Key to Success this fortnight: Organisation

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Under 8's and Mini Minds Alive Celebrations with our School Community

This year we have scheduled our Under 8's and Mini Minds Alive activities later in the term due to clashes with NAPLAN and other key events. Key Activities such as “Under 8’s Celebrations” for our Prep to Year 3 children and families and “Mini Minds Alive” for our 4-6 children and families provide an opportunity for our children to interact with children from various year levels while enjoying engaging hands on activities.

On Wednesday 10th June from 8.45am our P-3 children and families will celebrate the joys of early childhood in our Under 8’s Celebrations which will span our Junior School play areas and building surrounds.

On Thursday 11th June from 9.00-10.30 am our 4-6 children and families will celebrate Mini Minds Alive with children participating in various hands on engagement activities spanning the middle school and upper school areas, ovals and playgrounds.

A Program of Activities for both events is included as a separate flyer with this week’s newsletter. Please also keep an eye on face book for updates and information about these events.

We look forward to sharing these events with our school community.

Semester 1 Academic Awards

As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, I will be presenting all students from Year 1 to Year 6 who have achieved outstanding results in English, Maths or Science with a Principal’s Academic Award. Students who have made wonderful progress through hard work and dedication in Word Study or Numeracy Warm Ups in Prep to Year 6 will also be awarded with a Principal’s Encouragement Award.

Principal Awards in Visual Arts will be issued as part of the Semester 2 Academic Award Ceremonies following the implementation of our school wide Visual Arts Program throughout Semester 2.
Letters will be sent home on the 9th June with all students who will be receiving awards inviting parents to attend our Special Award Ceremonies.

Our Senior Awards Ceremony (Years 4-6) will be conducted on Tuesday 16th June from 1.30pm.

Our Junior Awards Ceremony (Prep – Year 3) will be conducted on Wednesday 17th June from 1.30pm.

I look forward to celebrating the outstanding achievement and efforts of our students with our school community during both special awards ceremonies.

School Attendance - Every Day Counts!

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

• birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.

What should I do if my family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

• won’t get out of bed in the morning
• won’t go to bed at night
• can’t find their uniform, books, school bag …
• slow to eat breakfast
• haven’t done their homework
• watching TV
• have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
• it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help

• have a set time to go to bed
• have a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

An important Letter Sent Home on Last Friday about School Sport Shirts

A letter was sent home last Friday with all families about the School Sports Shirts and the lengthy delays we are experiencing from our supplier.

If you missed out on this letter with details about the delays please contact the school office and we will get one to you.

Outside School Hours Care Survey

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We are interested in getting feedback from our families about their requirements for OSHC.

Hard copies of the survey are available from the school office and will also be sent home with this newsletter.

A copy of the survey can also be downloaded from the home page of the school website (bottom right hand corner of the home page in the quick links)

The decision about establishing a service will be based on this survey, so if you are interested in using this proposed service, please take the time to complete this survey and return it to the Administration Office by 30/6/2015.
News from the Junior School—Mrs Helen Forbes

Under 8’s
Next Wednesday June 10th is Under 8’s day and it is going to be an exciting morning for all of students in the junior school. Teachers will be preparing and running different activities around the junior school classrooms and undercover areas and Year 6 students will be on hand to assist in the activities. Our junior school students look forward to this day and considering the variety of activities available there is always fun for every child.

The morning will start at approximately 8.50am and parents are welcome to join us.

Teddy Bear’s Hospital for Prep students

Next week we will be having a visit from a group of UQ medical students who will run a Teddy Bear Hospital session for our prep students. The medical students will conduct their Teddy Bear’s Hospital on Friday 12th June after morning tea. Students are invited to bring their teddy bear to school on that day.

During the session students will rotate through four stations related to their health: Healthy eating and dental hygiene, exercise, sun safety and visiting the doctor. At each station the medical students will act as ‘doctors’ for the students ‘sick’ teddy bears and hopefully work towards breaking down barriers between young children and healthcare professionals as well as raising awareness about staying healthy. At the end of the session prepreps will be awarded with a certificate of participation.

The Teddy Bear Hospital is a free educational program run by the Ashintosh Foundation without cost to parents or school and was successful in providing our last year’s students with an understanding of how to keep themselves and their teddy bears healthy so we look forward to this year’s prepreps engaging in the program.

Final assessments for semester one

Over the last week students have been working hard to finalise their assessment for end of semester reports and teachers have been pleased and excited with their students’ progress. Teachers are also carefully checking results to select students who have achieved the necessary results to be recognised with an academic award. This is the result of focussed effort and self-discipline by students and carefully considered planning and teaching by dedicated teachers.

