



# Keppel Sands State School

## From the Principal



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Wow! We are off to flying term 2 start. Finally we have hit some cooler weather and students can enjoy being outdoors. Despite the cooler weather school uniform is still important and it is expected that students wear school jumpers to school when necessary. Clearly labelled jumpers help us to return misplaced items to their owner.

We continue to see wonderful improvements in reading. Thank you to parents for supporting our home reading program. Just a reminder that all books need to be returned on a Friday so that they can be handed out the following Monday. If you would like to become a volunteer parent reader, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time to help out.

**Learning:** This unit of work in English, the Crabs ( year 3– 6 ) are examining the character study in narratives and the Dolphins ( Prep - 2 ) are looking at interesting ways authors write about the characters in their stories. In Mathematics the Crabs are learning about the relationship between division and multiplication, percentages, fractions and decimals. The Dolphins are learning about 2D and 3D shapes, number and number patterns. New units of work in Geography and Science are underway.

**Red Cross Visit** Wednesday, 29th of April after school the Red Cross will be running Community Support Sessions for parents and students. Afternoon tea will be provided. Come along and participate. We would love to see families attend this important session.

**Brain Break** It is great to see student bringing fresh healthy fruit/vegetables to school for Brain Break. Some students are trying new fruits that they haven't tried before. Super!

**Every day counts** This important slogan really encapsulates the essence of learning at school. Each child needs the opportunity to learn each step of a new concept for continuity and missing important steps can be confusing. Every day we are learning new things.

**Awards** Each week students that attend school every day will continue to be given a 100% certificate and have the opportunity to receive a weekly prize.

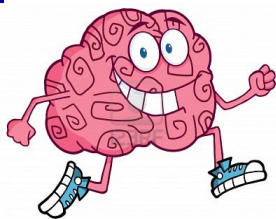
**Cross Country:** Cross Country will be held on Friday 1 May at Keppel Sands Beach. Plans are underway for Coowonga SS and Byfield SS to join us in the day. The P&C will be catering for lunch with BBQ and drinks on the day. Be at school at 8:50 am. Children will be walking to the beach from the school and parents are welcome to join us for this event.

**Update on the School Grounds** Some of the damage from the cyclone has been addressed with the guttering being fixed on the office building and some bare areas in the yard have been seeded with grass. The garden bed in the covered area has a neat new wooden surround and the flag pole has been moved in readiness for the ANZAC Centenary Memorial to be built.

**Easter Markets** The Easter Markets were successful in spite of the rain with over \$1000 being raised by the P&C. Congratulations to the committee for doing such a great job and the helpers who made it possible.

**Greg Norman Golf Foundation** The students will be learning skills in golf for the next few Thursdays with Doug Gardener, the foundation pro golfer/ educator. This is a great opportunity for them to try a new sport and learn new skills.

**Student lunches** Due to Health and Safety concerns students are no longer permitted to use the school microwave to heat their lunches. Warming of lunches can be considered hazardous due to burns risks and food reheating hazards.



Brain Break Man...  
See him grow as  
you fill him with  
Healthy Food!!

**Teacher Aide and Grounds Care Positions** We are still awaiting con-  
formations of appointments for these positions and will notify successful candidates as soon as  
we hear and the wider community after this notification.

**Temporary Teacher Aide Arrangements** Mrs Julie Petith and Mr Doug Rutherford will be work-  
ing as full time aides at the school for the time being.

**Playgroup:** Tuesdays at 9:00am at the school. All parents with small children are welcome to  
come along to join in the fun. Bring a plate to share.



Take care

*Louise*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Volunteers Needed** Over the semester we require a number of large projects to be  
undertaken. We are currently looking for a community member to help us out with  
these. If you can offer your assistance with library and school office duties please  
come into the school and let us know. While at the school you will be building your  
skills and assisting our kids.

### April 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>Term 2 Begins</b>	21	22	23 <b>Golf</b>	24 <b>Parade</b>	25 <b>ANZAC Ceremony Schofield Park 8am</b>	26
27	28	29	30 <b>Golf</b>			

### May 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <b>Cross Country</b>	2	3
4	5 <b>Playgroup</b>	6 <b>Red Cross Community Visit 3pm</b>	7 <b>Golf</b>	8 <b>Parade</b>	9	10
11	12 <b>NAPLAN Playgroup</b>	13 <b>NAPLAN</b>	14 <b>NAPLAN Golf</b>	15 <b>Parade</b>	16	17
18	19 <b>Playgroup</b>	20	21	22 <b>Parade</b>	23	24
25	26 <b>Playgroup</b>	27	28	29 <b>Parade</b>	30	31