Dear Parents and Friends

10 October 2014

Welcome back to the final term of school for 2014. I hope that all students and staff enjoyed the break and are feeling refreshed, ready to face the challenges of a new term. We now have 9 busy weeks remaining in which we will celebrate our seniors and the end of their primary schooling as they transition to high school. Our Prep students will also be undertaking transitions to Year 1 and our Year 5 cohort will work towards leadership capacity and how they can lead the school in 2015.

The student council will be busy coordinating a red day – ‘Day for Daniel’ in late October which will include a walk for students around Dowse Lagoon, whilst the P&C have planned for the end of year School Dance which will bring our local community together. The school will conduct two swimming carnivals for both the Junior Pod and for students in Years 3-7. And finally, teachers will be busy collating, implementing and organising final lessons and assessment for semester 2 reports that parents will receive during the last week of school. So for all, it’s a very busy period ahead!

‘STATE SCHOOLS LINK COMMUNITIES’

Our Prep to Year 7 students played host to the residents of the Freemasons Age Care Home on Tuesday, 16 September for a morning of musical entertainment in the Performing Arts Hall. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the performances from each choral group and the concert band, particularly the Prep performances. A morning tea and good old chat followed on after the performances and the conversations were just delightful to hear.
Sandgate State School has made a commitment to host the residents twice a year as well as visit a number of age care facilities in the local area during the second last week of this term. Our student leaders need to be commended for the great job they did in assisting our visitors to and from the Hall as well as serving them morning tea. A big thank you to our students, staff and wonderful parent volunteers for making the event successful and giving the senior members of the community something enjoyable and different from their normal daily lives. Well done to all!

**Principal’s Merit Awards**

Thirty students from Prep to Year 7 were awarded the Principal’s Merit award for Term 3 at a whole school assembly during the last week of Term 3. The students met the high criteria required to be chosen for the awards, with one of the criteria being maximum attendance at school which reinforces that ‘Every Day Counts’. Congratulations!
Principal’s Merit Award recipients for Term 3:

Prep Blue – Shaun Spathonis and Maiya Birrell
Prep Red – Oliver Ruggieri-Green and Evie Hickman
Prep Green – Dominic Foster-Northard and Sebastian Ta
1 / 2 DB – William Jacobson and Aleks Judd
1 / 2 MW – Stella Trevorrow and Oliver Walsh
1 / 2 DS – Bella Hine and Lucy McKenna
1 / 2 VV – Cameron Beresford and Lissadel Burgess
3 / 4 AP – Brianna Williams and Ella King
3 / 4 DL – Riley Derry and Evie Falla
3 / 4 RH – Leela Petersen and Abbey Leonard
3 / 4 TS – Devlan Apthorpe and Erin Lowry
567 AK – James Kumalau and Tamika Rayner
567 JM – Jorja Russell and Lydia Whitham
567 RH – Jordan Tuigamala and Rhiannon Hetherington
567 TS – Ralph Rodriguez and Angie Rigby
**World Mental Health Day – 10 October**

Promoting mental health education, awareness and advocacy, [World Mental Health Day (WMHD)](http://www.worldmentalhealth.org) 2014 aims to inspire people to take personal ownership of their own mental health and wellbeing. Encouraging help-seeking behaviour, reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and fostering support within communities and workplaces are steps we can all take.

We all play a part in creating a mentally healthy society and supporting health and wellbeing within our schools and workplace. It is a great place to start. Visit [World Mental Health Day](http://www.worldmentalhealth.org) or [Mental Health Australia](http://www.mhaustralia.org) for more information.
Great Results Guarantee for 2015 announced

On Wednesday of last week, Minister John-Paul Langbroek announced the second year of Great Results Guarantee funding to improve student outcomes. In 2015 the Queensland Government will invest $183 million in additional funding direct to schools to maximise student learning and achieving long term educational benefits.
This funding will be used in diverse ways such as providing one-on-one or small group support for students, developing individual plans for students, hiring teachers to mentor other teachers and providing staff training in literacy strategies. Sandgate State School will receive an estimated $130,000.

**G20 public holiday for Brisbane schools**

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on the day.

