



THE NEWS



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NEWSLETTER PAPER COPY BEING DISCONTINUED

This newsletter will be the last one sent home with students. If you would still like a paper copy, there will be some available for you to collect from the office. We still be sending out the newsletter via email. If you would like to receive the emailed version, please ensure that you have provided an email address to the school office. A copy of the newsletter will also be available from the school's website.

ANZAC DAY BADGES FOR SALE

From Term 2, our Student Council will be selling ANZAC Horse badges for \$2.50 and cloth stickers for 50 cents. A limited number of students who purchase a badge will also receive a free tattoo or sticker so get in quickly before they run out. All funds raised will go to the Hervey Bay RSL Sub branch.

Good Luck Alana and Alix Woods for the School State Championships for swimming. We are all behind you both!!



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INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Fraser Coast Artslink Easter Party 15th April 10-2pm Scarness Park
- Bay Break Multisport Festival, Sunday 26th March, 10,5,2 km run and also 20&15 mins cycle race. Start line on Esplanade near Urangan Pier.
- 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, Urangan. 4725 1848. If interested please see office for more information
- Health Industry Training for over 18 yrs. job seekers, underemployed, returning to work, indigenous or on disability income. Tuesday to Friday 9am and 2.30pm in Hervey Bay at no cost to students. Contact Alison 1300 381 415 or studentadmin@healthindustrytraining.org

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March

- 24th - Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am
- 27th - Playgroup 9-11am
- 30th - Rewards Day P-3
- 31st - Swimming Year 3-6
 - Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am
 - Rewards Day 4-6
 - Last Day of Term 1

April

- 14th - Good Friday
- 15th - Easter Saturday
- 16th - Easter Sunday
- 17th - Easter Monday
- 18th - Term 2 Starts

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the last edition of the Term 1 newsletter and the last time that the print newsletter will be sent out to all parents in our community. The new process, starting at the beginning of Term 2, will see the Newsletter emailed out to all staff and to the parents who have provided an email address to the school's admin. There will be 50 printed copied made available to our parents from the admin building each fortnight. If you would like to be added to our email list for the newsletter, please contact the school office asap.

Our staff and students are busily finalising their assessment tasks. These items form the basis of the Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews that will occur in Week 10 of this term (next week). These interviews give both parents and student an understanding of 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, planning is underway for the school to be involved in this year's Whale Festival. This year will see the return of the parade using vehicles and walking along the Esplanade. Our school was the last school to win the 'Best Float' section of the Parade and I am sure that Mrs Bailey, Miss Brydie, Mrs Hatch and the team will work very hard to ensure we retain this prestigious title. Watch the newsletter and Facebook page for more details on how to help out as we near the Festival date.

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

* There will be a senior Parade this Friday from 2:15pm onwards and **NO** Parade in Week 10.

The last day of Term 1 will be Friday March 31st, with the first day of Term 2 being Tuesday 18th April.

* 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.** Students who have long term absences for sickness and those on holiday with their parents will have these absences exempted from the data.

* All School Playground equipment is out of bounds after

school for all children due to Workplace, Health and Safety requirements. Admin Staff will be on duty to ensure that this occurs.

ATTENDANCE:

Our school, like all others in Queensland, follows the mantra that "Every Day Counts". In other words, students need to attend as many school days as possible, to enable them to develop to their full potential.

Our school will again be carefully watching the attendance rates of every class during Term 2 and there will be prizes given to the top 3 classes after Week 9. The top class will receive a Golden Chicken Lunch Party, 2nd place will receive \$50 Resources for the classroom and 3rd place will receive an Icy Pole for each student in that class. Currently, there is only 5% separating the top 15 classes with the school's attendance rate sitting at 90.7%. Our target for the year is 93%.

Here are the TOP 5 Classes: Prep/1U – 98.25%, 2U – 97.54%, 1P – 96.61%, 1U – 96.18% & 6U – 96.18%.

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 Band 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."

HOLIDAY SAFETY AND SECURITY

I wish every member of our school community a safe and restful Easter break. Please stress to your children the need to be extra vigilant when riding their bikes on the road or walking on the kerb during this busy time. Stranger Danger is another topic which needs to be discussed as we get more visitors to Hervey Bay in holiday periods.

