



THE NEWS



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9th March 2017

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INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Maryborough Heritage Combined Crafts Inc Bus Trip to South Bank, Brisbane to the Stiches and Craft show. Thursday 23rd March. Departing at 6am Arriving home at 8.15pm. Contact Isabell 41214593.
- Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, Bay Families, Family Support Services 4194 3050
- Dial a Home Doctor Health and Happiness Free Family Festival—Sunday 12th March 11am-8pm Free Rides and Fireworks for Kids.
- Little Joeys Playgroup infant—Pre-prep in playgroup room, every Monday from 9-11am
- Fraser Coast Wildlife Sanctuary Inc are open 7 days a week 10am-5pm 31 Mungar Road, Maryborough. Come for a picnic. We also do birthday parties, morning and afternoon tea, and have a gift shop.
- The Salvation Army Hervey Bay 11 Robertson Street, Uranang. 4725 1848. If interested please see office for more information

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March

- 13th - Playgroup 9-11am
- 15th - Richard Watt Vision Screening Year 1&4
- 16th - Prep Teddy Bears Picnic 9-11am
- 17th - Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am
 - Junior School Parade
 - Swimming Y3-6
- 20th - Playgroup 9-11am
 - P&C AGM 3.15pm
- 24th - Indigenous Playgroup 9—11am
 - Senior Parade



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
 Welcome to the second last edition of the Term 1 newsletter. There is only a fraction over three weeks of term left but we still have a number of important events and activities to complete. Not to mention the assessment tasks that staff and students are busily finalising. These items form the basis of the Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews and give both parents and students an understanding as to their academic progress for the Semester 1 Report. I strongly encourage all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to speak to their child's teacher(s) about their progress at our school. Additionally, this Friday will see our 2017 Student Leadership Team presented with their badges on a special Parade. Once again, Mr George Seymour (Division 10 Councillor), will be our special guest and will speak to the students about the importance of Leadership in communities. This Parade will be held on Friday 10th March from 10:30am-11:00am. Please note that no other Parade will be held on this day.

A reminder to all members of our community of relevant school routines;

* All students have been warned continuously about running on concrete, especially before and after school. As this is an extremely dangerous activity, staff have been instructed to refer these students immediately to Admin for a formal consequence. Please ensure that you talk to your child(ren) about this as we do not want any child hurting themselves.

* Rewards Day Activities – this year the school is covering the costs of Rewards Days. As per last year, the criteria to be eligible to attend Rewards Day is no more than 2 detentions, no suspensions and the Student Resource Scheme must have at least \$45 paid or a payment plan in place. **Please note that due to a drop in our attendance rate, from Term 2 onwards, students must also attend above the 92% mark to be eligible to attend Rewards Day.**

- All School Playground equipment including outside the Prep Classrooms is out of bounds after school for all children due to Workplace, Health and Safety requirements.

- Admin Staff will be on duty to ensure no children use the equipment.

ATTENDANCE:

Our school, like all others in Queensland, follow the mantra that "Every Day Counts". In other words, students need to attend as many school days as possible, if they are to develop to their full potential. Our school will again be carefully monitoring the attendance rates of every class and there will be prizes given to the top 3 classes after Week 9. Currently, there is only 5% separating the top 15 classes with the school's attendance rate sitting at 90.6% with our target for the year being 93%.

Here are the TOP 5 Classes: Prep/1U – 98.89%, 2U – 97.84%, 1P – 96.91%, Prep U – 96.78% & 3S – 96.77%.

This year we have four Explicit Improvement Agenda target areas:

- ***Whole school improvement in Reading and Numeracy;***
- ***Increased number of students in the Upper Two Bands in Naplan testing;***
 - ***Improved Attendance; and***
- ***Increased performance for students with disabilities.***

Additionally, this year we will be providing this Service Guarantee (ie. promise) to all parents and caregivers of our school –

"Every student will have a teacher read to them, every day."

Finally, I would like to thank the Year 1 staff for their student display in the Admin foyer and look forward to the Year 2 work which will be on display from the 20th of March. I invite all parents and students to take some time to walk through the Admin Block so you can view the outstanding work that our students produce.

Enjoy your fortnight,
 Damien Gainsford
Principal

Principal: Damien					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13/3 - 17/3	10-11am Instructional Round—Kate 11.30-12.30pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC) 1.45-2.45pm Out of Office	9.30-10am Instructional Round—Tam H 10-11am Leadership meeting 3.15-4.15 Cluster meeting	10-10.30am Meeting Lisa Cooper from AAP 10.30-11am Meeting Leisa Staunton 12-3pm Meeting Robyn Robinson—Inclusion Coach 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting	12.15-1.15—Instructional Round—Aubrey 1.15-3pm LCC Meeting	2.15pm Parade
20/3—24/3	11.30-12.30pm Meeting Andrew Nye HOC 3.15-4.15pm P&C AGM	10-11am Meeting Leadership	10.00-10.30am Meeting with Leisa Staunton 3.15pm Staff Meeting	8am-1.15pm Childers SS with Year 1 Teaching Team	10-11am Instructional Round Stacey 2.15pm Parade Senior School
DP —Mark					
13/3-17/3	9.30-10.30am Instructional Rounds—Karen H 12-1pm Instructional Rounds—Simon	10.00-11.00am Meeting Leadership 10-11am Supervising Solid Pathways Yr 6 3.15-4.15pm Cluster Meeting 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	9.15-10.15am Instructional Round—Mark B 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting	9-10am Instructional Round—Leah 10-11am Instructional Round—Alissa	9am-1pm Swimming 12.45-1.45pm Instructional Rounds—Maxine 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room 2.15pm Parade
20/3-24/3	2.55-3.15pm Bus Duty	10-11am Meeting Leadership 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	PD Maryborough—Data Literacy Roadshow		1.25-1.40pm Detention Room Duty 2.15pm Parade Senior School

