

# Keppel Sands State School



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## From the Principal

19 May 2017

Hello Everyone,

Last week our year three and five students participated in NAPLAN testing. A big thank you to Ms Kathleen and Ms Julie for the fantastic breakfasts we had on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All students enjoyed the variety of foods we had throughout the week. This week, Ditto from Bravehearts visited our school and shared important messages about being safe. In the next few weeks all students will be creating an entry into the CWA country competition. Each year students study a country. This year it is Nepal.



### **Prac Student Profile**

Hi, I am Sam Yow Yeh and have been completing my third year 3 week prac in the Prep – 2 classroom. I have been here for 2 weeks with one week remaining. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Education Primary at James Cook University (JCU). I'm looking forward to continuing my prac here at Keppel Sands State School next week.

From Sam

### **REMINDER - School Camp**

The school camp form and deposit is due Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. If you require more information please see Moira.

### **Athletic Training**

Now that we are having some colder mornings we are going to commence our fitness training before school. From 8:40 – 8:55 am, Ms Julie and other available staff will be running/walking with students around the oval near the tennis court. Parents can join in too. Students will have their name on the board in the covered area and keep a tally of the amount of laps they complete each day. The goal is to beat their laps each day/week to increase their own fitness ability.

### **Cleaning Vacancy – Keppel Sands State School**

The position is a permanent part time position of 11 hours per week, 2.15 hours per day. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period. An Application Package is available from the School Office. Applicants are required to address the Key Selection Criteria within two pages as outlined in the Application Package and provide a one page Resume outlining recent work history including the names, contact numbers and email addresses of two referees.

Applicants must have or be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People before confirming the position as permanent part time. Keppel Sands School is a non-smoking environment.

**Written applications are to be sent to the attention of the Principal,**

**Keppel Sands State School**

**P O Box 2045**

**Keppel Sands Qld 4702**

**The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. For any further information, please contact the Principal on 0477392268**

### **Student Council News**

This term we are selling icy cups for the children. They are sold every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock after school and are different varieties of colours. The student council Annie, Loretta, and Christopher will be selling them in the classroom for 50cents each.

### **School Arrival Time for Students**

The school day commences at 9am. The best time for students to arrive at school is between 8:30 and 8:45am. No students should be at school before 8am. There is no official person on playground duty before school. Teachers arrive at school early to prepare for the day of teaching. There will be rare occasions when parents may have a commitment and need to do an early drop off. Please phone the principal's mobile to arrange this with the principal. We are more than happy to work with parents and supervise children to assist with family commitments when required.

### **Friday Morning Breakfast**

Breakfast will be held on Friday until the end of term. Please note that there will be no cooking after clean up commences at 8.45am.

### **Thank you from Tia Waters**

A big Thank You to the staff and community of Keppel Sands State School for your support with the fundraising endeavours of local resident Tia Waters. She will be playing with the Australian Softball team in the Softball World Cup held in Florida.

Winners of the Mothers Day raffle are as follows:

Draw 1	J Woodland
Draw 2	N Barton-Barnes
Draw 3	B Cox
Draw 4	T Fitzgerald
Draw 5	P Dixon

## P&C News



### Mother's Day Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Ticket No. I 10 - Stephanie

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Ticket No. I 10 - Cookie

Our profit from this raffle was \$300 and we thank the parents and community for their support.

### Pie & Lamington Drive (YUM YUM)

An order form is attached to this newsletter. Please return to the school by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Delivery will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. (First week back in Term 3).

### Drakes IGA Community Dollars

Attached to this newsletter is a Drakes IGA keytag.

Simply give the tag to the cashier to scan during your transaction. For every \$1 spent at a participating Drakes store in QLD, 1c will be credited to our P & C.

Every scan counts, whether it is for milk and bread, or a full trolley's worth. Give them to your friends and family – more tags are available from Shah, Karen or Kathleen.

### Wednesday Night Raffles

Thank you those helping out with Wednesday Night Raffles. Karen Rout regularly does our raffles and is has been great to have extra helpers on some nights to share the load. If you would like to purchase tickets prior to Wednesday night, please see Kathleen at school before 9am. If you can assist, please see Karen or Moira.

### DATE CLAIMERS

Friday	26 May	Romp in the Park – Under 8's – 9am to 1pm
Wednesday	14 June	P & C Meeting – 1pm in the office
Friday	16 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday
Tuesday	20 June	CWA & Parkhurst Visit – more info to come
Thursday	22 June	Athletics Carnival

*Have a great weekend,*

**Moira Mackenzie**

Principal

## **P – 2 Classroom News**

### **English**

This week we have been working hard on our assessment piece of persuasive writing. We have also been looking at direct speech and the children have watched a short video clip about the Ants On A Train. The children are writing a comic strip that has speech bubbles, and while the clip has no words the children are encouraged to come up with words that the characters might be saying. They are looking great.

### **Science**

This term our science unit is on materials. We are learning about what materials are and the properties of them. We are working towards our assessment piece where everyone will be asked to make a wind chime out of recycled materials. In order to do this, the children are exploring a variety of materials that would best suit our wind chimes. Last week we explored what happened to the properties of materials when they become wet and next week we are going to explore material and their properties to do with wind.

### **Maths**

This week we have been exploring and playing with money. I brought in my father's war coins and notes and the children got to see how different money is from other countries. Playing with money was lots of fun and we enjoyed learning how to count different coins.

### **Attendance**

Due to this being a reporting term, lots of assessment is occurring in the P-2 classroom. Attendance is imperative so that your child can demonstrate their level of understanding of the subjects taught, so that a grade can be given on their report card.

See you all next week

Mrs Brady, Ms Julie, Ms Kathleen and Ms Sam



### **Class Dojo**

We are back into our routine of using class dojo again. Last week we watched a movie about empathy. This app is a great motivational tool for our students and presents values in an appealing way to our students.

### **Maths**

This week in Maths years 3 – 5 have been investigating numbers that are odd and even. Year three students have looked at what makes an odd number odd and the same for even. Year four and five students have been looking at what happens when we add, subtract, multiply and divide these special numbers. Year six have been investigating 3 Dimensional shapes.

### **English**

Students have commenced working on assessments this week and this will continue next week. Students in years three and four are analysing persuasive writing on cereal boxes and years five and six are designing their own persuasive advertisement.

### **Mr Allen**

Mr Allen is in his last year as a preservice teacher. He joined us again this week for a couple of days. Mr Allen will be with us for a few more days this term and then he will be at our school every day of term 3. The first five weeks, Mr Allen will complete his last practical. Then the last five weeks will be Mr Allen's Internship before he commences his career in teaching.

### **CWA Competition**

Students have commenced their CWA Nepal projects this week. Students have been keen to learn about another country in our world and are excited about their entries into the competition.

### **PE**

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons. We are preparing for Athletics, so the focus for this term is building fitness, agility and skills in long jump and running including relays. We had a great start this week with Coach Doug's range of interesting catch and tag games.

