Dear Parents and Friends  29 May 2014

SOMETIMES it's easy to forget how much your child gives back to you between all the washing, cooking, cleaning and ferrying to sport matches and other activities, but at Sandgate State School last week it was all about celebrating the youngsters.

We celebrated the Under Eights Week “Everyone Can Play” theme last Friday with an action packed morning of fun and activity in our Early Years Precinct. Our Prep-Year 2 students with the help of their Teachers, Teacher Aides, parents and senior student helpers moved around the variety of activities completing tasks and getting the activities marked off their passports as they went.

We were lucky to start the morning with a magic show by a colourful and entertaining Jester, Mr Wayne Van Wijk who is one of our talented parents. Much thanks must go to all involved for the wonderful morning, especially Ms Winslade for coordinating the exciting event and Mr Walls and other staff for setting up on the morning.
Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments (States, Territories and the Commonwealth) have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.
While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data or do not want your child’s data included in the school’s collection, I encourage you to contact me directly.

Mr Michael Sawbridge, Discipline Auditor visited our school last Tuesday to complete an extensive audit of the school’s Supportive School Behaviour Policy. He perused all school documents relating to the policy and conducted interviews with most of the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as with parents and students.

Whilst the official Audit result cannot be published until it is approved by Central Office, the Auditor did attend a staff meeting after school and presented a brief overview of his findings. The result was extremely pleasing as it affirms consistency of practice through school-wide implementation of the Responsible Student Behaviour Plan. I look forward to sharing it with the community in the next newsletter.

Kind regards
Warren Beetson

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**A Message from the Principal...**

**Sandgate District State High School** has taken advantage of the opportunity to restructure our curriculum with the entry of Year 7 into high school in 2015. Junior secondary school will be made up of Year 7, 8 and 9. Senior secondary will consist of Year 10, 11 and 12.
**Junior Secondary Structure**

In Year 7 and 8, students will study all disciplines with a focus on developing literacy, numeracy, well-being and confidence, within the context of each subject. This means all students will experience all disciplines and complete a sound general education to support their future academic endeavours.

At Sandgate we believe that students achieve better results when they are studying subjects they like, which they good at and which will help them to achieve their post school goal. In Year 9 students will begin to specialise. All students will study Mathematics, English and Science for 3 x 70 minutes, as well as Social Science and HPE for 2 x 70 minutes and Sport 1 x 70 minutes. Students will be given a choice of 3 electives for 3 x 70 minute periods a week. Because of this structure, students at Sandgate will complete an extra Year of Science, compared to most schools, by the end of Year 9.

**Curriculum Corner**

**Raw Art**

The return visit for Raw Art is happening this Friday, May 30 and Monday, June 2 to run a 90min workshop with each class around the specialist visual art concepts of printmaking/mixed media or painting.

The cost of the visit will be $7 per student per visit payable by today if you have not already paid for both sessions. These 90 min workshops will have the students completing an art piece, which will be added to the students’ portfolio of art works to be used for the semester assessment mark on the report card. At the end of the semester once finished with at school for assessment and display the pieces will be sent home to be enjoyed by the whole family. The workshops will be conducted by Raw Arts team of talented artists who are experienced in working with children and achieving the absolute best effort from each student in each lesson. The activities selected for this visit are as follows:

**Junior POD (Prep) - Landscaping the Seasons**

*Painting/Printmaking – students will learn a range of interesting ways to work with paint, without using a paint brush! Students will work towards completing their own landscape, looking at the various colours/textures of the seasons. These little masterpieces will be great for display!*

**Junior POD (Year 1/2) - Who is Ken Done?**

*Printmaking – a fun, colourful printmaking lesson. Looking at the famous Australian artist Ken Done’s artwork, students will be creating their own fun Flora/Fauna collagraph printblock designs. They will then be shown how to create wonderful large prints, that they will highlight and embellish with pastels and colour. Results will be sure to impress!!*
Middle POD (Year 3/4) - Ships Ahoy

Painting – using non-traditional painting media (no paint brushes!), students will create these wonderful layered and interesting ‘olde-worlde’ Ship paintings. A great ‘technique’ focused lesson.

Senior POD (Year 5/6/7) - Mix Media Mexican Skulls

Mix Media – An excellent mixed media lesson, with students not only working with a range of media including paints, pastels, collage media, but will also be learning about Mexican culture. Mexicans have long celebrated the ‘Day of the Dead’, celebrating their Ancestral History with the adornment of decorative skulls. Students will be drawing on inspiration from these creative vibrant skull designs to create their own Mexican wall hanging.

If you have not already completed the permission slip or paid for this session please do so by Thursday so that your child can be included in this wonderful teaching and learning experience.

