We’ve decided to support reword, a tool and program that will help end online bullying. By identifying hurtful language in real time, the tool interrupts behaviour before the bullying happens. Using a red line to strike through insults like a spellchecker, reword prompts users to rethink what they write before posting. The tool has been developed by global communications agency Leo Burnett Melbourne along with consultation from headspace Youth Mental Health Foundation. It is currently available as an extension for Google Chrome web browser and works everywhere we communicate online, including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

We will be introducing reword to our older students, Chappy Amanda will hold a number of classroom lessons designed to talk about the importance of thinking before students hit the send button. We encourage parents to install it at home, where the majority of time spent on social media happens. As a browser extension, it doesn’t take up any room on your computer’s hard drive, nor does it affect the processing speed.

You can find more information and download reword with one click at www.reword.it.

We believe reword has the power to truly influence behaviour over time. The message is simple: Don’t bully, and the red line will never appear. Please join us in supporting this new piece of technology.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is fast approaching, for our year 3’s and year 5’s it’s an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the curriculum in both Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is designed as a snapshot in time, a guide for teachers to assist students in areas of weakness as well as to celebrate areas of strength. At St Helens our students have been encouraged to view the test as a way to demonstrate their greatness, as a way to show everyone what they have learnt and to be proud of their current skills. For your child to have the best opportunity to show their knowledge it’s important that they have a healthy, nourishing breakfast along with enough sleep to ensure they are alert and ready to tackle the task at hand. I personally look forward to praising the hard work of our students as they complete the national testing.

Curriculum Corner
NAPLAN is only 2 weeks away. All students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the tests over three days.

Tuesday 10th May:
Language Conventions – 40 minutes
Writing – 40 minutes

Wednesday 11th May:
Reading
Year 3 – 45 minutes
Year 5 – 50 minutes
**St Helens News**

**Thursday 12th May:**

**Numeracy**

Year 3 – 45 minutes
Year 5 – 50 minutes

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. From 2016, NAPLAN content will be aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please speak with your child’s teacher or contact the office.

I have added some more example questions today for you to discuss with your child:

**Year 3: Language conventions:**

First, Jess holds the ball high above her head. Jess stands with her feet apart.

Jess bends her knees before she shoots.

And stretches upward and takes her shot.

**Year 5: Language conventions:**

Mum’s compost heap

Mum has a compost heap in her garden. She adds kitchen scraps and lawn clippings to the compost. My uncle, who owns a farm, over whenever he can to deliver horse manure to add to the compost.

The compost heap involves plenty of work for Mum. must turn the heap over with a fork. This has to be done three times a week.

Mum does not seem to her compost heap has made her quite popular. Her friends keep coming over to get some compost.

Dancers will be coming on the 5th of May to perform for us singing, dancing and African drum playing. There will be no cost for this performance.

**Choir News**

Due to a number of lunchtime activities, the Senior Choir will now practice on Monday during the first break. We will resume on Monday 10th May.

**Student Council – Mother’s Day Stall**

There are some fabulous gifts for sale starting from $1 to $5. Students are invited to come to the hall on the 4th, 5th and 6th of May at first break to buy a gift for Mum.

**Student Council – Mother’s Day Raffle**

Student Council members will be selling tickets near the front gate in the morning before school and in the afternoon at 2.40-3.00.

Tickets will also be available from the prep classroom.

Prizes are....

1st prize Mother’s Day hamper
2nd prize Avon mother’s day basket; and
3rd prize is a family movie pass from @cinemas Maryborough.

Money raised will go toward new play equipment for the junior sandpit. Please see a student council representative if you have any questions.
School Banking
If your child makes 5 or more deposits with school banking this term, they will go into a draw for a banking prize.

Strings News
FEES ARE NOW DUE!!!
Orchestra (non-beginner) students are required to have their own long black dress pants, black socks and black shoes to be worn with the St Helens music polo shirt (to be supplied) for their first performance of 2016 in May. No leggings, jeans or coloured shoes are permitted. Please make moves to having these items very soon as it can be difficult to find the pants to purchase at times.
Thank you, Mrs Hodgkinson.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is back! It will consist of a different meal deal each fortnight. Meal deals will be $5 each. Order forms and money are due by 9am on the Friday before up at the office. The next tuckshop will be Tuesday the 10th of May. Please write your child’s name, class and teacher on an envelope with money enclosed.

All meals will be handed out on a re-usable plastic plate. When students are finished they are encouraged to take their plate to the washing up station for cleaning. This is a great way to encourage responsibility and practice recycling. There will be older students to help out with this process.

Parent helpers are needed for Tuckshop! If you are able to volunteer your time on a Friday morning to sort the orders or on a Tuesday to help in the tuckshop that would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Southall in the office.

