FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS SHARON MCMORROW

Congratulations to our “Rock Toyz” Cast and Crew.
The cast of this year’s school musical “Rock Toyz” dazzled audiences with 2 performances on Saturday at the Great Hall. From start to finish our talented students captivated audiences with a Cinderella Story with a Rock n Roll Twist, with energetic music and vibrant costumes similar to Grease. Through music and dance we discovered what happens when toys from the attic meet the rats from the cellar.

I was so proud of each and every one of our students who gave 110% throughout both performances. Congratulations to all of you.

Behind the scenes we had many staff and parents who volunteered their time to ensure that the musical was a big success.

We had large audience numbers at both the matinee and evening performances which was very pleasing. Knowing that friends and loved ones were out in the audience meant so much to our children and the energy from the crowd could be felt up on stage.

I would like to thank all of our parents and community members for your fantastic support.

Smart Classrooms Regional ICT Award Winner
On Friday as part of the World Teachers Day celebrations 21 Queensland teachers were recognised for enhancing student learning opportunities through the use of Information and Communication Technologies. The awards, together with a $1500 professional development grant, reward teachers who have made significant progress in making ICT integral to learning and who are committed to ongoing professional development.

Mrs Vivien Fooks, one of our Literacy and Numeracy Support teachers was named as one of the 21 state winners.

Congratulations to Mrs Fooks. The Sandy Strait Team are very proud of your accomplishments.

English and Maths School Competition Winners to be recognised on this Week’s Assembly
Earlier this year a number of students from years 3-7 participated in the Australasian School’s Maths and English Competitions.

Our students have achieved very pleasing results and the following students will be presented with their certificates on Assembly this week. Congratulations to the following students:

Australasian Maths Competition
Distinction
Matthew Killer (Yr 4)  
Jack Turner (Yr 5)  
Jack Bennion (Yr 6) Maddison McMorrow (Yr 6)  
Emily Waring (Yr 7)
Credit
Alan Brook (Yr 4)
Kristy Wedmaier (Yr 4)
Chloe Wedmaier (Yr 6)
Taylor Mackie (Yr 7)
Max Phillips (Yr 7)

Australasian English Competition
Distinction
Sara Hanson (Yr 6)
Emily Waring (Yr 7)

Credit
Thomas Bennion (Yr 3)
Mikaylah Evans (yr 3)
Erin Riley (yr 3)
Alana Brook (yr 4)
Kristy Wedmaier (yr 4)
Josh Grinter (yr 6)
Taylor Mackie (yr 7)

Australian Mathematics Trust Competition
High Distinction
Maddison McMorrow (Yr 6)

Distinction
Matthew Schlein (Yr 7)
Matthew Porich (Yr 7)
Max Phillips (Yr 7)
Lachlan Lakin (Yr 6)
Harmony Gill (Yr 6)
Matthew Killer (Yr 4)
Lachlan Dickfos (Yr 4)

Credit
Emily Waring (Yr 7)
Daniel Walsh (Yr 7)
Taylor Mackie (Yr 7)
Chloe Jaenke (Yr 7)
Maxine Guiver (Yr 7)
Rheanna Bose (Yr 7)
Brandon Austin (Yr 7)
William Armitt (Yr 7)
Jay Andrew (Yr 7)
Regan Zelow (Yr 6)
Chloe Wedmaier (Yr 6)
Jessie Staples (Yr 6)
Anthony Simmons (Yr 6)
Shaun Seletkoff (Yr 6)
Jack Bennion (Yr 6)

2012 Prep Enrolment Forms Reminder
Our 2012 Prep enrolment process is well underway with our future preppies and their families attending an open day in mid August and parent information sessions on the 19th October. On the 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th November parents are invited to attend 1-1 interviews with one of our Prep teachers.

If you have yet to return your completed enrolment forms could you please do so as soon as possible as we must finalise our predicted enrolments for the 2012 school year to ensure we have adequate staffing and resourcing in place.

Your prompt attention to this important task is very much appreciated.

Planning Ahead for the 2012 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2012 school year it is essential that our enrolment predications are as accurate as possible.
I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating a new school for the start of the 2012 school year to please contact our school office so we can update our records.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2012 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL  MRS HELEN FORBES

What’s happening in Prep?
The Preps are all learning about animals and pets. I was fortunate to spend some time in Prep this week listening to some wonderful reading in all of the classes. Prep T were writing letters to the Zoo and drawing great pictures about their focus book. Prep M held their fantastic book launch where Mrs McMorrow and I viewed some talented art work and student-created books. Our Preps are well and truly speeding through sight words and becoming more and more confident with their reading. Parents please keep reading with your preppie every night and always try to make it fun and interesting; try having pre and post book chats.

