



THE NEWS



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SILVER AWARD RECIPENTS



INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Indigenous Playgroup 9-11am, every Friday in Miss Jodie's room.
- GH Foundation Maryborough Aquatic Participation Fun Day, Monday 11th September 2017 10am-1pm Register online www.qld.swimming.org.au
- Water 2 life Ride/walk, Sunday, 3rd Sept 10am Maryborough
- Hevey Bay Oztag 2017 Senior and Junior Summer Season Sign On 30th August info www.heveybayoztag.com or call Glenn 0414893840
- Paisley Park Early Learning Centre on Miller Street is taking new enrolments, Ph 1800 724 753
- The Great Book Swap at Fraser Coast Artslink Hall, 187 Bideford Street, Friday 8th September 12.30-5.30pm
- Junior Writers Club, Flash Fiction Challenge, Entries close 8th November, winners drawn 7th December.
- Hervey Bay Ocean Festival, August 11-20.
- 19th Whale Parade and Concert

Stockland Hervey Bay School Rewards

The Stockland Hervey Bay School Rewards program is a opportunity for schools to win a share in \$8,500 worth of JB HiFi gift vouchers.

All you need to do is:

1. Make a purchase from any store at Stockland Hervey Bay during the campaign period.
2. Visit the customer care desk to register or you can register online at www.herveybayschoolrewards.com.au
3. Present your receipts to customer care—or upload them to the website and allocate the dollars spent to Uranang Point State School
4. Customers will earn 1 point for every dollar spent—there will be opportunities to earn double and triple points by shopping at selected retailers during selected periods.

The prizes are

First prize: \$5000 JB HiFi Gift Card

Second prize: \$2,500 JB HiFi Gift Card

Third Prize: \$1,000 JB HiFi Gift Card

Plus there will be 6 weekly customer draws giving you the chance to win \$100 JB HiFi Gift Cards!

Closing at 8pm 7th September 2017

LEADER BOARD

1st Bayville Christian College	7th Sandy Strait State School
2nd Kooragang State School	8th Yarrilee State School
3rd Hervey Bay Special School	9th Torquay State School
4th Uranang Point State School	10th Xavier Catholic College
5th Stars of the Sea Catholic School	11th Fraser Coast Anglican College
6th St James Lutheran College	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August

- 18th - Whole School Parade
- Swimming lessons Prep—Grade 2
 - 23rd - Dress Up Day for Book Week
- Tuckshop Open
 - 25th - Junior Parade
- Tuckshop Opened
 - - Swimming Lessons Prep-Year 2
 - 29th - P&C Meeting 3.15pm
 - 30th - Year 5-6 Camp at Glastonbury
 - 31st - Year 5-6 Camp at Glastonbury
- #### September
- 1st - Year 5-6 Camp at Glastonbury
 - - Prep Open day
 - - Swimming Lesson Prep—Grade2
 - - Senior Parade

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staffing Changes

Dear Parents and community members,

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Geoff Pelling and I have come to Urangan Point State School as principal from Gympie Central SS. Thank you to the many people who have taken the time to introduce themselves to me already.

Mr Damien Gainsford has been seconded to Regional Office in Maryborough to work on a special project for the next five weeks with a possible extension. I have been asked to continue here at Urangan Point SS for the duration of his appointment.

I look forward to seeing many new faces throughout the week and on Parade at 2.15pm Friday afternoon. I hope parents will feel free to join our assemblies as we look to reward and recognise students who are striving to excel in our school.

I am excited to continue the great work here at Urangan Point State School, maximising support for your children and monitoring their growth with the rest of the administration team.

Replacement for Mrs Gainsford

Mrs Megan Theofanes will be replacing Mrs Gainsford during her period of leave. Mrs Theofanes has been working within our school in the prep room for the last two weeks and will continue supporting our students in the year one class.

This week I'm including some tips on helping your child with resilience.

Behaviour Focus

As part of the Teaching Sequence in the You Can Do It program, our focus for this week and next week is resilience. Below is an extract from <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/resilience>. Hopefully you find something that is useful for your family.

Resilience is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand.

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps

them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn't faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets- independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

Building Resilience

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude for your child when he meets some of life's curve balls.
2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids' learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don't go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in your yourself, and your child's ability to cope.

Have a great fortnight!

Geoff Pelling

Principal

Principal: Geoff					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21/8 - 25/8	11.45-12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC)	10-11am Leadership Meeting 11-11.45am Financial Advisers Australia	8.30-9am TA Training and Meeting 10-10.30am Leisa Staunton 3.15pm Staff Meeting		2.15-3pm Parade Senior School
28/8—1/9	11.45am—12.45pm Meeting Andrew Nye (HOC)	10-11am Leadership Meeting	10.15-10.30am Meeting Leisa Staunton 3.15-3.45pm Cluster Meeting		2.15-3pm Parade Whole School
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21/8-25/8		10-11am Solid Pathways 1.40-2pm Detention Room	10-11am Development plan with staff 1.15-11.40am Detention Room 12.15-1.15pm Development plan with staff		1.40-2pm Detention Room 2pm You've Been Spotted 2.15pm Junior School Parade
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NEWS FROM YEAR 4

