Some Exciting News for our School

Earlier this year we applied for a Grant through the Community Benefit Gaming Fund to upgrade our Prep Playground. We were recently advised that we have been successful in our application and we have received $35,000.00 for this project.

As part of the upgrade the gravelly, fall material under the playground will be replaced with a compact, soft rubber material in bright colours with vibrant designs and games embedded in the material surface. The whole playground will be re-landscaped and turfed, fences repositioned to create a larger playground for our Prep Students.

A variety of different, imaginative and interactive play areas will be created throughout the playground allowing our children to engage in active play on the play equipment, to kick balls around and to also use their imagination in the various free play areas located throughout the playground.

Work will commence on our Prep playground upgrade in the near future and should all be completed by the end of this year.

A Big Thank You to the Hall Family.

Late last week we had a phone call from a representative from Elastoplast who advised us that one of our families had just won a competition and part of the competition involved the school. As part of the prize the winner of the competition was allowed to choose a sporting group, or in our case a school to receive a prize.

The school will receive a $5000 prize cheque from Elastoplast to use to purchase sporting equipment to enhance our sporting programs.

On behalf of our whole school community we would like to pass on a BIG THANK YOU to the Hall family (who have 3 lovely children who attend our school).

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Key to Success this Week: Getting Along

Our present Prep students are assisting us with the playground design and having input into the types of imaginative play areas they would like to see located in the Prep play area.

We look forward to sharing the design of our playground and its progress through to completion with our school community.

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Enrolments for the 2014 Prep Year Are Now Open

Enrolments are now being taken for the Prep Year in 2014. Parents are invited to come into the school office and collect an enrolment pack containing information about the Prep Program, enrolment information and other brochures and documentation about the 2014 school year.

Children who turn 5 by the 30th June 2014 are eligible to attend Prep in the 2014 School year.

It is important that we have an early indication of our anticipated numbers for the 2014 school year so we can begin planning ahead.

Prep Come and Try Open Day Sessions this Thursday 25th July.

All parents who have enrolled children for Prep in 2014 are reminded to confirm your attendance at the first of our Pre- Prep Program Sessions. If you have not already done so can you please register your attendance by contacting our school office.

“A Prep Come and Try Open Day Session” will be conducted on Thursday 25th July from 9.30am. Future Prep children and their families are invited to participate in classroom activities and meet our friendly staff.

An evening session will also be conducted at 6.30 pm to cater for the needs of working parents. This is the first in a series as we introduce a Pre- Prep orientation program for our students and parents.

Leap Into our Pre- Prep Program

At Sandy Strait we believe it is important to provide our students with the best possible start to their first year of schooling.

This year we are continuing with our Pre-Prep Program to assist our children and parents to best prepare for the curriculum and learning expectations of the upcoming Prep Year.

Purpose of the Program:
- To provide an orientation and skill based program to help prepare our future students for the Prep Curriculum in the year ahead
- To model and provide activities and ideas for parents to work on with their children at home to ensure that they have the best opportunity to succeed in the Prep Year
- To foster and build relationships between teachers, students and parents prior to the commencement of the school year
- To provide opportunities for our future Prep students to interact with one another and build relationships prior to commencing school.

How the Program will work:
- The program will be conducted over 4 separate 1 hour sessions throughout term 3 and 4
- Children and parents attend each of the sessions
- At the end of each session parents will be provided with a pack of activities to take home to use with their child between sessions. Each of the activities contained within the pack will have been modelled throughout the morning session. A different activity pack will be distributed at each of the sessions.

Quadrennial School Review

Every 4 years all schools across Qld participate in a Quadrennial School Review. A variety of consultation processes occur involving staff, students and parents to review our progress to date around some key items. The review also allows us to gauge the effectiveness of our planned strategies and to identify areas for further development.

The Teaching and Learning Audit that was conducted in November is one aspect of the review and other areas in focus are:
- School achievement data
- Professional learning and team development
- Parent and community partnerships
- Positive school wide behaviour
- School grounds and facility requirements.

Over the coming weeks you may be asked to participate in short surveys or online questionnaires to help inform our decision making. Your input in this process would be very much appreciated and welcomed.

School Opinion Surveys

Each year at this time schools across Qld conduct annual school opinion surveys. Surveys are completed by staff, randomly selected parents and students in years 5 and 6.

40 parents are randomly selected by computer to participate in the surveys. Surveys with an explanation letter were sent home to these parents on Monday.

I thank you for your time and effort in participating in the surveys.

Have you Visited our School Facebook Page?

Our School Facebook page is proving a very effective way of providing up to date information to our parents about a range of school events and happenings.