Out of the Box Visit

Earlier this week we were most fortunate to have QPAC Out of the Box staff come to our school to trial one of the coming festival workshops on our students. Our Yr1 students were the lucky recipients of the visit. They were able to participate in the workshop from the magical exhibition by internationally acclaimed Korean media artist Lee Lee Nam. The workshop is called ‘Little Big Masters’ where the children created their own mixed-media collage artwork using a Korean inspired background image and an acetate overlay. We will be displaying the masterpieces in the office and classrooms for the next few weeks before they are sent home. We were most fortunate to have this activity offered to our school thanks to our parent Sally McRae (parent of Salomae and Lucian) who works for QPAC and was part of the team who designed the workshop. Some students were lucky enough to have their photos taken by the Northside Chronicle or be part of video filmed on the day by QPAC. These students were given media consent from QPAC to complete so that their images and footage can be used by QPAC in the lead up to Out of the Box. We look forward to seeing the story run in the Chronicle shortly. Well done and thankyou to all involved. Maybe our Preps will get to do the ‘Little Big Masters’ Free Workshop when they visit Out of the Box on June 25.
Reader’s Cup

Our 2014 Reader’s Cup Team of Hayley Hatton, Sommer Hadley, Harriet Ohsberg, Riley Dwan and Rebecca Shaw have been reading and training hard as they prepare for the Brisbane North Competition to be held at Padua College on June 11. They have 5 texts to read and study in preparation for the day. We wish them all the best in their final lead up.
Twilight PD

This week our teaching staff completed their final Twilight PD session where we focussed on the Strive Vocabulary teaching process, which was presented by our Speech Language Pathologist Alicia Terry. This session was followed by a session presented by Mr Beetson and our Students with Disabilities Teachers Mrs McEwen and Mrs Ross around the National Consistent Collect of Data requirements.

New School Website

The Department of Education and Training have made the decision to decommission all school Joomla websites on June 30 due to security and the coming G20 and migrate these school websites to the new Sharepoint sites called ‘Websites for Schools’. We are currently preparing our new website to go live prior to the decommission, but please be patient over the coming months as the new website develops. We are very proud of our current Joomla website which has taken years to take shape and often receive very positive feedback about the depth and information involved in our website. But as we move to the new very structured and controlled system it will take time for this depth to redevelop as much of our current content will have to be fine-tuned to fit within the structured pages available on the new website. The new website does have some cool features such as revolving photos on the front page and it will be connected to the Q Schools App for Apple and Android which means that alerts are sent straight to these devices if you register for this app for our school.

Till next time,

Mrs Anne Robinson
Head of Curriculum

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*Einbunpin Festival – Sunday, 27 July

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**LOTE News**

**Upcoming Japanese Musical Opportunities**

1. **Riley Lee, Grand Master of Shakuhachi**

As part of the 2014 *Music by the Sea* concert series in Sandgate, Riley Lee, grand master of the Shakuhachi (traditional Japanese bamboo flute) will be performing on Saturday, June 7th at 7:30pm at the Sandgate Town Hall.

Riley began playing shakuhachi in Japan in 1971 and was given the rank of Dai Shihan (grand master) in 1980. This would be a great concert for older LOTE students to attend, particularly those who are also involved in instrumental music.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit the *Music by the Sea* website at: [www.musicbythesea.com.au](http://www.musicbythesea.com.au)

2. **Japanese Drumming Workshop, Out of the Box Children's Festival**

From June 25th to July 2nd, children 8 years and under can learn how to play the Japanese Taiko drum with members of Australia's *TaikOz* at the annual *Out of the Box* Children's festival, QPAC.

Participants of this FREE unique drumming workshop will experience the awesome power of the
taiko, the vitality of the rhythm and the fun of making music in a group, as well as basic technique and
a short piece of music.

For more information and for workshop times, visit the Out of the Box website:

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED August - September in 2014
For Japanese University Students (18 – 22 years old): 4 - 6 weeks

≪Sun. August 3rd - Sat. September 13th≫ or ≫Sun. August 17th – Sat. September 13th≫

■Families need to provide: Own bedroom and 2 meals on weekdays, 3 meals on weekends
■Families will receive: $240 / week , $35 / night

Contact Yuriko Pearse at pic441@gmail.com or (07)3118-5707 (7:00pm – 9:00pm)
Please contact by Friday June 6th

Resource Centre News

Book Fair

We once again look forward to our families supporting the ‘Book Fair’ to be held in the Resource
Centre, Friday 30 May –Wednesday, 4 June. Last year the Book Fair was a huge success, with the
sale of books and stationery items providing our school’s Resource Centre with over $1000 worth of
books and resources. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair in their ICT Lessons or
Browse & Borrow lessons, when they will create a wishlist to go home. It is a great opportunity for
students to save up some pocket money to spend at the fair or for parents to purchase Birthday and
Christmas presents at very reasonable prices. Raffle tickets to win book vouchers to spend at the fair
will be available too. The Resource Centre will be open for purchasing in the mornings from 8-8:30
and in the afternoons from 2:35-3pm on those days above.