**Grandparents' Day competition - chance for students to win a signed book**

To celebrate Grandparents' Day on Sunday 26 October, *Older People Speak Out* is holding a special writing and drawing competition. Six lucky pre-school or primary school children have the chance to win a signed book from well-known children's author, Jackie French.

To enter, children need to write a story or draw a picture stating what it is they do that makes their grandma or grandpa happy. For children without grandparents, the theme is ‘what do you think you could do to make an older person happy?’ Students need to give their work to the class teacher and the school will select entries to send on for final judging.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING**

Mr Chris Kennedy will be commencing PE lessons with all classes in Prep – Year 7 from this week. His lessons will be on Thursday and Friday of each week. **PARENT ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED WITH ALL LESSONS.** Mr Kennedy conducts the first lesson and the class teacher then conducts a follow up lesson in the same week with parent support. This term the school will employ an additional swimming assistant for class lessons for all classes in the Junior Pod.

We are very fortunate that our students are able to access the pool on two occasions each week and this is only possible with parent assistance. Thank you to all parent helpers for your continued support.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT WINNERS**

Congratulations to Moreton Sports House for winning the School Spirit Shield for term 3 with a massive 6,185 tokens. All students in the team received an extra 20 minutes of playtime on the last day of school as their reward. Students from Prep to Year 7 win tokens for their team both in class and in the playground for demonstrating a positive attitude towards school, respect for themselves and others, and trying their very best in all learning tasks.
Great News!

Recently we have received some exciting news. Firstly, thanks to Prep parent and Telstra employee Mary Mawson we were successful in winning a $1200 Telstra Kids Fund Grant to fund the purchase of the new ‘You Can Do It’ social and emotional learning curriculum resources to commence the program in our school following an audit conducted by the Kids Matter team late last year. We sincerely thank Mary for her work with me around this application and of course the Telstra Kids Fund.

Secondly, just this week I was notified that we had been selected as a finalist in the Quest Community Grant program. Now to win one of these grants we need to get our whole school community behind us to vote for our cause before the final grant recipients are announced. Each person who registers on the website gets 10 votes to place on one of more of the ideas. Of course I have put all 10 of my votes on the Sandgate State School Art Space idea. The final grant will be $1000 which will go toward funding the consumerable resources to set up the space and get it up and running following the massive work of the P&C over the past 2 years to raise the funds to renovate the space. Voting is now live and will remain open until Tuesday 21st October at 11:59pm. Please register at www.questcommunitygrants.net.au to vote on the website. Please help us to generate excitement and support by promoting our idea on Facebook, Twitter, at your local shops and by word of mouth through family and friends.

Parent- Teacher-Student 3 Way Conferences
Thank you to those families who took the time to attend a parent-teacher-student 3 way conference in the last week of last term.Hopefully you and your child found these meetings useful to support them with their learning journey. The next school based reporting opportunity will be the end of semester reports which will go home on Wednesday of the final week of this term.

**Year 3/4 Camp Warrawee**

A reminder that the Year 3 and 4 Camp to Camp Warrawee at Joyner will be held on October 30/31 and that letters have gone home with a $40 deposit already required to secure a spot. Final numbers will be sent through to the camp this week so if you have not committed and still need to you need to do this asap. This 2 day and 1 night camp will enable the students to be exposed to a range of challenging activities which include the low ropes course, rock climbing, canoeing, archery and orienteering. One of the main purposes of our Yr 3/4 camp is for our students to have a camp experience away from their parents before they enter Senior Pod and have a longer and more challenging camp experience. It would be expected that those students who are planning on applying for leadership positions in the Senior Pod would be taking advantage of these types of extra-curricula activities as these are the students we want leading their peers. The activities are all safe and are run by qualified instructors from the camp with the class teachers and Chappie Bonnie, Mrs McEwen and Mrs Robinson supporting these facilitators.

The facility is a Y.M.C.A. Camp set in a naturally beautiful setting at Joyner, just 32km from the city. The camp caters for all ages with a diverse range of activities and adventures on offer. More information about the camp can be found on their website [www.campwarrawee.com](http://www.campwarrawee.com)

**2014 Year Book**

We have committed to MSP to do a Year Book again this year which will be available for collection at the end of the 2nd last week of the school year. We have increased the number of pages slightly to fit everything in. A separate letter will go home re the Year Book shortly for families to pay a deposit and follow a payment plan to secure a copy of this great piece of memorabilia.

