for this Friday 17th May. We do rely very heavily on fine weather for this event as many activities are conducted outside. Many of the activities are paper and dye based and if they come in contact with rain it will destroy the resources.

In making the decision to postpone the event we also had to take into account the conditions of our paths and walkways as when they become wet they can be slippery. We have a similar issue with the school hall floor, when it becomes wet due to rain and wet feet the surface becomes extremely slippery and dangerous. With the large volume of children and parents in attendance we must always put safety above all else.

This is a very special event and one we would love all of our children and families to be able to engage with to its full potential.

I would like to thank all of our parents and children for their understanding last week.
NAPLAN Testing this Week
This week has been a very big for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students with the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Our students have been well prepared for the various Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy Tests.

I would like to congratulate all of our students for your dedication to these tasks and for displaying both persistence and resilience as you strived to complete all tasks within the set timeframe.

Please Support the P&C Spell-a-thon
This year Sandy Strait State School has continued its school wide initiative of “Leaping into Learning” with an intensive focus on Reading, Vocabulary and Spelling. Our students and teachers have embraced this initiative and to highlight its importance we have linked the Spell-a-thon to our school wide focus.

Last Monday 6th May your child should have received an individual Spell-a-thon card which includes the list of words that your child will be practicing.

All of the key dates for sponsorship collection and testing were outlined on the front of the card. On the rear of the card were a list of incentive prizes across the year levels for students who achieve various sponsorship targets.

Parents and Citizens Association News

Family Portraits: Thankyou to all of those Parents/Teachers and Caregivers who had Family photos taken with Advanced Family Photographers last term. The P & C raised about $300.00 from this event.

Mothers Day Stall: Well Mothers Day is over for another year, and I am sure that you all enjoyed your gifts from our Mothers Day Stall. Thanks to all those of you who donated plastic/freezer bags, they came in very handy for all of the Children. Chappy Snez from Urangan High School donated a whole box of painted wooden ornaments, these were very popular with the kids. Thanks Chappy Snez. Karen Stillman also donated some perfume, this was snapped up pretty quickly. The ‘Young Greenies’ also put together 32 plants in cups with Saucers, these were a hit with young and old alike. Well done boys and girls! I am still working out final figures for this Fundraiser but estimate about $1000.00 was raised. That is a great result! Also a big shout out to Amanda Meagher, Karen Stillman and Sharon Sadler. You ladies are amazing, thanks for being there for the long haul it was much appreciated.

On a final note, I would like to thank a boy called Jarrod who at the mention of iPads for each classroom was so excited he donated his last $2.00 to our Fundraiser, it is boys and girls like you who keep us doing what we do!

Thanks to all for your continued support.

New Treasurer: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Treasurer Sharon Mitchell to the Executive Committee. I look forward to working with you, and welcome you on board.

Spell-a-thon: The P&C are very excited to be holding a Spell-a-thon as our major fundraiser for this term. By now all of our children should have received their lists and the children will be learning their set words and collecting pledges for sponsorship or donations. On 23rd May 2013 all children are to return their completed sponsorship cards to school. The Spell-a-thon will be held over the period of the 27th - 31st May.

A Reminder to all Families that Next Friday 24th May is the Show Holiday
All families are reminded that next Friday 24th May is the Fraser Coast Show Holiday and all schools will be closed for the day. Please be sure to add this date to your diaries.

Feedback on our 2013 Bookpack scheme
In January of this year, several hundred families participated in pre-purchasing bookpacks for their students. This was the first year that we have offered this service. We are now at a stage of reviewing our processes for 2014. Any feedback you would like to supply with regards to your experience with the bookpacks please do so by the end of May. My email address is cwood149@eq.edu.au or you may drop in a response to the box in the office. Thank you.
As we complete our unit 3 tasks it is timely to share some of the fantastic work our students have done around the various assessment tasks and celebrate their results.

**Prep** students have shown huge leaps in their learning as they have put together their alphabet knowledge, writing knowledge and sentence knowledge.

