Children’s Book Week and Grandparent’s Day

Tuesday 19th August

As part of our Children’s Book Week and Grandparent’s Day Celebrations we have a Special Event planned for our school community. Come dressed as your favourite story book character and celebrate the magic of children’s literature.

8.45 am  Official welcome to our Grandparents and performances by our choir in the hall
9.15 - 10.00  Children take their Grandparents to their classrooms to share in reading and book week activities
10.00 - 10.30  Grandparents to join us for “Rug Reading”
  Children from Prep to Year 7 came out on the oval and participate in storytelling
10.30 - 11.00  Grandparents to join us for special morning tea served from the canteen in the hall
11.00  Grandparents are welcome to visit our Bookfair in the library before departing

It is essential that we have an accurate indication of Grandparents attending to ensure that we are well prepared and are able to cater appropriately for this event. Invitations with RSVP return slips were sent home with all children earlier this week. Please be sure to RSVP and return the slip by Friday 15th August at the latest.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.
Thank you for Supporting the P&C School Disco
I would like to thank all of our parents and staff who supported the P&C Disco that was held on Friday 8th August. It was a great night and it was lovely to have so many parents and children in attendance at both the Junior and Senior Disco.

A special thank you must also go out to our hard small, but very hard working P&C for putting together such a great event.

Enrolments for the 2015 Prep Year Are Now Open
Enrolments are now being taken for the Prep Year in 2015. 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 2015 school year.

Children who turn 5 by the 30th June 2015 are eligible to attend Prep in the 2015 School year.

It is important that we have an early indication of our anticipated numbers for the 2015 school year so we can begin planning ahead.

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.

The first in our series of Pre Prep Sessions focuses on Early Number Concepts and is planned for Wednesday the 20th August from 9.30-10.30

If you have not yet registered your attendance (for yourself and your child) for our session on the 20th August can you please contact the school office to ensure we have a Take Home Resource Pack ready for you.

Please be sure to register your attendance for the sessions below.

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Leap Into Learning - Data and Target Setting Meetings with Teachers and Leadership Team
Across all reaches of our school you will hear the phrase “Leap into Learning”. Schools are about learning, it is our core business each and every day.

This year we have continued to invest a great deal of time as a staff discussing what our focus for this “learning” will be. We have a very clear and defined goal around improving our results in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and we are very committed to this plan.

Every 5 weeks teachers meet with a member of the Leadership team (Principal, Deputy Principals, HOSES) to share data that has been collected and to discuss student progress towards their 5 weekly goals or targets. This process sits within the framework which we have entitled “Leaping into Learning”.

This week is target setting week and teachers have come off class for approximately an hour to work in partnership with their Leadership team member.

Why 5 weekly targets?
Students make progress in their learning each and every day. It is important to carefully monitor these little steps forward to ensure that our programs are tailored to the needs of our students. Often a concept has proven more difficult to grasp than expected and a teacher needs to reassess how he/ she is going to plan future teaching experiences to ensure that children have truly understood the task, hence the need for a cycle of ongoing data and “check in” points or targets. It is vital that the timeframe is short, for this reason we establish 5 weekly targets and goals.

I am very proud of the work our teachers have produced as part of this school wide focus. To have the opportunity to sit and work with our teachers and share the improvements and gains made by our students over a 5 week period is very rewarding.

We are very lucky at Sandy Strait to have such a hard working and dedicated teaching team who are focussed on ensuring that all of our students are making leaps in their learning each and every day.
Arriving late to school
There are times when students are late to school for good reason and students are able to explain the reason and teachers understand this is a part of every day living. When students are continually late and are unable to explain the reason teachers become worried as these students are missing out on important learning regularly.

Teachers need your assistance with ensuring your child is at school by 8.35 in time to prepare for the start of the school day. Some of our students are often and regularly arriving to school late and this disrupts the class program as well as creating some confusion for your child as they try to catch up with the rest of the class. Please find a way to help us with this as it is in the best interests of your child.

Leap into Learning – The Visual Arts
This week we begin our very exciting six week Visual Arts program for all Prep to Year Two students. Students will be given lessons in each of the four elements – Line, Shape, Colour and Texture and will be creating works of art to display at an art exhibition in week six. Students will be working with a different teacher on their Visual Arts afternoon as they rotate through the various lessons. We look forward to seeing some great compositions over the coming weeks. We will post pictures on Facebook to share the students work so please keep a look out for this.

Leap into Learning - English
Prep
Our Prep students have been busy sharing their reflections of the ‘Pirate Show’ with their classmates and feedback from the students has been that they loved the show and they loved being pirates.