Change of Details
Please inform the school if you have changed any phone numbers or contact details. Also emergency contact details if you feel that they need to be updated. We need the correct details at all times as this assists us if an emergency arises.

Dinner Table Topics
Prep Possums & Wombats – Our Preps are becoming excellent readers! Some strategies we are using include; looking at picture clues and stretching out words using our phonemes. Try these with your home reading this week.

Year 1A – A parent teacher interview note will come home this week. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress.

Year 2B - Just a reminder that parent teacher interview notes went home last week. If you have returned a form you should have received confirmation of your time this afternoon.

Year 2C - This week we are going to be comparing an old push mower and a new ride-on mower. The children will list the features of each and then make statements about what has changed and what has stayed the same. If you have not returned the form for a parent interview, please send it in as soon as possible with your child.

Year 2/3R – Winter is coming… Please contact the school or myself if your child has been away sick, this will assist our priority of attendance and to catch up on any missed activities. Also 2/3R love their fruit break, research suggests that having a fruit and vegetable break can help children concentrate and have an increased capacity to learn. Please ensure your child is bringing this to school as we are learning about split strategy, number lines and number sequences this week.

Year 3N – Year 3N have welcomed Miss Ellis, a pre-service teacher, to our classroom for the next 10 days. We look forward to showing her just what St Helens students are capable of!

Year 3F – This week we welcome Miss Azzapardi and Miss Geary to our class. Miss Azzapardi will be with us until

Year 4M – Thank you to all parents who have freed some time in their schedule for a parent teacher interview. I look forward to catching up and discussing learning goals and progress of the children; these will provide plenty of dinner table topics.

School Absence Line:
4120 2260
If your child is sick or away please call the schools Absence Line.
Year 4S – Year 4 are learning about properties of everyday items. Quiz them about certain properties of items found in the home. Parent teacher interview notes to go out at the end of the week.

Year 5H – Our dinner table topic: In Maths, your child is working on division. Ask your child what some of the technical vocabulary words around the topic of division are and the different ways a division sum could be represented.

Year 6P – We are learning how to design and draw a simple electrical circuit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Teacher Aide
3 days per week (9.75 hours)
Permanent Position
Sandy Strait State School

Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Applicants are required to submit a brief resume, contact details for 2 referees (one of whom is your current supervisor) and a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role under ‘How You Will Be Assessed’.

Applications close 3.00pm Friday 29 April 2016
Applications will remain current for 12 months.
Applications to be address to:
BSM
Sandy Strait State School
Robert Street
URANGAN QLD 4655
Or email to: bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au

Mothers Day Shop
Maryborough Heritage Combined Crafts will operate their Mothers Day shop, at Maryborough Central Plaza, opp. IGA, from 26th April to 7th May. Open 8.30am to 5pm Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 3pm Sat, and 9am to 1pm Sun. Selling quality handmade crafts including, paper crafts, vintage cake stands, knitting, decorative art, jewellery, sewing, crochet, dressed dolls and teddies, preserves, home cooking and much more.

FOR SALE

2 x size 6 dresses, $10 each. Phone 4121 2563.

1 x size 6 jumper, $5
Please enquire at the office.

2 x size 6 boys dress shirts, very good condition. $15 each or 2 for $20. Please enquire at the office.

Size 13 Mary-Jane school shoes (very good condition) $15
Please enquire at the office.
## Star of the week

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<td>For her commitment and enthusiasm in all lessons. Well done!</td>
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<td>Imogen Morgan</td>
<td>For an excellent effort in her writing tasks this week.</td>
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<td>Alice Cherry</td>
<td>For showing wonderful improvement with her writing and reading.</td>
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<td>Finnley Hill</td>
<td>For the outstanding commitment you put into everything you do at school.</td>
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<td>Tyson Gillard</td>
<td>For the outstanding way you follow the three school values. You are a ‘Super Star Student’ in 2B.</td>
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<td>Your excellent commitment to your learning and the outstanding effort you put into all that you do.</td>
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<td>For being a committed and enthusiastic class member. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Lachian Ashman</td>
<td>For demonstrating a positive attitude and commitment to all aspects of schooling. Well done!</td>
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<td>For your brilliant use of emotive language in your persuasive writing. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Travis Kerswell</td>
<td>For showing an improved commitment during class discussions on Maths and English.</td>
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<td>For an outstanding effort and successful results for a Science assessment.</td>
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<td>For your outstanding effort towards your Maths warm up.</td>
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<td>Bronson Whedlock</td>
<td>For demonstrating integrity and respect towards his classmates. Well done!</td>
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<td>For knowing what the word “hibernation” means form this weeks story!</td>
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