



SANDY HOLLOW SNIPPETS

"Creating Future Leaders"

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School Plan 2015 – 2017

Our school plan has been endorsed by the Director and is now available on the school's website. We have designed our plan around ideas and feedback from parents, staff and students. Our focus for the next three years includes 21st Century Learning, building teacher and leadership capacity and differentiated learning. These areas encompass programs already in place and some new directions we are hoping to follow.

Our school vision statement - Sandy Hollow Public School provides students with educational opportunities across all areas of the curriculum in an inclusive, engaging and supportive environment. We aim to ensure that students reach their full potential and become confident, creative individuals who are able to meet the needs of a 21st century society consistent with the [Melbourne Declaration](#). We are committed to encouraging students to be [visible learners](#), where they are responsible for their own learning - know where they are; where they need to go next and how they are going to get there. We will ensure this happens through improved teacher capacity.

Strategic Direction 1 – 21st Century Learning - At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to systematically deliver a 21st Century, quality teaching curriculum, consistent with the [Melbourne Declaration](#) that encourages creative and productive use of technology; deep and logical thought; creative, innovative and resourceful ways to problem solve; and being able to make sense of the world. We believe these skills will be necessary for students to become active and informed citizens. We also believe that welfare plays an integral part in every child's life and so it is necessary to provide the skills necessary to be socially well adjusted citizens.

Focus areas will include: problem solving skills, creativity, technology, teamwork and social programs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meeting 2pm in the Music Room
Thurs 21st May

Pie orders due Fri 22nd May

Eisteddfod Thurs 28th May

Trivia Night Sat 30th May
6.00 for 6.30pm
See you there!

Canteen Next Monday
Amanda Thompson
Monday 1st June - Katie Thompson

Next Toybox
Monday 1st June

Claim to Date
* Pittman Cup Wed 3rd June

AUSTRALIA' S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Will be held on Friday
29th May 2015 at the
Sandy Hollow Hall

9am to 1pm

Everyone

Welcome

Hostesses:

Denise Cox and

Colleen Baas



Parenting Ideas

[http://www.parentingideas.com.au/
Parent_Magazine.html](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html)

Don't Forget Your Pie Order! Due Friday

Pie orders are due back at school by Friday May 22nd. If you have lost your order sheet, there are more at the office so please call in or send an email and we can send you one.

PIE COLLECTION IS: **FRIDAY 12th JUNE** from the **School Library**. If you require any more info on this please ring Michelle 65475058, or the school.



Claim the Date
Sandy Hollow PS and
SH Progress Association Trivia Night
Saturday 30th May, starting at 6.30pm.
Book at table by ringing the school on
65474521
Or just turn up on the night!

Strategic Direction 2 – building Leadership and Teacher Capacity

- At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to build a dynamic culture of innovation and best practice through developing leadership capacity, quality professional learning and collegiality. We aim to ensure that there are explicit systems for collaboration and feedback to sustain quality teaching practices and that professional learning is aligned with the school plan, ensuring maximum impact on the quality of teaching and student learning outcomes.

Focus areas will include: Art of Leadership program, developing observation and feedback processes for teaching staff and implementing the new Teaching Standards.

Strategic Direction 3 – Differentiated Learning - At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to develop an approach which builds the capabilities of all students so that they are involved in planning their own learning goals, monitor their own success in achieving these goals and work towards developing skills which will help them to succeed at and beyond, school. We aim to enable all of our students to be assessment capable, visible learners.

Focus areas will include: visible learning, tracking student data, individualised learning plans for all students and acknowledging student achievement in the wider community.

Our next step is to set milestones – what we want to achieve and how we are going to measure it. I will be attending a training day at Tamworth next Tuesday about setting milestones.

Work Experience

This week we welcome Emma-Lee Cooper from Merriwa Central School. She is joining us for the week to try out teaching. She will be working with Mrs Parker, Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins.

Annual School Report

Our annual school report for 2014 has been completed and is now available for viewing on the school website. If anyone would like a paper copy, please call into the office and we will arrange one for you.

Business Intelligence Training

Next Thursday, I will be travelling to Singleton to complete Business Intelligence training. This will allow us to access a whole suite of data that we will be able to use to make future decisions about school programs.

Book Fair



Our first book fair will be held in week 6, starting on Monday 1st June. Students will have the whole week to purchase books.

Walkathon

Sponsorship forms have been handed out. They will need to be returned to school on Friday 12th June when we will hold our walkathon at the back of the caravan park. The P&C will provide each student with a sausage sandwich on their return to school.

Christina Darlington
Principal

Eisteddfod

With one week to go before the Eisteddfod, the children are busy putting the final touches to their performances.

Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to drive our children to St James Primary School in Muswellbrook. We would not be able to participate in these community events without your support.

If there is anyone who has not returned their note would you please bring it to school tomorrow.

Pauline Bullock - Co-ordinator

Weekly Awards

- Hunter Marsh - excellent effort in persuasive writing.
- Nicholas Terrell - excellent effort in persuasive writing.
- Andrew Harris - improvement in mathematics.
- Mikayla Borradaile - for trying hard to complete all her work neatly.
- Jobee McCandless - for beautiful manners and being kind to people in her class.

Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Noah Adams and Reagan Turner.

3/4/5/6 - Jacob Marsh and Isabella Wallace.

Student of the Week



Isabelle Pike - for being an honest and helpful member of the school.

Sportsperson of the Week



Ayden Marsh - trying hard at soccer training.

Trivia Night Bottle Donations

MORE BOTTLES NEEDED!

Just a reminder that we need more bottle donations for the Trivia Night bottle game. Please deliver them to the office. Thank you to those families who have already donated items

P&C Meeting

There is a P&C meeting in the Music room at 2pm on Thursday 21st May. All welcome.

Breakfast Club

Michelle Stennett is unable to do Breakfast Club on a Friday morning from now on, due to work commitments. We are appealing to someone to take her place. Please see Michelle or call in at school. Thank you.

In Summary

Where: St James Primary School – Muswellbrook

When: Thursday 28th May

Time: Depart from school – 9.00 (we are performing in the morning session)

Clothes: Full school uniform – Long blue pants or skort or shorts (boys), school t-shirt, black shoes, blue socks and school jumper.