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from The Principal's Pen.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our school prides itself on providing quality learning for all our students. We set high expectations of our students; of their effort in their learning, their behaviour and commitment to being the best person they can be behaviorally, socially, academically and emotionally.

Teachers link learning to real life activities so student embed the learning and the associated experiences into both short and long term memory. This has been very evident in recent weeks with our Year 2 students attending an excursion to the Historical Museum. Our Year 3 students are also off to the Museum next week, and our Year 1 students hosted a Mother's Day morning. Throughout these activities I have been impressed with the support shown by our parent community and the effort students have shown to engage with the learning linked to these learning excursions.



I would like to thank the Year 1 teachers who invited me to their Mother's Day pampering, where I was fortunate enough to have my fingers painted, my shoulders rubbed, a beautiful necklace made for me and given an iced biscuit with 100s and 1000s and stars on it to carry my dreams and wishes. In talking with the students all could tell me what made their mum special and all the things they love about their mum. Thank you to the mums who joined with me to be pampered. These special times, live for a long time in our memories as we watch our children grow and mature.

High Expectations for Behaviour of our Students

Every year marketing organizations release items that students want their parents to buy. On many occasions, they are marketed as 'must haves' for our children to grow and learn. This is not something new! I remember trying to beat my brother to the Weetbix box to get the cricket or football cards in the box, so I could swap them with my friends. Today there are many things to collect that children like to trade – marvel tokens are the current fad! I have enjoyed having tokens to give students as rewards however, recently they have been the cause of physical violence in our school and have disturbed the learning in the classrooms, to the extent that serious learning time has been lost.

Why is this happening? Just like I did in my childhood, these tokens are swapped by our students however, the ownership of these swapped or dropped tokens is often the cause for dispute. Disputes begin verbally and end physically. We now have some new 'gadgets' entering our school in the form of Beyblades and Fidgets. I have researched these items with marketing stating they are good for concentration and are necessary for students to improve concentration.

I cannot support or disagree with the marketing of the items, however, if students do need these items, they need to come to the school accompanied by a letter from an Occupational Therapist, Psychologist or a doctor. Without this supporting documentation they will not be permitted in our school as they are the cause of physical and verbal violence in our school.

Parents please note that due to an increase in physical violence being recorded at our school, students are not to bring Marvel Tokens, Beyblades and Fidgets to school. If found at school, they will be collected by the staff and will remain with the teacher until 3 o'clock. If this behaviour is repeated, they will be confiscated for the week and returned to parents via administration.

If, as stated earlier the fidget is recommended by an Occupation Therapist, Psychologist or a medical practitioner, a letter to the school will allow the student to have this item with them as these professionals are explicit in stating when the student needs the support and the purpose of the support which the school can then accommodate.

Please support the school with our quest to have high behavioral expectations of our students as we continue to teach and model appropriate methods of dealing with conflict, disappointments and dissatisfaction.

Judy Robinson
Principal

Great state. Great opportunity.

COMING EVENTS...



Monday
22nd May
P & C Meeting
5:15pm
Staff Room
All Welcome!



Tuesday
23rd May
Senior Assembly
2:30pm
School Hall



Thursday
25th May
Junior Assembly
2:15pm
School Hall



Thursday
25th May
Year 3
Museum
Excursion



Friday
26th May
Fraser Coast
Show Holiday
SCHOOL
CLOSED



Thursday
15th June
Prep Orientation
2:00pm - 2:50pm
Prep 'O' Block



Queensland

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK.....

LEARNING NUMBER FACTS

Commutative Property

When multiplying two numbers, you will get the same result regardless of the order.

For example, $8 \times 4 = 32$ and $4 \times 8 = 32$. It is called the commutative property of multiplication. Learning this commutative property results in students only needing 45 multiplication facts they need to learn. By the end of Year 6, students should know all of the following multiplication facts:

10										100
9									81	90
8							64	72	80	
7						49	56	63	70	
6				36	42	48	54	60		
5			25	30	35	40	45	50		
4		16	20	24	28	32	36	40		
3		9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

DEPUTY'S DILEMMA

Junior: What numbers can you make from the digits 5, 6 and 8?

Senior: I am thinking about some decimal numbers between 1 and 2. What might they be? Give at least 12 answers.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

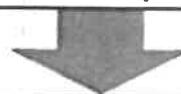
MOBILE PHONES!!

Our school has a very clear process for having a mobile phone at school. This process is endorsed by the P&C and is in place to ensure the safety of all students, and to prevent loss or theft of the phone.

