Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another great year of learning at Sarina State School! Prior to the start of the year we have worked hard to ensure a great start to the year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to the team: Mrs Swart (Head of Special Education Services), Mr Ban (Prep C), Mrs du Plessis (1B & Learning Support Year 3–6), Miss Heytman (2B), Ms Kirk (3A), Ms Wickins (5/6D), Miss Kahl (6C), Miss Ponti (LOTE – Japanese), Miss Pearce (Performing Arts) and Mrs Brown (SEP P–3). I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to our school and sincerely hope that you enjoy what our school has to offer.

Currently, the average class size this year at our school is 22.8 and the official Day 8 numbers that I am likely to submit to the Department is 479 students which is a substantial increase from 438 students that I submitted this time last year. With the increase in student numbers and with the additional funding allocated to our school through ‘Investment for Success’ (I4S) we are in a position to employ a further three teacher aides who will be working in classrooms supporting your child’s learning. Welcome back Mrs Bell, Ms McGuire and Mrs Harlow, I am thrilled to have you back on the team!

In 2016, we are taking an even greater stance on behaviour and attendance and this will continue until the attendance rate increases and rate of suspensions further decrease to an acceptable level. In 2015, we finished the year on 91.9%, a great improvement from 2014, however this is still not an acceptable attendance rate. We also managed to decrease our suspension rate by 33% from 2014 to 2015, despite our stance on zero tolerance for physical misconduct and bullying. Please ensure that you have read through the information provided to all families last week regarding the expectations for attendance and behaviour at our school.

This year, I ask parents to come and see us straight away if you or your child is having problems at school. We want the best for your child and so do you, but we can’t help your child or yourselves if nothing has been reported or your concerns are not being raised with us. Let’s work together to make 2016 an awesome year for teaching, learning, attendance, behaviour and overall social & emotional well-being.

Have a great 2016 at our school!

We still have a number of uncollected reports cards from Semester 2 of 2015. Please come and collect your child’s report card from the administration office as soon as possible.

Yours in education

Steve Moore
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Yours faithfully,

Steve Moore
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WRITES...

Parents As Partners

The partnership you develop with your child's teacher is incredibly important to the success your child achieves in school, whether in Prep, Year 6 and even into high school and senior. Teachers have more than 20 relationships with parents to juggle and time is limited. Please look for opportunities to cultivate this relationship early in the year.

Teachers are establishing routines with students for learning throughout each day as well as before and after school routines. One way you can support these routines is to have a chat with your child's teacher about the best time to catch up before or after school and the best place to wait in the afternoons when picking your child up. As a general rule, try and remain out of sight and away from the classroom Windows/door as students are often eager to see their parents after a busy day (especially the younger students). Just the sight of a waiting parent can often be distracting for a student, even if it is not your own child. This is the time teachers are finalising organisation for the day, going over learning or discussing things for home. Please help support this by discussing with your child's teacher the best place to wait for collection as this varies per class and year level.

Glenn Hankinson
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL

SMOKING IS BANNED AT THIS SCHOOL AND FOR 5 METRES BEYOND THE SCHOOL BOUNDARY

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 29/01/16**

Congratulations to the following students:

**Prep A** – Lindell  **Prep B** – Addison  **Prep C** – Daniella

1B – Nayte  1C – Brontie  1/2A – Jesse

2B – Kody  2C – Ryleigh  2D – Shania

2/3/4L – Chance  3A – Briseis  3B – Rani

4A – Latifah  4B – Sonny  4/5C – Olivia

4/5P – Tobie  5/6D – Wilson  5A – Harmony

6A – John  6B – Dillon  6C – Blake

**LOST & FOUND**

Found, one bracelet; call in at office if you have any inquiries.

Found, pair of purple (flower pattern on arms) glasses.

**FIVE KEYS TO HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS**

![Image of five keys]

These have been designed to remind students that they have the power to make school and learning fun.

Each week we will announce the weekly focus on parade and teachers will teach the key elements in class.

This week’s focus is Organisation.
Next week’s focus is Getting along.

Remember **YOU CAN DO IT!**

**P & C NEWS**

You’re invited to attend…..

P & C General meeting - Monday 8th February at 9.15am.
Venue: Music/Activities room

**Kaikai Café**

Open Tuesday-Friday, 8.30-2pm. If anybody has a spare hour or two and would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, call in and see Rachel or Shelley to work out a day and time.

**Uniform Shop**

Uniform Shop will be open Mondays and Wednesdays only 8.15 - 9.15am.
Shirts $25.00
Hats $16.00

Anybody leaving the school, donations of uniforms for us to sell second-hand would be greatly appreciated.
LIBRARY NEWS

Bookclub order forms will be sent home next week. All orders for Issue one, will need to be sent to the office and placed in the security box by Friday 19th February. Spare forms are available from the Library.

TENNIS LESSONS

Lessons are conducted using the acclaimed National Hot Shots. The lessons are exclusively for students who go to our school and are conducted with all Tennis Australia Certified Coaches from Pioneer Tennis Inc. Racquets are also provided if needed. All juniors will receive a Hot Shots Shirt for the year and become a Pioneer Member of Pioneer Tennis Inc. for free.

Lessons are held at Sarina Assoc courts Hoey Street Sarina on Wednesday after school.

40 min lesson = $8.00
1 hour lesson = $10.00
For more information 📞 Lefty 0409201789
Forms are available at office.

George Street Neighbourhood Centre Multicultural Programs resume soon – Call 4957 7222 or 4957 2626 for more info.

Homework Program starts 1st February– for multicultural Primary School Children, Mondays and Tuesdays, 3.15 – 4.30 pm (Shakespeare St. Centre).

World Café at Hibiscus Centre Tuesday 9th February, 10.30 till 12.00 pm – meet new friends while practicing your English and learning about different cultures. Free group.

Community English Class daytime starts 5th February.

Community English Class starts February 10th Wed. 6 pm till 7 pm.

Multicultural Play group Fridays 9.30 am.

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