How to Make a Sand Castle
Equipment: sand, shells, water, shovel, bucket, sticks
What to Do:
1. Build the moat, the turrets and the walls with shovel and bucket
2. Fill the moat with the water
3. Decorate with shells
4. Put up sticks to make drawbridge handles
5. Make drawbridge with more sticks
6. Admire your masterpiece!
Jordan 2Q

How to Make a Sand Castle
Need: Shells, sand, bucket, water, spade, toadfish, shells
What to Do:
1. Fill the bucket with sand and tip out until you’ve got ten mini castles
2. Slice them in half
3. Stack them on top of each other
4. Punch a hole for the draw bridge
5. Get a bit of wood shaped like a draw bridge
6. Dig a moat
7. Fill the moat with water
8. Put toad fish in the moat
9. Get some sand and put it so it will look like some turrets
10. Put the draw bridge in the hole
11. Put the turrets on top
12. Put pretty shells on top.
Kaine 2R

Year Three
Year three students have been examining myths and other stories to help them learn to analyse verbs, clauses, sentence structure, evaluative language and compare and contrast different myths. Part of their assessment required them to present a retell from another perspective. Students used Dr Suess ‘The Lorax’ to tell the story from the Lorax’s perspective. Please enjoy Jamie’s retell.

Long, long ago in a forest of truffles trees all us animals were having fun. All the trees were living, the grass was green and us humming fish had a point of blue glittery water. The pond was perfect. Everyone of the brown bar-ba loots were eating the fruit of the truffle trees. Every animal except humming fish were playing in the shade of trees. Us fish were humming and singing, splashing and playing in our spectacular ponds. When the Oncler arrived he saw the trees and chopped one down. He turned its tufty tuft into a horrible thing called a thneed.

All of our year one students had an enchanting day at the Enchanted Forest performance. The students were involved in songs and dancing and learnt lessons on how to care for rainforest environments. Year One students are all working on their rhyming poems. Please assist your child with rhyming by playing games that involve rhyming whenever possible.

Today we saw the Enchanted Forest show. My favourite part was when Brayden was a gnome. I also really liked when he caught himself and when I was a Buzzing Bee. Jack J

Today we saw the Enchanted Forest show. My favourite part was when I got dressed as a tree. Zane J

Today we saw the Enchanted Forest show. My favourite part was when Ranger Tom said he had caught the gnomes but he had caught himself. I also really liked watching the fairy’s dance. Kirra J

Today we saw the Enchanted Forest show. My favourite part was when I was dressed up as a flower. I also really liked singing too. Katie J

Year Two
Year two students have been using Roald Dahl’s novel ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ to characterise characters. They learnt how to write a procedure, the use of comma’s in a list and the appropriate words to use when describing characters. As part of their assessment students needed to write their own procedure and I have been entertained with some fantastic procedures on how to make a sandcastle, a cup of tea and how to wash a dog. All students have been engaged and responsive with their learning and enjoyed writing procedures. In reading students will continue working in small groups for Guided Reading where they will be developing their ability to use their reading strategies and comprehension to help them read unfamiliar texts.

The Bar-Bo-Loots play in the shade and they are indeed frisky and they eat truffela fruits. The Bar-Bo-Loots are playful, they are brown, and they do wear their brown soots. My friends and I played under truffela trees and we love eating nice tasty fruits and the fruits were tasty yes indeed. I loved to jump in the lakes. I played in the truffela trees because I’m frisky and the softness of the trees tickled me. I loved the nice shiny green grass and the Humming fish splashed in the water and they made such a nice music with their hummy gills. A strange man arrived in his wagon. His name was the Once-Ler. He made a sap. He started to knit some thee’d with the nice soft truffela trees. There were truffela fruits on the truffela trees that me and my friends eat and play under. But a week later all the truffela trees got chopped down. Then the Lorax came out of the stump and said, “I speak for the trees! Their is no food left for the animals.” So the Lorax sent me and my friends off to find a new home.
**USHS—Science**

USHS Science HOD has invited our Year 6 students to USHS to participate in some hands on science activities with their Year 8 students on Friday 22nd August (Science Week). The Year 6 students will be divided into 2 groups. With 1 group participating at 12:10 to 1:20 and the 2nd group participating at 1:45 to 2:45 pm.

Students will walk to and from the USHS Science Department with our Science teacher Mrs Chapman.

We are grateful to USHS Science faculty for this opportunity and we are sure our students will enjoy the experience.

The USHS Science department are planning to hold some cost free hands-on extension afternoon sessions for any year 6 and 7 students who are interested in science. These sessions will run from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and they are looking at holding two of these at the end of this term, and another three in term four. Parents are welcome to attend these workshops. Students don’t have to be enrolling in USHS to attend these enrichment activities.

There will be more details forthcoming about these after school sessions, as they are still finalising our proposed program, however they will be having practical activities ranging from physics chemistry and biology for example making rockets and microscope work.

Proposed dates for these are (all Wednesdays):

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**Mini Gig—Invitation to Year 6 & 7 Students**

USHS is offering Year 6 & 7 students the opportunity to participate in their multi-arts performance and display event “Mini Gig”. The event will take place on 7 November with rehearsals throughout Term 3 and 4. If any students are interested in participating they are required to attend an information session and sign-on with their parent or guardian on Wednesday 3 September from 3.45 pm—4.30 pm. There will be a $20 payment to cover the cost of a “Mini Gig” t-shirt, poster and two tickets to the event.