Reminders about upcoming special events, notes and payments due, photos and stories that allow us to bring the classroom to our parents are shared daily through our Facebook page.

By ‘Liking’ us on Facebook you will receive all of the updates through your news feed each day.

You can locate our facebook page from our school website www.sandstrass.eq.edu.au

Or through Facebook on at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sandy-Strait-State-School/354729921302918
Win-------- Redge’s Bike

This term we announce an exciting opportunity for a student to win-------- Redge’s Bike. Our great groundsman Rudge Friske has kindly donated a brand new bike to the school; to offer as incentive for our students to win. Rudge is keen to make sure that ALL our students have an opportunity to win the bike. The competition was officially launched during assembly last week.

Students have been informed that the criteria to be considered to win the bike include:

• Be at school every day … every day counts
• Avoid detentions ……..make good choices
• Work hard in class… do your best
• Lend a helping hand to a peer…. be a good friend
• Take responsibility
• Show self-discipline

Students who have met these criteria will be nominated to go into the draw to win the bike.

The actual bike is on display in the library
All of us at school thank Mr Friske for his kind gesture.

SPIN CYCLE CHALLENGE

Being a kid has always been tough, but in modern society the pressures can sometimes get too much. School chaplains support young people in one of the most high pressure environments, the schoolyard. Today around Queensland there are about 540 “chappies” in over 740 schools. Chaplains not only help young people with day to day issues, but also take some of the load off the teaching staff so they can concentrate on their core business.

“What does our chaplain do?” Our lovely Chappy Trina, is involved in breakfast club, lunchtime activities and organising games. She provides a safe and supportive influence to the children within the school environment.

Funding for our school to continue to employ Chappy Trina for 3 days a week is exhausted and soon we will be obliged to reduce her days to only 2. Of course we would love to keep Chappy Trina for 3 days a week.

Many schools throughout the bay are in the similar situation to us and their chaplaincy funds are also stretched. So united in our pursuit of raising more money for our chaplains, schools in Hervey Bay are involving ourselves in the fundraiser Spin Cycle Challenge.

Details include:

Date : 16th of August
Venue : PCYC
Time 4:00pm till 9:00pm
Primary school Challenge

• 30 minutes challenge
• 5 riders per team,[4 students one adult. (at least 1 female). ]
• plus 1 trainer and 1 first aid officer
• Minimum registration fee, $100 (this includes fundraising).

Ride is for 30 minutes with a prizes for the team:
• with the most kilometres
• for the team that raises the most money
• individual raises the most money

After a grueling selection process we are now in the position to announce Our Spin Cycle Teams. These 3 teams are all Champions, and I am sure that each one will strive to do their best in competing against the other schools.

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In Brief:

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated with enthusiasm and vigour in our Inter-house Athletics’ carnival last Wednesday, despite the trying conditions. Well done to Coorawinga who were announced the winning team.

Yr 7 Come and Try days USHS

Our Yr 7 students will visit USHS this Wednesday and Thursday to have a taste of high-school life. Students will be involved in technology and art activities. We thank USHS for the invitation and we are sure that our students will enjoy the experience and find it beneficial.

Travelling on the School Bus

Every day more than 150,000 Queensland students travel to school by bus. Most of these students are responsible and well-behaved, however a minority will misbehave.

The actions of this minority affects the ability of drivers to concentrate, and could affect the safety of the trip. This should be a concern to all of us. The safety and comfort of all students when travelling is very important.

To address this, the department has developed its code of conduct for school students travelling on buses. To ensure the needs and views of all stakeholders were taken into account, the code was developed in consultation with Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service, bus industry groups, parent groups, principal associations, unions and non-state school authorities.
In brief it highlights that Students have the **Right** to:

- safe and comfortable travel
- be treated with courtesy
- travel free from verbal and physical abuse
- expect their property to be safe
- board and disembark in a safe manner
- enjoy their travel.  **AND**

Students have a **Responsibility** to:

- contribute to safe and enjoyable travel for all passengers
- follow the Code of Conduct and accept the rules of bus operators
- be responsible for their attitudes and actions
- respect the rights of other passengers
- treat bus drivers with respect
- follow direction/instruction of drivers
- report any unsafe behaviour to drivers/schools
- express concerns in an appropriate manner
- demonstrate self control

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**Bus stop safety and courtesy—Code of Conduct—Wide Bay Transit**

Be on time at your bus stop. The bus will not wait for you.

Stand 3 steps back from the gutter - not on the road.

Do not play ball games on driveways or the road, keep your ball in your bag or hold onto it.

