SANDON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Friday 22nd May 2015

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
‘Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless.’

Mother Teresa

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
I would like to say an enormous thank you to our very hardworking and dedicated P&C, and to all of the Sandon community who so generously support the fund-raising efforts throughout the year.
At this week’s meeting the P&C donated over $20,000 to the school to purchase items such as the special play equipment in the Support Unit playground, new shelves and wooden book boxes for the library, uniforms for the Sandon netball team and new instruments for our music program.
The staff and students all appreciate these fabulous new resources which can only enhance the learning programs of the school.

GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015
Each year, the Sandon Public School P and C sets the amount for our annual General School Contribution. The funds raised from these contributions support the school in purchasing much needed basic materials and equipment to support the day-to-day learning programs delivered in your child’s class.
As well, the P and C sets an annual Art and Craft fee to assist in purchasing special materials so that we can implement our art and craft program. The fees this year are outlined below. Please note that the P and C endeavours to keep these costs as low as possible in order to ensure that most parents can support the school (and more importantly their children) in this way.

CALENDAR – 2015

May

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General School Contributions now due

Thursday 28th May
Cancer Council Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea 11:00am in Library

June

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Tuesday 2nd June
Last day for Shell Questacon note and money (K-6)

Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Shell Questacon Science Circus (K-6)

Friday 12th June
Regional Cross Country

Thursday 18th June
Athletics Carnival at PLC

Thursday 25th June
Brainstorm Productions

August

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Wednesday 26th August
Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

October

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Saturday 24th October
PAMPER Party

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
The school year has forty weeks. This works out to be just over $1 per week to support your child’s education at our wonderful school. If all families were able to pay, this would bring an additional $7200 into the school to support learning programs and the acquisition of essential resources.

A letter was sent home today inviting families to pay the contribution and outlining payment options. In the past, parents have been most supportive of the General School Contribution and we look forward to continued assistance through payment of this contribution. It would be most appreciated if these contributions could be paid as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this way.

**SANDON SANDPIT**
Finally it has happened!! Roger has built a wonderful sandpit for the playground. This is a very popular and welcome addition to the activities available to students at lunch time. Due to the popularity of the sandpit, we have plans to build another one of similar size so that there is plenty of room for the children to play safely. Thank you Roger!!

**SANDON NETBALL STARS**
On Tuesday morning our Sandon netball team played an exciting game against Armidale City Public School. Although we did not win the game I was extremely proud of all the girls. They showed great sportsmanship exemplifying the ‘never give up’ SHINE value for the whole game. I would like to thank Katie and Mel for volunteering to coach our netball team.

**SANDON’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**
Don’t forget to come to our BIGGEST MORNING TEA fundraiser for the Cancer Council next Thursday in the school library. Everybody needs a cuppa around 11:00am and the Sandon library is a great place to meet with friends and at the same time make a donation to help find a cure for cancer. If you are not able to come to morning tea but would like to make a donation, please put your money in an envelope, labelled ‘Cancer Council’.

Mrs Schmude (our wonderful librarian) is keen to welcome as many of our community as possible into the library to make this a memorable event. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY**
Children MUST NOT be dropped off inside the school grounds of a morning unless the parent/carer has been allocated a PARKING PERMIT. Thank you.
CHESS REPORT
Last Friday eight students went to Armidale City Public School for an inter-school chess tournament. Geert, our chess coach, had trained us hard. At the end of the round robin Team A (Bailey, Joshua, Blake and Adyn) came fourth and Team B (Frankie, Josiah, Howard and Niamh) came eighth. It was a great day and we can’t wait for the St. Mary’s tournament. Thanks to the people who took us and Geert for organising our teams and being such a great coach.
Joshua Parker

SHINE AWARDS
PURPLE
Jacob

GREEN
Wade

3/4L
Vinnie
Mya
John
Charli
Katara
Jade

3/4P
Amelia
Laine
Mackenzie
Alley
Ashtyn
Mae
Emily
Sophia

4/5/6H
Luke
Sharnaya
Paige
Schapelle
Maddison
Patrick
Tasha-lee

5/6R
Blake
Kaiya
Frankie
Bridget
Jasmine
Isabella

SANDON P&c UPDATE
• Funds raised by the Fete this year were $7000
• Mother’s Day stall made $160 profit
• Mother’s Day raffle made $800 profit
• Bulb fundraiser Made $630.

CANTEEN ORDERS
Some orders are coming to the canteen of a Monday without names or classes. This makes extra work for the volunteer canteen staff, so please ensure that your child’s name and class are clearly written.
Also a reminder that lunch and recess orders need to be written on separate order bags. PLEASE assist our canteen helpers who so willingly give their time to provide a canteen day for the children.
Students are to take their orders to the canteen on arrival at school and BEFORE class time. Please remind your children to follow these procedures.

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Armidale Out Of School Hours Care
2-6pm School terms
8-6pm School holidays
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Holiday Bible Club
24 July & 31 July
9:30am start
Hosted by UneChurch