SANDON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Friday 24th July 2015

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"Be the change you want to see in the world."
Mahatma Gandhi 1860 - 1948

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

EDUCATION WEEK 2015

Next week is officially Education Week; however due to the crowded Term 3 calendar we have decided to combine our celebrations and activities with National Literacy and Numeracy Week which is at the end of August (31st August – 4th September). The theme of Education Week this year is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’ and it is my pleasure to announce the 2015 Sandon Public School Education Week Awardees. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank the following members of our Sandon Public School Community who will be formally recognised at a special assembly. We are very proud of their achievements and we are deeply appreciative of their tremendous work and effort in support of students, staff and the Sandon PS as a whole. They are our local heroes.

Student Award: Joshua P
- Outstanding academic achievement and a dedicated commitment to learning.
- Exceptional citizenship, leadership and participation in all aspects of school life.

Parent Award: Jo Tierney
- Outstanding service to the students, staff and parents of Sandon Public School through her volunteer work, in particular in the library over a number of years.

Staff Award: Alison Cornall
- Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of staff. Even though Alison works at Sandon only one day each week her work as our ESL teacher is outstanding. She provides wonderful support to our overseas students and their families as well as the classroom teachers.

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CALENDAR – 2015

General School Contributions are now due: $45.00 per family
Art & Craft fee $10.00 per student (maximum $30.00 per family)

July
- Tuesday 28th July
   Last day for note & money for sausage sizzle
- Thursday 30th July
   Last day for note & money for 4/5/6H Creative Arts day
- Friday 31st July

Sausage sizzle fundraiser
3-6 Assembly 2:30pm

August
- Tuesday 4th August
  4/5/6H Thalgarrah Creative Arts day
- Thursday 20th August
   Last day for note & money for 5/6R Creative Arts day
- Tuesday 25th August
  5/6R Thalgarrah Creative Arts day

Wednesday 26th August
Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

October
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd

Stage 3 Major Excursion: Lake Keepit

December
- Tuesday 8th December
Presentation Day
**Staff Award: Adele Rae**
- Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of staff. Adele is well-known by all in the Sandon community for her generosity of time, her friendly, approachable nature and her commitment to our students and their families. She has a myriad of roles and responsibilities which she undertakes to support our school being the best that it can be.

**Community Member: Armidale Central Rotary Club**
- In appreciation of the Rotary Club’s on-going support of Sandon Public School students and of their generous donation to our technology upgrade.

**NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY**
In spite of the cold weather last Friday our NAIDOC celebration assembly was a great success. Thank you to the parents who braved the weather to come, thank you to the staff and students who provided their lovely art work to display in the hall and thank you to the Stage 3 students who led the assembly.

**GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015**
As mentioned in previous newsletters 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.

Invoices for these fees have been sent home today with your child. The invoice may include amounts for other money owing such as excursions. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit. Please contact Adele in the front office if you have any questions regarding the invoice or wish to discuss payment options.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

**NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE**
This year Sandon Public School has registered to participate in the 2015 NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often!

Throughout Term 3 we will be monitoring the physical activity students do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. Activities students participate in outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge Award.

We would especially like to invite all our families to support us in encouraging students’ healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Each student has been issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge or make suggestions, please contact Mr Earl who will be pleased to talk further with you. For more information on the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge please visit [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc)
SELECTIVE CLASS SUCCESS
Each year, some of our Year 6 students sit the very challenging Selective Class Entrance Examination with a view to gaining a place in one of the Selective Classes at either Duval High School or Armidale High School for Year 7 the following year. The candidature is always highly competitive.
This year four students participated in the exams and all were successful in gaining entry into a Selective Class for high school. Congratulations to Frankie, Jasmine, Joshua and Bridget for the high academic standards they have worked towards and achieved.
Well done!

MEDICAL ALERT
We have had a number of cases of chicken pox reported in the school. Please be vigilant in having children wash their hands as this is a highly contagious disease.

URGENT CANTEEN REMINDER
Please check that name and class are clearly written on all canteen order bags. There have been a number of lunch orders that have not had this essential information. Also, orders must be handed in at the canteen before school. Please support our canteen volunteers by reminding your child to go straight to the canteen on Monday mornings. Thank you.

THANKYOU!
A big thankyou to Tim and Megan Goswell for re-recording and updating our school song and National anthem. We now have wonderful versions of both songs for our assemblies.

LIBRARY NEWS
The due date for all book club orders is Monday 3rd August.
Parents can also order and pay online and the books will be delivered to school. The school will still receive the rewards.

There are a large number of overdue library books at the moment. Please help your child search for their library books at home. As soon as they return overdue books they can borrow new ones. Reminder notices will be sent home shortly to assist with your searching. Books may also be located in classrooms and student trays. Please contact me if you have any concerns or queries.
Thank you for your support in this matter.
Mrs Schmude.

SHINE AWARDS
GREEN
Mia
Mark
KC
Isabella
Ellen
KM
Narlee
Paul
Chaise
Tayla
1T
Marlene
Daniel
Evelyne
1/2J
Vanessa
Sarah
Phillip
Lailani
Brodie
2/3D
Shakel
Verity
Cathan
Gibson
MESSAGE FROM THE CLOTHING POOL
The Clothing Pool has changed its day of opening from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon 2:45pm-3:30pm. The co-ordinators look forward to helping you with your school uniform needs.

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN
If you would like to volunteer to work in the canteen on a casual basis, please contact Courtny Ryan on 0424038203.

P&C MINUTES
P&C minutes are always on display in the School foyer. A copy is available on request at the Office.

GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
$45:00 per family

ART AND CRAFT FEE
$10:00 per student (max. of $30)

ARMIDALE MINIBASKETBALL
Armidale Minibasketball is back on. All players, both experienced and new, are invited to participate in games and training during term 3. Cost is $5 per game or $35 per term. Miniball is basketball for primary school children and in term 3, there are only two groups. Players in Kinder/yr1 & 2 can turn up at 4pm for a game while players in years 3 & 4 and players in years 5 & 6 turn up at 5pm. Players will be put into a team each week with uniforms provided. Games are held on Mondays at The Den, located at AHS. Come along and try it out for a week to see if you like it; new players are always welcome. A combined training session is held on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 - 5.30 and is free to all players and primary school children, even if they do not play basketball.
If you would like to participate in this fabulous game, please contact Judy Monaghan 0417622859 or at armball@bigpond.com

SANDON P&C UPDATE

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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN IS BACK!!!!!!
Stickers started at Woolies on Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July. Buy up big and then come to the school office for your sticker card. Sticker cards are also available at Woolworths. A collection box has been ordered for outside Woolworths store. There is also a collection box in the school office foyer. In previous years the school has been able to buy valuable educational equipment and resources through this program. We would appreciate your support again this year.

STICKS AND STONES PERFORMANCE