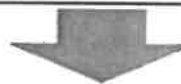
Unfortunately, some of our students have made the choice to keep their phones with them in their bag. This has resulted in a phone being stolen from the school bag and photos of students being taken without the student's permission or knowledge.

Students have been reminded of our school process and I would like to remind our community of our process so that our students are well supported with bringing a mobile phone to school.

- When students arrive at school, they take their phone to the aides room and 'sign' the phone in. They record their name and phone in the register.



- At 3 o'clock when the bell goes, they sign their phone out, and collect the phone from the teacher aide in the teacher aides room.



If phone is not handed in to the aide's room, teachers will remind the student to:

- hand the phone in
- keep the phone and bring it to the aides room
- or ring admin to collect the phone, who will ring the parent and ask them to collect the phone from admin that afternoon.

DENTAL NEWS

DENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT

Since August last year, we have been seeing the students from Grade 2 to Grade 1, and we will be seeing the Preps soon.

If your child has been missed or is new to the school and you would like them to have a dental check, please collect a medical form from the school office.

We are still accepting the Child Dental Benefit Scheme funding, if you are eligible and wish to use it with us, it will help to build a stronger public service.

Thank you.

Dental Staff



CELEBRATE SUCCESS ON PARADE

SENIOR PARADE - Tuesday 23rd May
2:30pm - Years 3 - 6

Student of the Week Recipients

3H - Zane Bezzina	5S - Leyla Pascoe
3K - Jesse Bradley-Connor	5/6N - Lachlan Opresnik
4C - Jake Harrold	6C - Georgia Marshall
4E - Katelyn Juffs	6J - Sean Dagleish
5M - Taye Saxon	

Strings Student of the Week: Meisha Munro - 6C
Lote Class of the Week: 4E

JUNIOR PARADE - Thursday 25th May
2:15pm - Prep - Year 2

Student of the Week Recipients

PK - Rubi-Rose Withyman	1SV - Cameron Shaw
PM - Precious Terare	2B - Shikea Marxsen
1B - Mackenzie Thornton	2M - Makyra Bennett
1S - Shonaya Tanna	2/3T - Rachael Nissen



Hervey Bay
and
Maryborough
State Schools

Parent Maths Workshop
Monday 22nd of May
Sandy Strait State School
6:00 - 7:30pm

Hervey Bay and Maryborough State Schools have organised for internationally recognised Mathematics consultant Michael Ymer, to deliver a Parent Maths Workshop on Monday the 22nd of May at 6:00pm at Sandy Strait State School's Great Hall.

This is an opportunity to ensure you are informed about current researched strategies and philosophies taught in your child's class. It will also show you simple hands-on ways you can help your child's development in Mathematics.

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in Mathematics.



Note: Unfortunately, this event is not suitable for attendance by children.

To reserve your place at this one-off free event:

Ring Sandy Strait State School Office 41970333

By 15th May

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I encourage parents to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Maths Workshop at Sandy Straits State School on Monday 22 May. Please see flyer above for further information.

Tweed Anderson - Deputy Principal (A)

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS!

PIALBA STATE SCHOOL PREP ORIENTATION DAYS 2017

Thursday 15th June 2:00pm-2:50pm

Wednesday 26th July 12:00pm-1:00pm

Thursday 14th September 2:00pm-2:50pm

Wednesday 18th October 12:00pm-1:00pm

Thursday 30th November 2:00pm-2:50pm

(Bring your future prep child along for a visit to see a prep classroom, chat with the prep teachers and play in the classroom and playground)

Where: Prep Grounds - O Block

Phone: 41977777

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 5, our PBL lesson was 'Be Responsible'.

The students talked about what it meant to be responsible and why they needed to be responsible in the classroom, at home and in public. Students identified it was important to be organised for class, use toilets and public property appropriately, make safe choices and do jobs at home to help the family.

A suggested activity for home - ask your children how they think they can be more responsible at home. They could help feed the dog, make their own lunch for school or help with the dishes. Maybe after they show responsibility each day for a week, give them a reward.

Until next week!

Naomi Taylor - Lead Teacher for PBL

2B NEWS!

This week, 2B had a visitor, Mrs North, to our classroom to teach us some new ways that we can use technology with our learning. Mrs North taught us how to use a green screen to create different backgrounds in movies, just like the weatherman does. Students worked in groups to create a plan for their videos, about what they have learned about conserving soil and water in science. They then stood in front of the green screen to record their movies. They did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun doing it.



Naomi Taylor - Lead Teacher PBL

P & C MEETING - 22nd MAY 2017

P & C meetings take place on the third Monday of every month.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 22nd May 2017, at 5:15pm. It will be held in the Staffroom upstairs in B Block.