What’s up in Year 1?
The year ones are busy bees writing very creative creation stories. Parents if you have a chance go in and have a read—they are very clever indeed! I particularly noticed how independent the Year 1s are now and how they are really focussed on their work. Ask your child what they did today and be specific…‘Did you read a story today? Can you tell me about it?’ or ‘Did you write today? What did you write about and did you use any interesting words?’

Where the Year 2s are at...
The Year 2s are learning the art of writing a persuasive text—so persuasive in fact, that they are writing about why a dragon would make a good pet! The Year 2 spelling results have shown good improvement and teachers are busy doing important assessment tasks. When I walked through the classrooms, the students and teachers are all working hard and staying focussed at this busy time of the year.

It’s all happening in Year 3...
Fishing, fishing and more fishing is on the minds of our Year 3 students this week as they prepare for their exciting trip to the Marina on Wednesday and Thursday! Parents please remember that students need 2 pair of shoes for the excursion (one to get wet and one to keep dry). Classes have been busy writing about personal experiences, paying attention to sentence structure and emotive words that engage the reader. Assessment is a big focus at this time of the year and it is important that students are at school to complete this very necessary testing. Please make every effort to get students to school on time and prepared for their day.

Keep a look out for my “Leaping through the Lens of…” segment on parade!

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NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL  MR BRUCE JACKSON

How to make a dollar disappear without spending it, giving it away or losing it....
Two weeks ago our newsletter readers were faced with the following challenge:

Three men rent a hotel room. Each pays $10 for a total of $30 spent on the room. The next day the hotel owner tells the three men that they over paid for the room as it only costs $25. The three men tell the owner to give them each a dollar back and he can keep two dollars.

If you do the math, each man paid $9 a piece for the room for a total of $27. The owner kept $2 which brings the total to $29.

The question is where did the other dollar go?

In case you were wondering here is the answer:
The brain teaser is a semantic fallacy. There is a misdirect in the problem when it says that when you do the math each man paid $9 each for the room, plus $2 tip. They don't. They pay a combined price of $25.00 plus the $2 tip. The problem sets up a set of facts:

- $30.00 was originally given to the hotel owner
- Correct price of the room = $25
- Each man receives $1 dollar refund = $3
- The owner receives a $2 tip
- $25 for room + $2 tip for the owner = $27
- $30 - $27 = $3 which is how much the men receive back as a refund.

Those are the facts. Once you separate those out, you can see the misdirect in the puzzle. There isn't a dollar discrepancy as listed, all the money is accounted for.

**What does it mean to work in a school?**

Sadly some in the community only see the “9 to 3” part of the day in which teachers (and other staff in schools) work. They don’t see the myriad of other commitments that school staff make. However, working in schools is far more than 9 to 3!

**Working in schools means** waking in the middle of the night and worrying about the real reason ‘Billy was upset today’!

**Working in schools means** staying late to work on the school musical

**Working in schools means** going on camp and sleeping with one eye open waiting for someone who needs help

**Working in schools means** holding the bucket as a student suffers motion sickness whilst on a school trip

**Working in schools means** opening your classroom doors before and after school to help students (and parents)

**Working in schools means** staying up late (and getting up early) to correct the homework and assignments so students get the feedback they need

**Working in schools means** missing your own child’s sports day because your students need you

**Working in schools means** constantly trying to improve lessons to engage students and capture their attention

**Working in schools means** buying raffle tickets, girl guide biscuits and chocolates to support our students

**Working in schools means** calling, emailing and writing notes to parents after hours to ensure we are working together

**Working in schools means** being patient with your own children after a full day being patient with the children of 28 others

**Working in schools means** spending hours, days and weeks preparing lessons, setting up displays, collecting resources and creating a great classroom environment

**Working in schools means** taking the time to get to know each child as an individual so that we you connect with them and help them be the best that they can be

**Working in schools means** being patient when we are tired, tactful when we are frustrated and consistent when it is needed

**Working in schools is** demanding on emotions, our energy and our reserves.

**Working in schools is** …REALLY IMPORTANT, ULTIMATELY

**2012 Student Leadership Process**

Close to 40 of our Year 6 students have completed an on-line application expressing an interest in being part of the 2012 Student Leadership Team. The leadership roles of Student Leader, House Captain and Local Chaplaincy Committee Leader are ones of honour and responsibility. This list of nominations will be scrutinised carefully from a panel of teachers and the shortened to about 10 - 15. The “short-listed” students will be required to give a speech to the staff and senior school.