Do not climb fences or trees or throw rocks or other dangerous items at cars or other passengers.

Do not yell loudly, swear or give rude gestures to other people around the bus stop.

Take your litter with you.

Wait quietly and patiently for the bus to approach and only enter the bus when it has fully stopped.

Please have your bus pass, ticket or money out and ready to give to the driver.

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**Hi everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.**

We spent a few days shivering in Toowoomba, but still enjoyed some much needed family time.

**A few messages to start the term:**

1. **Term 3 Booklets**

   By now all LOTE students in Year 6 and 7 have received their Term 3 booklets. Please read the assessment information sheets located at the front of the booklet. It is very important that parents and caregivers are aware of assessment tasks in all subjects.

2. **Year 7 - Assessment Requirements**

   This term, year 7 students will be submitting a poster as part of their LOTE assessment. Please ensure a poster-sized piece of card is purchased well before we start this assessment task (roughly Week 6). The sooner the poster card is bought, the more likely that it will be the preferred colour. If our local newsagent has limited stock, try Big W, Officeworks and Lincraft in Maryborough.

3. **Task Completion**

   Please ensure that your child keeps up with all LOTE tasks, especially if they have been absent. Having only 90 minutes of LOTE per week means we don’t always have time to catch up on missed or unfin-ished work. If students need help to complete their work, they can see me during breaks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or ask a classmate to assist them. As an added incentive, all completed tasks earn points towards a prize at the end of term.

   Thank you for your assistance with these issues. Have a great week.

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**Non-Teaching Team**

**This week we introduce our SEP—Office Staff**

Hi, my name is Sharon Mitchell. I am fortunate to be extending and combining my 20+ years admin-

istration experience with my interest in working with students with special needs. I have been working at Sandy Strait Special Education office for 1 1/2 years and as a Teacher Aide for 7 months. Establish-

ing a school garden for students to share and enjoy has also proven to be a rewarding combination.

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**Lost Property—Have you lost any school items?**

Can parents please take the time to take a look through lost property as we seem to have a ever growing pile of clothes, lunch boxes, drinks bottles and hats in the cupboard. Any items left by the end of the month will be donated to charity.
TIMBARRA PRODUCTIONS FOR PREP and YEAR ONE students

Timbarra Productions are coming to Prep and Year One to entertain and inspire your child around the themes of pirates for Prep students and The Enchanted Forest for Year One students.

PREP Pirates Secret Treasure Production

The Prep children will be taken into a world of pirates with their rollicking fun, adventure and intrigue. In keeping with the theme, children can come dressed as pirates and find out what it is like to be a pirate on the high seas. As pirates they have to locate the treasure using their wits (no swords or guns please). The show is very interactive with all children being invited to participate in the voyage with the Captain, his First Mate and “Bill” the live talking parrot.

The show will tie in with the Prep English unit this term and will allow teachers to use the show as a basis for ongoing work around rhyme. There will also be a number of songs relating to the show that the children will enjoy singing.

There will be two shows for Preps on Monday the 12th August. Prep A and Prep D will attend the 9.30am show. Prep B and Prep T will attend the 11:30am show.

YEAR ONE The Enchanted Forest

Year One students will have the pleasure of many forest creatures entertaining them in a show called ‘The Enchanted Forest’. This is a wonderful show and is very interactive and covers forest preservation in a fairytale format that enhances the year one English units for this term. The Year 1 students will be invited to participate in various parts of the show which allows students an opportunity to become part of an actual Arts production and practise their acting and speaking skills. In keeping with the theme, children can come dressed as either gnomes or fairies—please don’t go to any expense and encourage your child to improvise with materials readily available at home.

There will be two shows for Year One on Tuesday 13th August. 1L and 1M will attend the 9.30am show. 1F and 1R will attend the 11:30am show. The cost of each show is $6.00 per child including GST.

This is a great opportunity to see quality children’s entertainment and we would encourage all parents to have their child attend if at all possible.

Parents and toddlers are invited to attend the show free of charge. Please keep an eye out for permission notes which will be sent home this week.

Leap into Learning Writing

Students are mid-way through this term’s first unit in English and teachers have shared some exciting work written by students, Please enjoy the following creative stories:

Chocolate Crackles written by Cooper - Yr 2/3P

I asked my mum to go on a boat. She said “Yes” and I said “Yipee”. So I went.

Two hours later I saw a Chocolate Forest. I jumped out of the boat and I landed in chocolate. Then I saw a slide made out of melted chocolate. Then I saw a chocolate man and he gave me a drink, it had melted chocolate and chocolate crackles, it tasted good. He invited me to his birthday party.