NEWS FROM YEAR 2

This Term, Year 2 have been extremely busy diving into our learning journey. In Technology, we have been exploring the properties of different toys in preparation for designing and creating our own spinning toy. It's been all about Poetry in English. Finding rhyme, rhythm and meaning in poems has been fun and interesting. In Maths we have been focussing on building our addition and subtraction strategies. Finally, in Art, we have been exploring line, shape, colour and texture to prepare us for our self-portrait assessment inspired by the famous Pablo Picasso. So keep an eye out for our finished masterpieces!!



CHAT WITH CHAPPY BRYDIE:

Don't cry over spilt milk- I've always felt torn in two ways by this saying. After all, I can't recall many joyous & stress free occasions when milk has been spilt. The times I recall milk being spilt in my household often coincided with busy moments, where I was juggling ten tasks at once. Those moments when trying to climb the mountain of tasks waiting for when the youngest child clumsily flicks the full cereal bowl across the newly cleaned floor, spreading milk and cereal from one end of the kitchen to the other.

For so long, when these accidents occurred I would react by releasing my stress, letting the kids know this unplanned mess was too much on top of everything else. It seemed ok to let them know when they had made things just a bit too hard. I thought it would help them to understand. I thought this way until I learnt how my children learn best. I can tell my kids not to overreact, but they learn best when I show them. Which is why I have slowly begun to learn it is beneficial to refrain from letting my stress erupt when the mess hits the fan. Working on strengthening my patience in trying moments is one of the best investments I can make with my children. After all, when I keep my cool over spilt milk, I can then expect them to do so also- because they have been taught.

Also- We are considering putting together an entry for the whale festival this year. If people have any skills in artwork they want to share or would like to contribute towards creating the float- please let us know.

HAPPY ACTIVITIES- TERM 1

- Bright Breakfasts- Wednesdays 8:15 @ Alcatraz
- Drumbeat program
- JTeam Kids@Wed lunch
- Coffee Chatter- For parents some Monday afternoons near the tuckshop.

CHOIR

The Urangan Point State School Senior choir performed at the Pier Centenary on Saturday. It was a wonderful performance. A big thank you to all the students who attended and to the parents/guardians who bought them. Well done.

We are now preparing for Creative Generation Voices in May. Just a reminder that students must attend rehearsals if they wish to represent the school. Choir uniforms are only to be worn for excursions or performances

BOOK CLUB NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Issue 2 catalogues were distributed to students this week. If you wish to order something from this issue, place your order forms with the correct money in an envelope with the child's name and class clearly written on the front. Orders can then be handed to Mrs Fowler or Mrs Allwood in the LIBRARY.

If you prefer, you can order online and pay by credit card using the Scholastic LOOP system. Details are on the back of the catalogue.

The closing date for **Issue 2** orders is **FRIDAY 17 MARCH**.



STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Our first free dress fundraiser in support of several students who have been selected to represent Queensland in their chosen sports was a huge success thanks to the UPSS school community spirit. A big thank you to all who participated.

On Friday morning at 10.30am we will formally welcome our 2017 student leaders in a special parade. This will be followed by a morning tea for the student leaders and their families in the Library.

Breakfast Club is continuing to be more and more popular each week, so if you need breakfast on the go, it's available Monday to Friday from 8.30am at the canteen. Please remember it closes at 8.50am to allow time for our student leaders to prepare for their day.

Further fundraising being undertaken by our student council is the sale of icy-cups on Friday afternoons from 3pm. Student leaders make these in their own time to generate funding for initiatives to give back to the school. Icy-cups are available at the prep area near the prep playground and also near the administration/ bike rack area exit. Watch out for the exciting new flavours being offered this week!

Thank you for supporting our Student Council,
Andrew Robb

CENTENARY PAVERS & MEMORABILIA

The final lot of pavers have now arrived and have been laid near of the Administration Building. If you would like to come and have a look outside of the school hours please contact the school before hand on 41948 333.

A flyer has been sent home for the sale of our centenary memorabilia. Prices are hugely discounted so place your orders quickly before we run out.



THANKYOU FROM PIER CENTENARY GRAND PARADE

Dear Folks,

Congratulations and thank you for your participation in the Grand Parade at the Pier Centenary celebrations today. The students, teachers and parents all did each school proud! I was really thrilled to be involved with such enthusiastic and courteous students.

The kids certainly seemed to be enjoying their ice-cream and watermelon, as the youngsters would have, many years ago! Please pass on my appreciation to them, and thank you once again.

Kind regards,
 Doug. Harwood
 Hervey Bay Historical Village and Museum

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