These awards also provide an opportunity for all students to reflect on and celebrate their own individual progress in our whole school agenda ‘Leap into Learning’. Junior academic awards will be presented on a special assembly on Wednesday 17th June at 1.30pm. Parents are invited to celebrate this event with their children.

Year three students have been studying the elements of persuasive writing as part of their NAPLAN testing so have been practising their skills in persuasion on a variety of topics. Please enjoy the persuasive texts written by one of our students in year three.

Is SSSS The Best School In Hervey Bay?

I’m in Grade three and I believe SSSS is the best school in Hervey Bay!
Recently our chickens had chicks …. So cute.
I was up at the chicken coop yesterday and they even have a veggie garden. Also they let you hold the chickens but NOT the chicks …. So fun!
When you enter the school, there is a garden called the Bush Tucker Garden. It’s an Aboriginal garden. Last year, Mrs Steyger told us a story and someone played the didgeridoo for us …. Cool :)
The teachers here are awesome. Miss Green gives us prizes all the time. She buys games for us too …. Awesome.
All the teachers make learning fun. Miss Green puts up times table videos to learn. Sometimes we do Spellamoodles …. Fun.

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. Prepare to be confused as you read some of our clever year two character description of traditional rhymes.

Humpty Dumpty
Humpty Dumpty put a bomb in the mall,
Humpty Dumpty blew up the wall,
All the king’s horses,
And all the king’s men,
Put Humpty Dumpty in jail again.
By Ben Smith 2/3Q

Humpty Bumpty
Humpty Bumpty sat on the floor,
Humpty Bumpty leant on the door,
All the king’s horses,
And all the king’s men,
Stepped on Humpty and never saw him again.
By Jesse Dilati 2/3Q

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 using the computer art program ‘Kidpix’. Students needed to understand and describe the character.

The Rainbow Fish
The Rainbow Fish is still beautiful. He has one scale left. He is kind because he gave a glittering scale to each other fish. He doesn’t glide past and ignore the fish anymore. He is very nice. He’s different. He only has colours except one was shining. He is sharing. He gave his scales away but he didn’t give all away, one was left. He was colourful.

Written by Alyssa 1M
Mini Minds Alive
Coming up next Thursday as part of our Education Week celebrations, our Yr 4 to 6 students will participate in Mini Minds Alive activities. Mini Minds Alive gives our students an opportunity to participate in some really worthwhile activities that are sometimes overlooked because of time constraints. Activities will range from Pop Art Portraits to Tabloid Sports. I am sure our students will love it. Teacher's time is more precious than ever and their willingness to accommodate Mini Minds Alive is very much appreciated.

Great Cyber Safety Resource for parents and children
Being online has become a big part of everybody's life; particularly for children who are growing up surrounded by the internet, computers, smart devices and gaming consoles that offer unlimited networking possibilities.

With the power of these connections, it is important that we educate our children about safe and positive ways to be online.

Telstra and the Queensland Government have partnered to develop Creep Quiz: Are U Safe Online?
This quiz has been designed to provide insight into the online world and highlight some of the pitfalls for the unwary.

Lots of social media sites and apps require users to be 13 years and older; so as your child approaches that age, the pressure from friends to use social media intensifies.

Use the quiz to test your own knowledge and as an opportunity to discuss online safety with your child.
Take the quiz now and give online creeps the flick.
http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au/

Mr Baldwin’s Huge Challenge
All of us at school wish our PE teacher, Mr Baldwin, the very best as he heads to Cairns to tackle an Ironman Triathlon. This triathlon includes a leisurely swim of 3.8 km, a 180 km relaxing ride through the hills of Cairns and concludes with a peaceful marathon run.

News from Young Greenies Community

YOUNG GREENIES COMMUNITY GARDEN - FREE DRESS DAY
A big thank you to those who participated in our Free Dress Day for the Young Greenies Community Garden on 20 May and as a result of the fantastic response $546.90 was raised. Your donations will be well used toward purchasing much needed seedlings, fruit trees, composting worms and garden equipment.

The Young Greenies Community Garden continues to be a great lunchtime play alternative for students who wish to learn and engage in all things natural and living. Incidentally, parents who have a love of gardening who would like to share their gardening knowledge, donate their time or supplies are more than welcome to help tend the Community Garden. Parents may also like to work alongside their child at play time (1.00 p.m.) in the garden as they put concepts of sustainability into practice.

