

Keppel Sands State School



From the Principal

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From the Principal's Desk

I have received a fabulous welcome from students, staff and community. I am delighted to be back working at Keppel Sands again. I was principal of Keppel Sands State School in 2005 and three of my children attended the school back then. My children have well and truly grown now but I still have one of my children attending grade 12 this year. I have taught all grade levels throughout my career, am a trained Teacher-Librarian, Reading Recovery trained, and hold a Masters of Education (Technology Education). My substantive position is Head of Curriculum at Parkhurst State School. In the last few years I have acted in a variety of roles including Principal at Marlborough and Ridgeland State Schools and Deputy Principal at Frenchville and Waraburra State Schools. The School Vision is "Inspiring Successful, Proud and Confident Learners". Students at Keppel Sands represent this vision well. I have been able to see this week that they are hard workers who try their best at all times.

I am looking forward to meeting all families and it has been lovely to be able to catch up with parents in the mornings and afternoons. If at any time you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning, please pop in and have a chat.

Mental Computation Strategy

Each week we will focus on a Mental Computation Strategy (being able to work out maths in your head) This week's strategy is Subitise.

Subitise - meaning to suddenly know is taken from the Latin word subito or suddenly. Subitising is an important skill that lays down the foundation for much later maths. Card, dice and domino games are good for encouraging subitising.

Reading

Reading is one of our school's priorities and CAFÉ Reading is a strategy the school has nominated in the Annual Implementation Plan to boost reading in the school. The CAFÉ Reading Model assists students to understand and master the four components of successful reading - comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. Each component has significant strategies to assist students develop reading skills for life.

Keppel Coast District Track and Field

Four of our students have been selected to attend Keppel Coast District Track and Field Carnival at Farnborough State School next Wednesday. These students will have letters home today.

School Opinion Survey

School Opinion Survey information and codes will be attached to this newsletter. All surveys are now completed on computers. School computers will be available for parents who do not have access to internet. Please see a staff member so we can organize access for you. All surveys are to be completed by Wednesday, 29 July. Information from these surveys are used to inform direction for the school.

CQ University Student

We welcome Kimberley Cooke, CQU student teacher this week. Kimberley is in her second year of training to become a teacher. She will visit us every Thursday this term, followed by a three week block in term four.

Classroom News

Mrs Robyn Tregenza is now the main teacher for Prep to Grade Two and Ms Moira Mackenzie is the main teacher for Grade Three to Grade Six. Robyn is Early Childhood trained and Moira has mostly worked in the upper classrooms, so we have placed staff in the area that suits their expertise. Homework in both classrooms consists of -

	Prep - 2	Year 3 - 6
Reading	2 books at student level per week; student reads to parents	Minimum 10 minutes per night; student reads to parents
Tables	Write out maths facts each night	Write out maths facts each night
Spelling	Write spelling out each night	Write spelling out each night
Vocab	M100W - learn/memorise	Vocab - learn/memorise

Facilities Upgrades

Over the holidays and in this first week, the admin building has been painted and new air conditioners have been installed in the all of our buildings. The new Playground has also been finalised and students were able to commence play this week.

Book Fair

Coowonga State School are holding a Book Fair on Monday 20 July to Friday 24 Jul

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday, 27 July at 3pm in the admin building. Fundraising will be on the agenda. All families are welcome to attend.

Tucker Time

Tucker time will be on Friday, 24 July. Orders and monies need to be in by next Wednesday. Ham, Cheese and Tomato Jaffles, Apple Pie and Custard, Chips and a Popper are on the Menu so make sure you get the attached form filled in for our winter warmer Tucker Time.

Save a great weekend,

Moira Mackenzie (Acting Principal)