This term Year 3/4 have been busy with lots of exciting projects. We are currently designing our own computer game as well as creating a TV advertisement focused around the environment. Year 3/4s have also been assisting with Whale Festival preparations. In English, poetry has been our focus and we are delving into spoonerisms, neologisms, nonsense words and puns. On that note, I will leave you with a pun: What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

4U and 4P have been on a quest whilst reading the novel 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda. We've been filled with suspense and anticipation as the characters of the book have ventured up a dangerous mountain to save their village. Emily Rodda uses terrific language features to create a very interesting read, which all the students are enjoying. Over the past few weeks the students have been entering blogs on a class webpage in relation to the book and next week they'll write a character development analysis of Rowan (main character) as their main assessment item.

Next Friday is Gala Day, hopefully all the kids are returning their permission slips to participate and have a great day. Days like these are usually the ones we most remember when reflecting on our own school days, so I hope everyone joins their team's training sessions and has a great day next week. Lastly, the students took home their bean plants last week as the tiny pots they established in looked a little insufficient (some plants were getting quite large). I hope they continue to grow at home and look forward to the kids telling me they're getting their daily greens intake!

CHOIR

The Urangan Point State School Senior and Junior Choirs competed in the Maryborough Eisteddfod last week. The Junior Choir received a Highly Commended and the Senior choir put in a fantastic effort. Both choirs should be pleased with their performances. A big thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended to support the students.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Dress-Up Day for BOOK WEEK
Next Wednesday 23 August

Children's Book Week takes place next week with this year's theme being: **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE**. There will be a multitude of activities to enjoy each day in the library to celebrate Book Week 2017.

Our **Dress-Up Day for Book Week** will be on **WEDNESDAY**. The students can come dressed as one of their favourite book characters so they too can 'Escape to Everywhere' for the day.

Unlike normal Free Dress Days, there will be no charge for dressing up ... we thought it would be a fun way to celebrate Children's Book Week. Looking forward to seeing everyone dressed in character **next Wednesday on Book Week Dress-Up Day!**



CHAPPY'S CORNER

Explaining Change to Our Kids

As the sun begins to shine again, forcing away the chill of winter, I can't help but have mixed emotions. I look forward to the temperature rise so I can splash about in the water again with my family, yet I have some reluctance swelling in the pit of my stomach when I think about enduring another season of scorching hot days that will bring on streams of sweat.

Sure winter had its downsides also, there were quite a few cold nights!!

If we look even more closely at seasons of change we know the earth needs change to remain sustainable. Though we know not all change is good, it certainly can promote growth and opportunity to refine for growth.

There seems to be some unexpected changes happening in our school community at the moment and I think it is wise to understand that people young and old from across our school might process this change and uncertainty differently. It is ok to feel wary about change and it is often necessary to grieve as well.

When a season springs upon us quickly and without warning there may even be a little shock- So it is important to stop and reflect on the good and the bad in order to move into a new season with closure.

And remember - change can actually be a good thing, it certainly can bring growth and maturity.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Last week you received a letter inviting you to participate in this year's School Opinion Survey and have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. The online survey will be available until Friday 25th August.

All details, including your unique log in code, have been sent home. Further information is also included in the letter.

This is an online survey. If you need support to access a computer, please come and see us.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 4194 8333.

Thank you Miss Glenn

MASTER TEACHER NEWS:

Last week I had a fantastic opportunity to attend the Education Changemakers program. Over the two days, I was inspired by the leadership stories presented and how positive change can be made to any aspect of education. My focus at UPSS over the last year has been reading, this focus will stay the same however, I will pivot slightly and focus on a project you will hear called 'The Reading Recipe'. In collaboration with staff, we will bring all of our skills, ideas and passion around reading to create the perfect recipe for teaching children how to read. I will be working on this project with the Head of Curriculum, Andrew Nye and a dedicated team of teachers. You will soon be receiving dinner table topics around the reading recipe to help connect with your children about what is happening in classrooms.

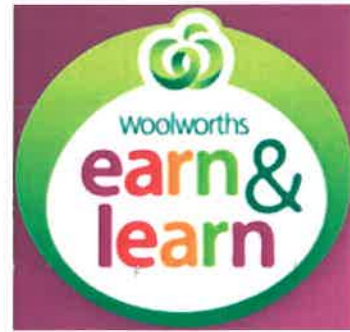
Angela Hubbert
Master Teacher

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEAN

We are excited to be taking part in the **Woolworths Earn & Learn** program again this year. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers whenever you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 26 July and Tuesday 19 September. You can help our school simply by:

- Shopping at Woolworths - you will receive one sticker for every \$10 spent.
- Stick Earn and Learn stickers onto a Sticker Sheet. These sheets can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn or collected from our office at school. Once you've filled the sticker sheet, you can drop it into a collection box in the school office or at your local Woolies store. You can even drop the loose stickers into the collection boxes. We have lots of helpful students in the Library at lunch breaks who are happy to complete the sticker sheets.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are many different products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear. Products in the range include resources for Maths, English, Science, art & crafts, sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to another successful program.



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