Our school community also plays a vital role in protecting our school in vacation times. If you see anything suspicious or which concerns you in our school grounds, please report it to the School Watch Hotline: 131 788

Damien Gainsford
Principal

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Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27/3 - 31/3	11.30-12.30pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC)	10-11am Leadership meeting 12-1pm Natalie Remserve 3.15-4.15 Cluster meeting	10.00-10.30am Meeting Leisa Staunton 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting	Rewards Day	11.00-11.30am New Enrolment 2.15pm Parade Whole School
3/4—7/4	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
DP —Mark					
27/3-31/3	9.00-10.00am Instructional Rounds—Noel 12-1pm Instructional Rounds—Simon	10.00-11.00am Meeting Leadership 10.00-11.00am Supervising Solid Pathways Yr 6 12-1pm Natalie from Remserve 1.25-1.40pm Detention Room	10-11am Development Plan with staff 3.15-3.45pm Staff Meeting	Rewards Day	1.25-1.40pm Detention Room 2.15pm Parade Whole School
3/4-7/4	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays

NEWS FROM YEAR 3

Some children in 3S wanted to share what they have enjoyed and learnt so far this term.

Chelsea and Vanessa say "In Drama we are taking part in a play that teaches everyone to be safe."

Cara and Lily say "Don't give up if something seems too hard just keep trying"

Uniqua says, "Reading is getting easier for me."

Nemira says "It's ok to get some things wrong as long as you keep trying."

Cally says "Using warm and cool colours in Art has been fun."

Hayley says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed learning a dance and then performing it on parade."

And Ms Hodge says, 'Well done 3S! Keep up the great positive work!'

3P

In 3P we have been learning about bullying, what it is and what we can do if we see bullying in our school.

We have been watching videos for Anti Bullying week and have learnt the 3 signs of bullying which are:-

- 1) Misuse of power
- 2) Ongoing and Repeated behaviour
- 3) Behaviours that cause harm

In our classroom we try to build each other's confidence by being nice and doing nice things for each other.

Mr Burton and Ms Cameron made a Kindness Box where we can write or draw nice things for others and place it in the box. Mr Burton reads out the letters everyday as a whole class. Our class goes by the quote:

"Just one kind word may change someone's entire day."

3U

We have had a great start to the year. Last week the class made their own playdough from scratch. All the students were involved with measuring out the ingredients and then mixing it all together. It did get a little messy, but the children really enjoyed the experience. This is the final product.



HOC NEWS

Some exciting things have been happening in the curriculum space here at the school. Over the last few weeks, teachers have been working with others from other schools around improving Maths, Science and Literacy results. They have been doing this by attending professional development sessions around the greater Bay and Maryborough areas. In addition to this, teachers have travelled to other schools to observe and learn from their "Success Stories". We started this by visiting Childers SS and will be visiting others in the near future.

Andrew Nye

MASTER TEACHER/STUDENT WELFARE

I love walking around the school every day and talking with students about what has been happening in their classrooms and during lunchtimes. Children are busy people. Keeping them engaged and interested can be difficult at times. I also have the opportunity to talk to teachers about the different ways they engage students in learning and wellbeing. Here at Urangan Point, teachers are valued and supported to try different ways of engagement so all students are active curriculum users and well supported.

We have very dedicated staff who run activities and programs which balance curriculum with wellbeing. Some examples of this are: breakfast club; kids club; library activities; Arts programs (drama, dance, choir and drumbeat), organised sport; youth and leadership mentoring; playgroups; reading engagement activities and indigenous activities (including the Solid Pathways program). These activities are always evolving as our staff believe all of our students can reach the high expectations we set for them.

Within all classrooms at Urangan Point, we follow the Gradual Release Model for learning. Students and teachers follow three clear stages: **I DO - WE DO - YOU DO**

I DO phase: The teacher models the skill or process. This sets the students up for success and makes clear what is expected of them.

WE DO phase: Students and teachers engage in the skill or process together. The teacher carefully guides the students and corrects if applicable.

YOU DO phase: This is the students' turn to apply the skill or process independently.

It is normal for this process to occur a few times for student success.

Teachers also engage in continual improvement through receiving coaching from the leadership team and watching each other teach. Working together allows us to best tailor our teaching for your child.

Angela Hubbert

Master Teacher / Student Welfare

STUDENT COUNCIL

Last Friday morning, our school formally welcomed our 2017 student leaders in a special parade to acknowledge the leadership responsibilities that they have accepted. Following the parade, a morning tea was provided, which was a great opportunity to meet the families of these outstanding representatives of UPSS and to celebrate their achievements.

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

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Urangan Point State School.

The School Crossing Supervisor **may** be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon. These times vary between different schools.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have

been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Address application to: Private and Confidential
BSM
Urangan Point State School
P O Box 7088
Urangan 4655

OR email your application to gkenz2@eq.edu.au
Applications close at 3.00pm on 7 April 2017

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