**Spellathon**

Now that the carnival fundraising is over we are going to finally hold our annual spellathon. Information will go home this week so that families can find sponsors/donations over the next couple of weeks and learn their words ready for the test at the end of the week 3. All funds will be due in to school at the end of week 5. This activity is a core part of our curriculum budget for the year to pay for reading resources including home readers, guided readers, Reading Eggs/Eggspress home-school subscription for all of our students and reading teaching resources such as Sunshine Online so it is essential we dig deep to support our teaching of Reading in the school.

**Class Placements for 2015**

As this process will be commencing shortly, if you have a preference for a style of teacher for your child or preferred students for them to be placed with or not for 2015 please download a class placement form from the
school website and complete it and hand it in at the front office by October 29th at the latest for consideration. Hard copies will be available at the front office also. A reminder that requesting specific teachers is not part of the process as the transfer system and staffing for 2015 is not yet complete and will not be until the end of the year so by requesting a teacher by name may mean we cannot consider your request if that teacher is not going to be here or in that Pod.

ICAS 2014

Our last ICAS test results have finally arrived which mean we will be able to do presentations to all participating students on assembly next week. All students will be presented with their reports, certificates and testing materials.

Canteen Fundraiser

On the last day of Term 3 we supported the Canteen Foundation for Teen Cancer by holding a ‘Talk Like a Pirate Day’. Our students and staff had fun dressing up like pirates and trying out their pirate props and pirate talk. Thanks to the Student Council and Mr Kroll for organizing this worthy fundraiser for an outside cause.

Art Space

Our final works in the art space are coming along in readiness for the official opening on the evening of October 24. The evening will be an opportunity for parents and their children to look around the space, enjoy some refreshments and hear from some of the people involved in the project as well as witness an official opening ceremony. Brisbane City Councillor Victoria Newton has kindly donated a lucky door prize for the evening. The flyer re the event with RSVP details went home last week as an email alert and is also on our school website and
the P&C Facebook page. We will be holding a competition with our students to come up with an exciting name for the Arts Space to be announced at the launch.

**Prep Enrolments For 2015**

Currently we are finalizing our enrolment numbers for the 2015 Prep intake. We will be holding a final Open Day on October 14 in the hall which will be followed by our Prep enrolment interviews, Prep information sessions and Prep transition morning. We are doing a final enrolment drive leading up to these events where we have recently completed a letter drop in our catchment area thanks to the kind support of our P&C members who offered to deliver these flyers to homes in their local area. Hopefully this will spread the word around the community as to what a great school we have hidden up on the school hill at Sandgate.

*Till next time,*

*Mrs Anne Robinson*

*Acting Deputy Principal*

**Music News**

**TERM 4- MUSIC DATES**

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**Freemasons’ Concert Term 3**

Some of our local community members from the Masonic Lodge visited our school to attend our Term 3 music concert. The Concert Band, Popcorn, GLOSS, BOSS and our Prep Choir Piccolos performed for parents and our special guests. The students did a wonderful job and were commended by our visitors for not only their wonderful performances but for their friendly manner and excellent manners. Our Music Captains are certainly doing a fantastic job with their compering duties. They once again displayed excellent leadership skills and even lead the audience in a music game and song. Well done and thank-you to the Sandgate Music Supporters and parents for preparing morning tea and biscuits for our visitors.
### SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 4 2014