**Year 6 excursion**

Our Year students head off on their Fraser Island trip tomorrow. This excursion is an integral component of their SOSE Unit that focuses on sustainability. Students will engage in a field study that will allow them to further develop and apply concepts and skills that have been learnt in the classroom. A guided ‘walk and talk’ will highlight the importance of caring for our natural environment. What better place to do that than on our own Fraser Island.

**School Chaplaincy Application**

During the last 4 years Sandy Strait State School has received Federal Government funding through the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program to employ a school
chaplain. During this time the school employed a school chaplain for 2 days a week. Our most recent Chaplain, Chappy Mike Radic had to reluctantly resign from the position just recently to take up a teaching position.

The funding for our school chaplaincy program will expire at the end of this year and all schools throughout Australia are required to reapply for the next period of funding. Paramount to our funding application is the ability of our school to show evidence that our school community continues to support Sandy Strait State School employing a school chaplain. We would love to have your feedback before we reapply. Parents can provide feedback by typing in http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLF2TXC in their browser and respond to our survey. It should only take about 2 minutes.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS – MS LEE SMITH**

**This weeks specials**
'Toasted cheese sandwich' - $1.60 (1st or 2nd break)
Chicken & Corn roll - 1.80 (1st or 2nd break)
Jelly cup - 60cents

Volunteer roster this week is below;

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**YOU CAN DO IT CERTIFICATES**

28 October
4P—Curtis Easton for being responsible and a valued member of our class!
4G—Blaise O’Brien for listening to instructions and completing his work to the best of his ability
5F—Julia Kasapovic for always getting along well with her peers. Well Done!
5/6S—Jaden Martin for helping other students with difficult work.
6P—Courtney Jackson for always having a positive attitude with her teacher and classmates.
6W—Tristan Hunt for always treating everyone with kindness and respect

**SHOWCASE NEWS – MISS KYLIE HUNTER**

Showcase 2011 is just 1 week away and the excitement is building for our instrumental and choral students. This is the time of the year where they get to display all of their hard work and shine for family and friends. This year Showcase is on November the 10th starting at 6:30 pm. It will be held in the Performing Arts Block of the Urangan State High School. Students will have received a note last week outlining all the details but if not, please see me for a copy. It is an enjoyable and always entertaining evening and I look forward to seeing enthusiastic performers and a wonderful audience in attendance

**GREENIES GONE WILD**

Last Friday, the Young Greenies from Sandy Strait State School went to Kawungan to be part of the Sustainable School Symposium and Earth Smart Event. At Kawungan, there were different schools participating- Kawungan, Torquay, St Helens, Tinana and us. When we arrived we listened to how other school have been learning about sustainability. Then we watched an indigenous dance. Sandy Straits’ Young Greenies first activity was making a worm farm. Bunnings told us about the worms and how they use the food scraps to make juice that we can use for the garden. We also got to keep the worm farm, it is the second one our school has.
Next we went to a lino painting activity. In this activity we got to choose a template of animals and plants. This activity was fun and everyone got to keep their picture on a folder.

Our last activity, we did two things. In the first part we had to get a cup of water and five different colour smarties, we mixed them then we waited until all the colour was gone. All the colours did not mix because of all the sugar. Finally, we got a cup of instant snow powder and then you get a third of a cup of water and then we have to mix it and mix it until it is like foam. I thought it was cool how it was used to keep plants moist.

During the day, each school was asked to look after the Earth, in the form of a beach ball. At the end of the day, we sat down and thanked all the teachers for helping while eating yummy cake.

Sandy Strait helping the Earth

Young Greenies lino painting

Our new worm farm

_By Kaylah Perske (5H) and Erin Hendrex (5C)_

COMMUNITY NEWS

**FREE CONCERT!!! LOOP THE LOOP**

A hilarious musical battle featuring master drummer/keyboardist Gene Peterson, and saxophone/multi-instrumental genius Adam Page. In this jam-packed musical showdown, the audience will be treated to a plethora of amazing skills, from simultaneously playing keyboards and drums, to Tibetan throat singing, to using a variety of vegetables as musical instruments!! Hervey Bay Great Hall 7.00pm Thursday 3 November.

Watch it on Youtube: [www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=GampJfV5BB0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=GampJfV5BB0)

_Free to good home:_ 3 German Shepherd x pups. 2 females, 1 male. See Mrs Mac in Prep for more information
Interested in playing OzTag?
In February 2012, we will be taking teams of boys and girls ranging from Under 10's to Under 15's, to Caloundra. They will be representing Hervey Bay against all areas of Qld, and will be playing in front of State selectors, with a chance of being selected for the Qld State team, which we had 4 players chosen for this year. As we still have some spots open in all teams, we have been given permission by Qld Oztag to look outside our venue to fill our teams. If interested please contact by Thursday on 41258424 or 0414893840