**Year One** students have been learning about features of character descriptions also and have created a character description of a familiar character as well as providing an illustration

- **Crunch**
  - Crunch is a green and brown crocodile. He is a scaredy cat at the end of the story. He is greedy and a coward.
  - Dominick 1F

- **Geralald**
  - Geralald is a brown spotty yellow, tall giraffe. He has a fluffy black tail.
  - Georgia 1R

**Year Two** students have been working on some very amusing recounts of familiar stories where they needed to change the character description to challenge the original stereotyping of the character. Have a laugh as you read some our clever year two character descriptions.

- I used to think that Cinderella should go to the ball and I could use my magic to help her. But now I think I would try to stop her from going to the ball and I will turn her into a baby instead. Cinderella will turn into a baby and she has to wait until her Mum will kiss her because I am jealous and mean and I want to be a princess and marry a prince.
  - Brodhi 2Q

**Year Three**

This week is NAPLAN week and our year three students have spent time learning about persuasive texts in preparation for the NAPLAN writing test. Students are given practise in writing a persuasive text where they need to be knowledgeable about a topic, be convincing in their writing and provide arguments directly related to the topics. Students are taught the language devices of persuasion – modal verbs, rhetorical questions, emotive language, evaluative language as well as knowing the structure of a persuasive text. Please enjoy the persuasive texts written by some of our students in year three.

**Why children should brush their teeth twice a day**

I strongly believe that you should brush your teeth twice a day for the following reasons: - you will get holes in them, your teeth don’t rot and fall out and your teeth will discolor.

1. First of all if you don’t brush your teeth you will get holes in them then you won’t be able to eat cold foods. You will have to get many painful fillings and spend lots of money on fillings at the dentist. Wouldn’t you rather spend your money on more pleasant things?

2. Secondly if you don’t brush your teeth they will rot and they might all fall out and your teeth will go yellow and won’t look very attractive. If all your teeth fall out you will have to eat mushy sloppy food.

Finally, your teeth will discolor and they will go yellow and won’t look particularly attractive and when you grow up you won’t get a boyfriend or girlfriend.

I truly believe that if you don’t brush your teeth they will get holes in them, your teeth will rot and discolour and you won’t look attractive.

By Ethan 3W

**Why children should brush their teeth twice a day**

I strongly believe that children should brush their teeth because their teeth will discolour, you will get bad breath and you will get holes in your teeth.

1. First of all, if you don’t brush your teeth your teeth will discolor and become yellow. You might get a terrible toothache. You will look horrible because you teeth are dark yellow. You won’t get a girlfriend or boyfriend because it doesn’t look attractive.

2. Secondly you will get terrible breath because you don’t clean your teeth. Your breath will smell disgusting and other people definitely wouldn’t want to talk to you or get close to you because your breath smells terrible. Children won’t want to become friends with you.

Last of all you will get holes in your teeth. Then your teeth will turn black and when you’re an adult you won’t get married because no man or woman will like you. Your teeth will look horrible because you have holes in your teeth and also because your teeth are black. Wouldn’t you rather spend hundreds of dollars on more pleasant things than fillings?

Finally children must clean their teeth because your teeth will discolour, you will get bad breath and get holes in your teeth.