National Simultaneous Storytime

‘Too Many Elephants In This House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner was the story
selected for this year’s National Simultaneous Storytime. Last Wednesday students came to the
Resource Centre during first break to experience the story. Prep, Year 1 and 2 classes also shared
the book and an activity during their lesson. The story was a very enjoyable experience for all, with many students giving the story a five star rating.

The children joined thousands of others across Australia in libraries, classrooms, bookstores, and homes, as the story was read at the same time. The purpose of NSS is to promote literacy amongst children and expose them to the magic and excitement of reading. NSS provides a way for families and communities to get involved in children’s literacy, by sharing in their reading experience and introducing age appropriate themes for discussion.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

‘The Premier’s Reading Challenge’ is a statewide initiative for students in Queensland state and non-state schools. Since 2006, the Challenge has aimed to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure.

To participate in the Challenge, students read or experience an allocated number of books for their reading level during the period 20 May – 5 September 2014. This year Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be participating. They will read or engage with 20 books and record their reading on a record sheet provided by their classroom teacher. Participating students receive a certificate in recognition of their commitment.

**Resource Centre Trainee Assistants**

We are keen to train some enthusiastic and committed students in the role of ‘Resource Centre Assistants’. This is an exciting opportunity for students to develop skills in leadership, time management and work ethic. Training will involve a five week commitment at first break, where candidates will learn about the organisation of the library, shelving of Junior Fiction and Fiction books, sharing their love of reading with Junior students in story circles, assisting with library displays and promoting library events. If this sounds like you, and you visit the Resource Centre regularly, come and register your interest.

**Book Week**

*Book Week* is an Australian annual event celebrating our national love of books and reading. This year *Book Week* will be held in Term 3, Week 6, 18 - 22 August and the theme for 2014 is ‘*Connect to Reading*’. There is a Dress-Up Parade planned during the week as part of the celebrations – more details will follow on this. Get ready, it’s going to be a big week to ‘connect’ with reading!
**Book Week Performance**

We also have planned a Book Week Production called “Worlds Apart” to be held on Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} August. I have heard the shows have been very popular and should be very enjoyable for everyone. There will be two shows on the day, one for the Junior School and one for the Senior School. Please mark the date on your calendar – details of cost and times will appear in the newsletter soon.

*Get Connected to Reading!*

*Mrs Heather McGeorge*

*Resource Centre Manager*

**P&C News**

**Carnivale Entertainment**

Carnivale preparations are under way. Do you have a talent you can share on the main stage? Expressions of interest are now open to all in our school community. Musicians, performers and talent groups (dancers etc.) are asked to contact Entertainment Coordinator Susannah Holmes by phone or email, to discuss how you can contribute towards another entertaining and successful fundraiser for our children.

Call 0410 485 474 or email h.susannah@gmail.com

**Fresh Food Friday**

Weekly harvests from the Green Lane - as well as a few donated items such as limes – are now available on Fridays at the end of the school day. Come along to Green Lane to get your hands on the days harvest - fresh herbs will regularly be available alongside whatever else is ripe for picking.

Thank you to all our green fingered gardeners for all their hard work in creating this lovely part of our school.

**Tasty Tucker**
If you are pushed for time this term – or just need a night off lunch box duty – why not order lunch from the Tuckshop? The menu has been updated with some hot items for the colder weather, and all the favourites are still available too.

To keep the tuckshop running smoothly and ensure that children get to enjoy their lunch at its best, please make sure that hot, cold, and cookie orders are kept in separate bags. Also don't forget to check that you've put in the right money – recently some people have been sending in too much! We'd also like to encourage parents to submit orders through the basket of their child's classroom, as completing it over the counter can take extra time away from volunteers at a very busy time of the morning.

Here's a gentle reminder from Jeannie on how to mark up the order bag!

### Art Space Update

The fencing around the newly-concreted space has now gone up, and is looking great! It will this week be finished with the installation of safety gates at the three exit points. The space will soon be decorated by students, with a launch planned in the near future - stay tuned!

### School Banking Buzz

A number of students taking part in the school banking scheme are due to earn their tenth token, which entitles them to a prize of their choice. Once they make their tenth payment to earn their prize, our banking coordinator Catherine Commons orders it from the Commonwealth Bank and then passes it on to the student on the next school banking day after it arrives. This means that there is a short delay between the tenth payment, and when a student receives their prize.

### Next Music Supporter's Group Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd June from 2:35pm in the chappy's room, located on the lower level of C Block. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear all about plans for the Einbunpin Festival, Music Night and the choir clash to be held at the Carnivale!

Bunnings BBQ on Monday 9th June

The P&C has been very fortunate in securing a spot at Bunnings Carseldine to hold a BBQ fundraiser on the Queen's Birthday public holiday, which should be a real money-spinner. It will be a day-long event, so if you're available and happy to help out please keep some time free that day. To register your interest in attending, please email thespinksfamily5@gmail.com.

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