

Keppel Sands State School



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From the Principal

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Hello Everyone,

Prep Photos

On Wednesday, The Morning Bulletin photographer came to photograph our 6 Prep students. All students looked wonderful in their uniform. The photo should be in the paper on Thursday 23 March 2017.

Geography

Could all Prep to Year 2 students please bring in a photo of their bedroom including as much furniture as possible by the end of next week.

New Prep Table

Come in to the classroom and have a look at our new Prep table. This allows students to sit around and interact together. It can also be drawn on with whiteboard markers and wiped clean.

Monday Morning Breakfast

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

Smoking

Smoking near Educational Facilities

A reminder to all that no smoking is allowed at state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. This week there have been two cigarette butts removed from the ground just outside our small gate near the carpark. For further information about Queensland's most recent laws about smoking please click on the link below. (Did you know that changes were made as recently as 1 February, 2017)

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/atods/smoking/laws/index.html>

Thanks,

Moira Mackenzie
Apple Teacher
PRINCIPAL

I would like to introduce myself as the Special Needs Advisory Teacher at Keppel Sands State School. I am based at Emu Park State School and will visit Keppel Sands from 8:30am-3:00pm every second Thursday. My role is to work as part of a team to support students with special needs. This role involves not only assessing students and establishing programs that support their class work but also liaising with specialists and providers in the wider community to ensure all their needs are being met.



I have worked for Education Queensland for 25 years in a number of locations including the Gold Coast, Rockhampton and a number of small schools throughout Central Queensland. I have worked as a classroom teacher, learning support teacher and special education teacher with a wide range of students in all year levels. I have a passion for assisting children to engage with their learning and to become confident, happy members of their community.

I am very much looking forward to meeting with parents/care givers and working with you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me through the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Belinda Calcutt

P&C News

If you have any ideas of what you would like to see the P & C purchase for the students this year, please see Shah, Karen, Kathleen or Moira. We will be holding an Executive Meeting soon and would love to hear your ideas. Any ideas for fundraising are also welcome.



Uniform Prices – Polo Shirts \$25.00, Hats \$8.50, Winter Jackets \$35.00

The AGM has been set down for Wednesday March 8 at 1pm in the office. A General Meeting will follow this.

Thank you those helping out with Wednesday Night Raffles. Karen Rout regularly does our raffles and is has been great to have Corey Masters and Veronica helping 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

Thursday	02 March	Rugby League Skills Lesson
Wednesday	08 March	P & C AGM – 1pm followed by the General Meeting
Thursday	09 March	Rugby League Skills Lesson

Have a great weekend.

Moira Mackenzie

Principal



Communication

It's hard to believe we are half way through term 1. Students have commenced some assessments of Units of Work to demonstrate their learning. Assessments are collated over to semester to determine your student's grade on their report card.

Curriculum

English

Students have continued to investigate the narrative genre in both reading and writing.

Mathematics

This week the focus was on chance. Students participated in various chance activities to work out their best chances of throwing certain numbers on dice. Students have also done a NAPLAN resit in maths either late last week or this week. From the data gathered from we will create an individual improvement plan for each student. Students will be able to access learning objects for their next easiest questions. These will be able to be accessed from the school's Virtual Classroom.

Rugby League

Students commenced their Rugby League lessons this week. They participated in a number of drills to develop their ball handling skills. Rugby League will continue for the next two weeks, with Year 3 – 6 lesson from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.

Swimming

Students commenced swimming lessons today and are working towards developing the stroke precision.

Library

Library borrowing time is Mondays !

Consistency

Student Council met this week to discuss 'student voice' in the school. Annie-Rose was voted in as President, Loretta as Treasurer and Christopher as Secretary. Students have some activities they would like to pursue this year in relation to gardening and 'Nude Food' lunches.

Mr R and Ms Mackenzie