By James 3W

Once upon a time, there was a famous dog. His name was Peter. He was the smartest dog in the world and his favourite food was spaghetti because his owner fed him spaghetti for dinner, breakfast and even lunch. Everything she gave him was spaghetti. But one day a mean dog came by. “Oh! I love your new hair style,” she said sarcastically to him but he knew what to do. He said to her “Leave me alone!” and she walked off. Then he saw a bike and he went for a ride on the bike and he sang London Bridges is Falling Down. He saw his best friend in trouble so he went to help her and then he said “Are you OK?” She said “You are very helpful.” Then she said “Are you starving?” He said “Why yes I am.” The mean dog came and she scowled at them but then she said sorry to them. “I am really sorry about that.” Peter got some food because his owner fed him spaghetti for dinner, breakfast and even lunch. Everything she gave him was spaghetti. But one day a mean dog came by. “Oh! I love your new hair style,” she said sarcastically to him but he knew what to do. He said to her “Leave me alone!” and she walked off. Then he saw a bike and he went for a ride on the bike and he sang London Bridges is Falling Down. He saw his best friend in trouble so he went to help her and then he said “Are you OK?” She said “You are very helpful.” Then she said “Are you starving?” He said “Why yes I am.” The mean dog came and she scowled at them but then she said sorry to them. “I am really sorry about that.” Peter got some food and lived happily every after.

Lacey 2/3P
Mini Minds Alive
Last Tuesday as part of our Education Week celebrations our Year 4 to 7 students participated in Mini Minds Alive activities. Mini Minds Alive gave our students an opportunity to participate in some really worthwhile activities that are sometimes overlooked because of time constraints. Activities ranged from Mathematical thinking to Zumba. Our students loved it. A big thank you to our teachers for organising such great activities. Teacher’s time is more precious than ever and their willingness to accommodate Mini Minds Alive was very much appreciated.

Winter Carnival
Congratulations to our Year 6 & 7 students who represented Hervey Bay over the 2 days of the Winter Carnival held last week. The winter carnival saw teams from all over Wide Bay participating.

A big thank you to Mr Baldwin, Mr Hanrahan and Ms Mason who were part of the hard working team of teachers involved in the carnival. It is through the efforts of teachers like these three who ensure primary school sports remains a priority in our area.

Talent Quest
This term 7H and 7B are running a talent quest for students. Students are able to perform by singing, playing an instrument, reciting a poem, dancing, comedy routine or anything they think will entertain an audience. Cost of entry was a gold coin donation. Entries are now closed and heats begin this Wednesday 15th May during lunch time in the hall. Students are able to participate as an audience member for a 20c donation with lucky door prizes being given. All money raised will be going to Ronald McDonald House. There are 2 divisions Prep—3 and 4—7. Prizes will be $40 Sanity voucher for first and $20 Sanity Voucher for Runner up in each division. A jelly bean guessing competition will also be running with guesses 50c each or 3 for $1.

Wide Bay Primary School Sport Winter Carnival
Last Thursday and Friday the Wide Bay School Sport Winter Carnival was held to select Wide Bay Teams for Tennis, Hockey, Football and Rugby League.

Sandy Strait SS had a strong representation of students in the following sports:

Hockey – Shae and Jessica
Football – Lilly, Kye and Emil
Rugby League – Damon, Byron and Daniel

Damon will be representing Wide Bay for Rugby League at the State Championships to be held here in Hervey Bay in June. Well done Damon!

Kye was also selected in the Wide Bay Boys Football Team and Lilly was selected in the Wide Bay Girls Football Team. Lilly and Kye will be travelling to Cairns for the State Football Championships.

HBZ Cross Country
Well done to Shae, Damon and Byron who have been selected in the HBZ Cross Country to compete at the Wide Bay Cross Country Trials on the 28 May in Bundaberg.

AFL Girls Gala Day
Good luck to our girls who will be representing SSSS at the HBZ AFL Girls Gala Day this Friday. The winner of this Gala Day will progress into the next round of the Brisbane Lions Cup which is a state wide competition to promote girls AFL and girls sport.
Chappy Chat

Chaplaincy week May 19th—26th, is fast approaching, and during that week there are a number of things that are happening throughout the school and Broader Community:

Pancake Day—Tuesday may 21st, Prep—yr.3
Wednesday 22nd, yr. 4—yr.7
If you would like to participate in either cooking pancakes or serving please do not hesitate to call Chappy Trina on ph. 4197 0333

Chappy activities— will be held during Thursday lunch time, a lot of paint, gluing and creativity will be happening… should be a great time for students to come and use their imaginations.