| Week 1 | Thursday, 9 October | School Swimming lessons commence  
|        | Friday, 10 October  | Interschool Sport commences       |
| Week 2 | Monday, 13 October  | P&C Meeting in Staff Room C Block @ 6.30pm             |
|        | Tuesday, 14 October | Prep Open Morning  
|        | Wednesday, 15 October | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
|        |                      | Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
|        |                      | School Banking  
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|       | Wednesday, 22 October | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
|       | Friday, 24 October | Launch of Arts Space 6.30pm |
| Week 4 | Tuesday, 28 October | Parent Interviews for Prep 2015 |
|       | Wednesday, 29 October | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
|       | Thursday, 30 October | Yrs. 3&4 Camp Warrawee |
|       | Friday, 31 October | Yrs. 3&4 Camp Warrawee  
Day for Daniel |
| Week 5 | Wednesday, 5 November | Student of the Month Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
| Week 6 | Monday, 10 November | P&C Meeting in Staff Room C Block @ 6.30pm  
Parent Information sessions for Prep 2015 – 1.30pm & 5pm |
|       | Tuesday, 11 November | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
|       | Friday, 14 November | G20 Public Holiday (Brisbane schools closed) |
| Week 7 | Wednesday, 19 November | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
| Week 8 | Tuesday, 25 November | Prep excursion to the Town Hall – Gwenda Stanley  
Indigenous Dance and Culture Performance  
Commonwealth Bank ‘Smart Start’ Program visit |
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|        | Wednesday, 26 November | Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking  
Commonwealth Bank ‘Smart Start’ Program visit |
|        | Thursday, 27 November | P-2 Swimming Carnival |
|        | Friday, 28 November | Yrs. 3-7 Swimming Carnival |
| Week 9 | Monday, 1 December | Parents Volunteers Morning Tea |
|        | Tuesday, 2 December | Instrumental Music Tour |
|        | Wednesday, 3 December | Student of the Month Assembly @ 8.45am in Hall  
Walking Wheeling Wednesday – buses operating  
School Banking |
|        | Thursday, 4 December | Rotary Christmas Carols (Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands) |
|        | Friday, 5 December | Prep 2015 transition morning 9am in Prep in Lagoon Street  
School Dance (Theme- ‘Celebrate Time’) |
| Week 10 | Monday, 8 December | P&C Meeting in Staff Room C Block @ 6.30pm |
|        | Wednesday, 10 December | Year 6&7 Farewell Ceremony @ 9am in Hall  
Year 6&7 Student Social (lunch and dance)  
Semester 2 Student Reports issued |
|        | Thursday, 11 December | Break Up Day  
Final School Assembly @ 1.45pm in Hall |
P&C News

Tasty Tucker

The menu has been revised for the warmer months, with hard copies to be sent home shortly. You can also access a copy at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SSSPnC. Jeannie is also putting out the call for any volunteers that might be able to help her anytime between 8:30 and 10:30am on Wednesday or Friday. If so, please call her via the office on 3869 7111.

As promoted previously, we are considering implementing an online ordering system in the near future for the tuckshop as well as to support other P&C activities. We will be discussing this at the start of the next P&C meeting from 6:30pm on Monday 13th October in the staff room, located in the staff room at the top of C Block. All parents and carers are welcome to attend to share any questions, ideas or concerns, which will be used to inform the vote by P&C members on the night about whether to proceed with online ordering. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for this discussion (which is expected to finish no later than 7pm), and of course to stay on for the rest of the meeting (which should finish by 8:30pm). For more information, please call P&C President Sophie Craker on 0411 374 664.

Welcome to New Families

The P&C will again be hosting a morning tea to coincide with the school’s next open day, which will be held Tuesday 14th October. This is a great way to welcome prospective families to Sandgate, answer questions from a parent’s perspective and help promote involvement in the P&C. Thanks to parent Catherine Commons for again agreeing to host the morning tea, which will be held 10-10:30am in the chappies room (located on the lower level of C Block). We’ll be providing the catering so you won’t need to bring anything, so please just turn up!

Art Space Update

Work has progressed significantly over recent weeks on the artspace, with the school putting to good use our recent donation of $11,000. This has so far allowed the removal of excess furniture, painting the ceiling and installation of electrical fittings and locks, with the floors to soon be painted and art supplies bought. Excitement is building about the opportunities it will allow our students, starting with the launch of the space 6:30-8pm on Friday 24th October. A flyer with all the details was sent home via email in the last week of school and is available on our Facebook page, with all parents, carers and children welcome. To RSVP, please email artspace@cheerful.com by Sunday 19th October. For any queries, please contact P&C President Sophie
Craker on 0411 374 664. We hope to see you there!

Community News

Please click on links to view flyers for Community News. Thank you.

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