Here are some definitions children have shared when asked to describe what sustainability means to them:-
Like a circle - it goes around and all is re-used
Loving and caring for our planet and others
Thinking about what you need rather than taking what you want
Making the world a better place for the future
Being nice to all of your neighbours including the trees

Sustainability is not just cleaning up your own room – it’s about keeping tidy an even bigger room that belongs to everyone!

VERY CUTE SANDY STRAIT SILKY CHICKS FOR SALE
As most of you know, there were many chicks which hatched from our three Silky Hens. There were in fact eleven in total. Three chicks will remain at school for the remainder of this term and it is likely that two of those three will be raffled off toward the end of next term.

The eight remaining beautiful Silky Chicks are approximately three weeks old and are ready to find their new forever homes NOW. They are being offered to students at a cost of $20.00 for a pair including food – with profits going back into the Young Greenies Community Garden. To be fair to the many warm hearted students who have expressed an interest in taking these lovely babies home, we have decided to conduct a draw (there is no cost to enter) where just four lucky students and their families will be the new owners.

If you are interested in entering the draw, you can collect an Entry form from the office. The date for the draw has been extended to next week Wednesday (10 June) and successful entrants will be contacted directly as to when they can collect their chicks.

News from the P & C

Position Vacant – Tuckshop Convenor Sandy Strait State School
The Parents and Citizens Association of Sandy Strait State School are seeking to employ an enthusiastic self-motivated person to manage the school tuckshop operations.

The position is on a casual basis each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 18 hours per week during the school terms with employment conditions in accordance with the P & C and Other Associations Retail Award.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day operations of the Tuckshop as well as ensuring that the future business directions of the Tuckshop as determined by the P & C are carried out to ensure best practice in food service is provided to our students.

Application packages can be collected from the school office. Applications close 3.00 pm Friday 12 June.
Hervey Bay Little Athletics 2015-2016 Season Sign On

Friday 5th June 3.30pm to 5.30pm at the club grounds
Cnr Lower Mountain and Dundowran Roads,
Dundowran
and
Saturday 20th June 10am to 2pm at Seafront Oval, the
Esplanade, Pialba
Demonstrations and interactive drills. Food and drinks
available.

Our club caters for Little Athletics
3 yrs up to Under 17s
Athletics from 17 yrs to masters
Tiny Tots – Ages 3 yrs – 5 yrs
Under 6s
Under 7s to Under 17s

For more information please email:
herveybayla@gmail.com Mobile: 0477627641
Under 8’s Celebrations.

Prep- Year 3

When: **Wednesday 10th June 8.45- 11.00am**

Come and celebrate the joys of childhood as the Prep – Year 3 team join for a morning of free choice, play based, hands on activities spanning the Junior School playgrounds, undercover areas and walkways.

Our Under 8’s Celebrations have become a tradition at Sandy Strait. Come and help keep this great Junior School Community Event alive and join in the fun.

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![Image of children and adults]
Mini Minds Alive
Years 4-6

When: Thursday 11th June 9.00-10.45am

Students from Years 4-6 are able to select an activity from a range of engaging, hands on learning, opportunities with staff and students from across the 4-6 cluster. Come along and join in the fun.

Mini Minds Alive

S'Moores Cooking: Kitchen in Half

Science: Rockets: Oval

Beading: G Block

French Knitting: E Block

Tabloid Games: Basket Ball Courts / Oval

Sewing Pencil Cases: F Block

Ukulele: Music Room

Pop Art Portraits: Main Under Covered Area

Minute to Win It: Cottage

Minute to Win It: Main Under Covered Area

Photography: Various Venues

Young Greenies

D Block
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Community Survey

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We are interested in getting feedback from our families about their requirements for OSHC. The decision about establishing a service will be based on this survey, so if you are interested in using this proposed service, please take the time to complete this survey and return it to the Administration Office by 30/6/2015.

The Government supports families accessing OSHC, with various financial assistance including the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the Child Care Rebates (CCR). For eligible families, this rebate would be deducted from the fees before you are charged. Following are some indicative fees for the service. After the available rebates have been deducted, the minimum and maximum costs for the service would be as follows:

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* Rebates increase with each additional child attending.

1. If OSHC services were available onsite at Sandy Strait State School, would you use them?

   Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. If you are interested in OSHC, please move on to question 3. If not, can you tell us why?

   Do not need OSHC [ ]
   Have alternative arrangements [ ]
   Cannot afford it [ ]
   Other reason—please specify:

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3. Which year group are your children in?  
   Please indicate how many in each year group.

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4. When do you think you would be most likely to use the OSHC service?  
   Please indicate number of children at each session

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5. What times would you require the service to open by in the morning to drop off your child/children and stay open til in the afternoon for you to collect your child/children?

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Thank you for your participation