Then I went home.

My Superhero written by Allira - PD

My superhero is called Shearer and she is fast. She wore pink clothes and she saved a boy.

SCHOOL BANKING

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an Ipad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account.

The school with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in term 3 will be in the running to win a cool Ipad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposits during in Term 3. To find our more, talk to your School Banking Co-Ordinator or visit your local branch.

Things to know before you can: Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland School Banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.

BOOK CLUB

Remember book club is due in this Friday 26th July. Please make sure that all order forms include your child’s name, class and correct money is enclosed in the envelope.
In Term 3 we are moving part of our focus to supporting our Year 1 students and their teachers. We will be working closely each week with those students who are having difficulties with developing their Reading and Vocabulary skills.

Some students will continue and others start to receive Individual Reading Intervention with either Mrs Mills our Teacher Librarian or Mrs Franz our Literacy & Numeracy coach. Both of these teachers are fully trained Reading Recovery teachers with wide experience in supporting developing readers.

Other identified students will begin working in small group Reading Intervention sessions with Mrs Fooks our Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy (ST:LN). While all of these identified students are receiving extra Reading Intervention our classroom teachers are supported by being able to focus more of their time on supporting and extending the Reading skills of the rest of their students.

If your child has been included in any of these Year 1 intervention sessions you will be receiving a letter home very soon. Don’t forget, the daily support you can give to your child’s home reading will make a huge difference to the success of this support program and your child’s reading development.

Our Prep Intensive Reading Program, which began at the start of Term 2, will continue throughout all of Term 3. Mrs Harrington and Mrs Minuti have been working closely with the Prep students so far. Mrs Harrington and Mrs Minuti work with small groups of Prep students 4 mornings each week as an extra boost to the reading activities that all of our Prep teachers are using in their classrooms every day.

Ask your Preppy to tell you about the reading activities they have been doing each morning in both their classroom and with Mrs Harrington & Mrs Minuti. Make time to listen to their home reader each night, enjoy being a part of your Preppy’s progress.

In our next Newsletter we will tell you more about other areas of the school where we are working alongside our dedicated classroom teachers to extend support and encourage all of our students.

Vivien Fooks, Karlee Franz, Penny Harrington, Melanie Mills & Jo Minuti

Spell-a-thon
At the final count the Spell-a-thon has raised $6936.15. This is a truly magnificent result.

The Highest Fundraiser: P-3 was: Harley W, Harley raised $160.00
The Highest Fundraiser: 4-7 was: Georgie M, Georgie raised over $120.00.
Children who raised $20.00 or more and won a Voucher in the Draw
Lower School:
PA: Emily R 1M: Sienna H 2Q: Charlottte M 3T: Sharnie F
Upper School:
4P: Jorja R 5C: Tegan K 6P: Kobe C 7S: Zachary S
Winners of Encouragement Awards Prizes – (Picked out by Teachers, names put in draw):
Lower School:
PB: Sarah K 1L: Jackson M 2Q: Hunter G 3L: Kye M
Upper School:
4G: Maddi F 5C: Sonny V 6L: Jackson B 7H: Jasmyne P

A big thanks to Sharon Sadler who has helped me immensely with counting money during this Fund raising event, Amanda Meagher and Susan Blyth assisted at times also.

Disco
The P&C will be holding a Disco on Friday the 2 August. The Junior Disco (Prep - 3) will be from 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm, and the Senior Disco (4 - 7) from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. Any tickets bought after the 24 July (next Wednesday) will be for Disco only ($4.00), NOT Pizza as we need to give Eagle Boys Pizzas a weeks notice. - No tickets will be available at the door. Please bring only a small amount of cash. We will be selling glow products, chocolates, chips and drinks from our canteen on the night.

To make things smoother for us we need a separate form and envelope per child attending the disco. Please ensure that all details are filled in correctly and that you have enclosed the correct amount of money.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to all of those that supported our Sausage Sizzle on the Senior Sports Day. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us. But we still have plenty of sausages to cook up at a future date. We will keep you posted. Thanks to Sharon Sadler, Susan Blyth and Danielle Shepherd for your help throughout the day. Thanks to Steve for doing the cooking, it was much appreciated.

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Hervey Bay’s Got Talent Contest
Walk for Daniel Hervey Bay is happening again this year. We are looking for children aged 1-17 to compete in the talent show. Prizes to be won, please register at walkfordanielherveybay@gmail.com with your name, age and your talent.

Location: Seafront Oval
Date: 7th September 2013
Time: 9:00am-5:00pm
(Talent show will be held at 11:00am)

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