If there are any interested students please see the office for a copy of the letter that has been sent home to those students who expressed interest.

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**DISCO!!**

Thanks for making our Disco a great success. It was great to see most of our kids in fluoro. A big shout out to Damien, from Images Disco Service who once again provided an awesome service that the children, parents and teachers appreciated. Thanks also to Eagle Boys Pizza’s for delivering the 81 pizza’s that were ordered just for the Disco.

Thank you to Nyree and Danielle for spending days before the Disco, counting money and ordering stock.

Thanks to Nyree, (our P&C member), Ally, Nicole, Karen, Lauren and all the other Parent Helpers that assisted on the night, there were many of you. I am lucky to have such a great group around me. A massive cheer has to go to the Teachers/ and Aides who bring such energy, organisation, and fun to the night. This was my third Disco to organise, and while there is always room for improvement, I get the kick out of seeing the kids having a great time. Thanks Bruce for your assistance throughout the night, it was a long night, but a good night.

We had a best dressed for each disco, and the winners were: Junior: Kaya, Senior: Maddison. The Junior winner won a single pass to Hervey Bay Tenpin & Zone 3, and a $10 Gift Card. The Senior winner won a family pass to Reefworld. Thank you to our two sponsors, and congratulations to the winners.

**Lost property:** A small amount of money was handed in at the end of the night. If you lost money at the Disco let the office know ASAP.

Keep your eye on the next newsletter, we will let you know how much money has been raised from the Disco.

**Tuckshop Hours**

Don’t forget that our Tuckshop is open on a Wednesday as well. Kerry will be introducing some special meals on this day, so keep an eye out in the newsletter on Facebook and on the Noticeboard at the office.

**Next P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday, August 27, at 3.00pm in the Admin building. ALL welcome.

Thanks for your Support,
Kim, Tash, Sharon (Your P&C Executive team)

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**News from the Dental Van**

Dental forms have been handed out to Years 5, 6 and 7. Could you please return these forms ASAP as only the children who have returned their forms will be seen. Those who do not return their form will miss out on being seen at the Dental van this time round. Medical forms for Prep students will be handed out shortly, and subsequent grades in the future.

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**Library News**

Bookweek and Bookfair will be held 18—22 August. On Tuesday August 19, our school community is invited to come dressed as your favourite book or space character. Children will have the opportunity to show off their costumes to visiting grandparents who will also be able to purchase books from our bookfair that we will be running all week. It will also be the day our whole school gathers on the oval to share stories read to us by our Senior students. Get those creative juices flowing – we look forward to a week of fun celebrating books!
School Photos

Photo envelopes were sent home last week. Photos will be held 26 & 27 August. To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON the date of your child’s photos—NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please follow these steps to order:

1. Complete student details on the order envelope—one envelope for each student.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, credit card or online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
3. Online Orders—visit www.qldschoolphotography.com.au to order. Reference number must be recorded on envelope and handed to photographers.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given)
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.
8. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together please collect a family envelope from the school office and bring the completed envelope along with your children to the Hall from 8.00 am to 8.30 am.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund. Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 38079601.

Parents also have the option of purchasing extra-curricular photos if they wish. If you wish to buy one or more of these groups they are available at:

1 Photograph at: $18
2 Photographs at: $26
3 Photographs at: $34
4 Photographs at $10 each

If you wish to purchase any of these photos please collect an envelope from the office and return your order on 26 August to the photographer. Photos on offer include Student Leaders, House Captains, Strings students and Band students.

A timetable of when your child’s class will be taken is below.

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We want YOU!!

Juniors and Seniors
Its sign on time again at Hervey Bay Oztag.
Oztag is one of the fastest growing sports in Qld
Similar to Rugby League but without the tackling so its safe & fun for men, women & children of all ages, sizes & skill levels.
Enjoy lots of evasive running, kicking, tagging and try scoring!
So kids and parents, start getting your teams together now, or just come and join a team with a friend or by yourself if you wish.
Junior sign on for U6 boys and girls up to U15 boys and girls are August 26th & 28th from 4.30pm until 6pm
Senior sign on for mixed, ladies and mens divisions is September 2nd from 5.30pm until 7pm
Sign ons are at Seagulls Rugby League Club, Bideford St Torquay
For more info or to sign on online visit www.herveybayoztag.com
Or call 0414893840

Elders Swim Centre
would like to offer
Free Water Safety Talks.
Why? Because 205 children drowned last year.
Presenter: Leanne Lee and Liz Eyschen
2012 Qld. Swim Teacher of the Year.
The interactive and fun talks (children over 3 yrs old) will only take 15-20 minutes and children will be left with some simple water safety skills. BOOK NOW to take advantage of this offer in August/September.
Staff available on Wednesday and Thursdays from 9.15 am OR Contact Elders Swim Centre 4128 4888