Chappy Week will also be celebrated at McDonalds from 19th—26th of May. I have attached a voucher for a Macca’s Medium cheese Burger Deal. When you purchase this meal and present this voucher, $1.00 from every purchase will be contributed School Chaplaincy. Take full advantage of this deal, it is valid throughout Chaplaincy week.

School Chaplains will be in store from 3.30pm-4.30pm… so come and say Hello and support your local Chappy. See you there.
Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back again this year. From Monday 8 April until 9 June every time you spend $10 or more at Woolworths you can receive a sticker to go towards some great items for our school. Once you have completed your sticker form please place into the box in the office.

FOR SALE BY TENDER
TORO Z500 ZERO TURN RIDE ON MOWER

Pialba State School is offering for sale a 2005 model TORO Z500 ZERO TURN RIDE ON MOWER. Details are as follows:

- 52” cutting deck
- 23 HP Kawasaki V Twin motor
- 830 hours use
- Blower and Twin Bag Catcher
- Rollover protection system
- Regularly serviced and in good condition

Mower is offered on an ‘as is’, ‘where is’ basis with no warranties implied or given and no after sales service or assistance implied or given.

The highest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Written offers stating amount offered, your name, address and contact telephone numbers should be provided in a sealed envelope marked “Private and Confidential” and addressed to:

Tender – Ride on Mower
Pialba State School
PO Box 249
Hervey Bay Q 4655

Tenders Close at 3pm on Friday 31 May.

Further enquiries and viewing appointments should be directed to Gary Worth, Schools Officer, on 4197 7777.

Community News

For Sale:
The school office have 4 toners for Laserjet printers for sale. These toner cartridges are suitable for a Hewlett Pakard Colour Laser Jet Printer 3800/3800N/3800DN/3800TN/CP3505/CP3505N/CP3505DN. Available colours are yellow, 2 cyan (blue) and 1 magenta.

If you are interested in these toners please contact the BSM on 4197 0333.
**Community News**

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**FOR SALE:** Sandy Strait State School Uniforms. 2 x size 6 shorts, 1 x size 10 shorts, 1 x size 14 shirt, 1 x size 8 shirt, 3 x size 6 shirts.
$30 the lot. Phone 0418 252 655

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**We want YOU!!**

**Its sign on time again at Hervey Bay Oztag.**
Oztag is one of the fastest growing sports in Qld
It’s just like rugby league but without the tackling so it’s safe & fun for men, women & children of all ages, sizes & skill levels.
Enjoy lots of evasive running, kicking, tagging and try scoring!
Come & see what all the fuss is about.
Over 140,000 Australians can’t be wrong!
Mixed, Men’s and Ladies Sign on is Wednesday 22nd May 6.00pm – 7:30pm at Seagulls RLFC, Bideford St Torquay
www.herveybayoztag.com or 0414 893 840 for more info.

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**Girls – Only**
“Come and Try”
Rugby League Coaching Clinic

**HERVEY BAY**

The NRL will host a Girls-Only “Come and Try” Rugby League Coaching Clinic (8-13 years old) at Stafford Park, Bideford St (Seagulls RLC grounds) on Friday 7 June 2013 from 4.00-6.00pm.

The 2hr 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.

The cost for the program is $3.00 with all participants receiving a NRL Boot bag or Water bottle and NRL poster.

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

Registration forms are available:

1. Registration forms may be available from some schools – see your PE teacher
Forms will be available on the day of the clinic

**For more information please contact:**
Richard Dugdale
NRL Game Development Officer - Wide Bay
Mobile: 0409 069 437
Email: rdugdale@nrl.com.au

*** In Term 2 and 3, all school sport Zones will be holding rugby league trials for selection in Zone Primary School Girls teams to participate at a Wide Bay School Girls Rugby League Carnival in Hervey Bay. The “Come and Try” clinic is a great opportunity to learn the game and improve the skills of any girls wishing to gain selection