Please come along and be involved. There are 3 Executive positions available: President, Vice President and Treasurer.

The Pialba School community would encourage all those interested to attend this meeting. All welcome!

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS....

Hi, I'm Angela Brown. For the remainder of this term I will be filling in for Anne Drury as HOSES while she is recovering from her very unfortunate accident. Our thoughts are with Anne and her recovery.

I have come from Granville Special Education Program where I supported a cluster of 5 schools in supporting students with disabilities and teaching staff.

I have worked in Special Education for the majority of my teaching career. I grew up here in Hervey Bay and actually attended Pialba State School from year 5 onwards. Much has changed since then I can tell you.

I look forward to meeting all of the students and working with the fantastic staff here at Pialba.

Angela Brown - Acting HOSES

CURRICULUM NEWS - DELIGHTFUL DISPLAYS

Displays have the ability to create a rich environment that is both engaging and welcoming - displays can be bright and colourful or scientific and intriguing - either way, if they are done correctly they can really influence children's learning. Classroom aesthetics: Classroom displays can play a huge role in the aesthetics of a room and therefore transform it into the ideal working environment for young children.

Tell about the class: The type of displays in place in the classroom will also outline what kind of teacher and the specific style of teaching. Displays also work really well to allow students to understand what is expected of them - if there is a bright, fun display board with key learning objectives highlighted then it is both fun and informative.

Learn through creativity: Display boards also give the opportunity to teach a class through the art of creation. By decorating the boards with the class they will feel a great deal more involved in the overall project and remember the information that is taught them.

Create a sense of belonging: A sense of belonging is really important in any classroom, especially in primary school. If each student has at least one piece of their work on the wall then they will feel more at home in the classroom. This promotes a sense of pride and team spirit which is essential in any class.

Different types of wall displays:

A decorative display: This display is merely decorative to bring a touch of brightness and colour to the overall room. This in itself can have a huge impact on student's learning and motivation.

A "set the scene" display: When beginning a brand new topic, a new display board can be the perfect solution to helping students get to grip with the subject. For example, if the new topic is the Goldfields you can place a display board up of the local goldfields surrounded by key facts the students should remember.

A stimulating display: The idea of a "natural table" can work really well in classrooms, especially when used with a book open at an interesting page. This will encourage students to read the book as they are passing by.

A teaching aid display: This is the perfect solution if a new country is being studied in Geography as the entire display can have objects and accents that are typical of that new country.

A reference material display: If the class is learning the alphabet or times tables, this kind of display is ideal. Here, having the alphabet in colourful letters or numbers arranged helps pupils remember them.

A class management display: Displays can create a team spirit which is important to promote friendships being made. In the same way, displays can also work to mark the certain responsibilities of students on particular days.

A progress display: A progress display noting the number of gold stars each child has been awarded can really improve motivation, while also allowing each child to be congratulated on their hard work.

Displays are a really important part of learning for children of all ages, so teachers use them to get the very best from your class this term.

Come and take a look at the displays around the school....begin at the foyer and work your way to your child's classroom!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE!

Bin It - You know it's right!

The *Bin It - You know it's right!* campaign aims to create awareness of the most serious littering and illegal dumping issues around the region to encourage locals and visitors to take responsibility for their litter and waste, resulting in changed behaviours and litter reduction. The campaign is an educational initiative of the Taking the Lead on Litter! Project.

Project members listed on the website (<http://binit.org.au/>) represent a diverse range of natural resource managers, community ambassadors, regulation and enforcement officers and researchers who together are taking action to help reduce litter across the Bundaberg and Fraser Coast communities.

Coordinated by the Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management, the Taking the Lead on Litter! Project is supported by the Queensland Government's Litter and Illegal Dumping Community and Industry Partnerships Program, Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Regional councils.



Urangan State High School Come & Try Day Year 7, 2018

This year's Come & Try Day will be held on Thursday 22nd June 2017 from 9.15am - 2.30pm at Urangan State High School. Year 6 students will have an orientation of the school and experience a sample of subjects on offer at Urangan High.

If your child attends a state primary school (except Sandy Strait SS), buses will be organised to transport your child to and from this activity. Students from Sandy Strait SS will walk across.

If your child attends a private primary school please drop them off and collect them from outside Reception in our Administration Block.

Reminder: A complete Enrolment Application for your child MUST be submitted to our office BEFORE they are able to attend the Come and Try Day.

Further information is available from:

School website: www.uranganshs.eq.edu.au

Enrolment Officer: 4197 0150 or email:

enrolments@uranganshs.eq.edu.au

Urangan State High School Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/uranganshs>



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<https://www.instagram.com/uranganshs>

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