

## ISSUE NO 10

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### 2016 Diary Dates...

**21 July:** Kup Murri  
NAIDOC Celebrations  
**25 – 26 July:** Yr 6 Life Ed  
Talk  
**26 July:** Northern Suburbs  
Athletics Day  
**27 July:** Spectacular Parent  
Meeting, 5pm  
**28 July:** Yr 5 MECC  
Excursion  
**2 August:** ICAS Test –  
English  
**3 August:** Wakakirri School  
Performance, 2:45pm  
**4 August:** Spectacular  
Auditions, 3:15 – 4:30pm  
**8 August:** Wakakirri  
Performance -MECC  
**12 August:** School Disco  
**15 – 19 August:** Year 4  
Camp  
**15 – 19 August:** Science  
Week  
**18 August:** ICAS Test –  
Maths  
**19 August:** Yr1  
Greenmount Excursion

### Student Absence Line:

**49656360**

This service is available for parents reporting their children's absence from school. Please clearly state their name, class and reason for absence. All absences are recorded for teachers.

**20 July 2016**

## From the Principal's Desk

Our students have settled nicely into the new term, with nine new students to our school, a big welcome to them and their families.

NAIDOC celebrations are happening in our school this week with the Dance Troupe entertaining us on school assembly, a well done to our dancers. We have a Kup Murrie on Thursday, food orders can be forwarded to the office at late notice. Thank you to Toni Mooney and the organising committee for their efforts.

One hundred and fifty grandparents visited on Monday for the Grandparents' Day, a wonderful opportunity for the sharing of experiences between the students and their grandparents.

Parents, a reminder that the School Opinion Survey details were sent home with the semester one report cards via the youngest child in the family. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how our school can improve. The online survey is available until the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

Well done to the 272 students who received Good Attendance certificates for term two. The average daily attendance rate for students in semester one was 94% as compared to 93% for the same period in 2015. Let us continue with this improvement in daily attendance, remember Every Day Counts.

A reminder that the Northern Suburbs Athletics Day has been postponed to next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Good luck to our athletes.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson

Principal.

## Foyer Display



This term 4E is reading the book *The Twits* and then writing a narrative based on the characters in this book. Mr and Mrs Twit are the smelliest, nastiest, ugliest people in the world. They hate everything – except

playing mean jokes on each other, catching innocent birds to put in their bird pies and making their caged monkeys stand on their heads all day. The students have composed an initial description of Mr Twit based on their observations at the beginning of the term. These can be viewed in the office foyer.

## 'ATSI Family Homework Support'- by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Fitzgerald's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (ATSI) Homework Support Afternoons restart on Tuesday 26 July. Parents and caregivers of students who identify as ATSI are invited to accompany their children to the weekly sessions, held in the mini computer lab beside 4E. Contact Toni Mooney [tmoon38@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmoon38@eq.edu.au) for more information.

## 'The Premier's Reading Challenge 2016'- by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Students have until Friday 26 August 2016 to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge, where Prep to Year 4 are asked to read or experience 20 books and Years 5 and 6 read 15 books, fill in the official recording sheet, have it signed by a parent or teacher and submit it for recording. Spare recording sheets are at the office. Further information, including booklists for all ages can be found on the website.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

## 'Whitsunday Voices Short Story Writing Competition'- by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Well done to all of the Fitzgerald students who entered the Whitsunday Voices Short Story Writing Competition. There was a record number of entries and we thank the Voices Committee for organising the competition and the Friends of the Library for judging and donating the prizes. Unfortunately no Fitzgerald students were successful in gaining a place this year. The winning entries will be posted on this website shortly.

<https://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/home>



## 'Fitz Blitz Reading Buddies'- by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

All year four students have been trained to be supportive reading buddies, using Pause-

Prompt-Praise and the Reading Star strategies. Some big year four buddies are using their skills to help little year one buddies in their classrooms each morning before school. Pictured here are three of the keenest Year 4 Reading Buddies receiving Appreciation Certificates in front of the school assembly, L to R: Brielle Contor, Jacob Meikle and Faith Penola. Monique Weir, Malika Gower, Caprice Womal, Makayla Harrison and Ella Gorton will receive their certificates on parade on Monday 25 July.

## NAIDOC Week – Grandparents' Day



NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. We have had a wonderful start to our NAIDOC week celebrations at a parade for our Year 3 – 6 students where Mrs Patricia Corrie, a Traditional owner of the Yeui people addressed students in a Welcome to Country and many of our Indigenous students performed traditional dances. We also had more than 170 grandparents register to attend our first Grandparents' morning. Students learnt about differences in education across generations and had the opportunity to show their grandparents what they were doing in their classwork. We thank all of the grandparents who came for our Grandparents' morning and allowed our students to get a glimpse of their grandparents' lives.

For the remainder of our NAIDOC Week celebrations, students will have the opportunity to do some traditional painting with artist Dylan Mooney-Togo, taste some food cooked in the traditional style of a Kup Murri and participate in some rotational activities. Thank you to all of the families who participated in the planning of

NAIDOC week and those who have travelled to participate in the NAIDOC week activities.

### **School Attendance**

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for Fitzgerald State School and for the Department of Education and Training. Congratulations to the children who received certificates this week recognising very high attendance for Term 2. Fitzgerald SS encourages all children to attend school every day as higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. In total across Prep to Year 6, 272 children attended school for at least 97% of the school term. Unfortunately a total of 95 children also attended school for less than 85% of the school term.

Please note that it is important that the school is notified on the day of your child's absence. Please phone 49 656 360. If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, please contact the classroom teacher or deputy principal for advice and support.

### **Stop, Drop & Go**

Just a reminder when using the Stop, Drop & Go area on Norris Road, you are to do as the sign suggests. The driver is not to leave the car as per Department of Transport guidelines. Police do patrol this area at times.

### **Sports Notices**

**Sports Day** - At the end of term 2, all students participated in either Field Events Day, Junior Sports Day or Senior Sports Day. We had excellent participation, sportsmanship and achievement across all 3 days of our carnivals. A big congratulations to all students involved on the day.

The results from our Senior Sports Day were:

Age Champions: 8 Years: Elliot Hamilton, Isabella Jenkins. 9 Years: Jardine Kennell, Krystal Miller-Wilson. 10 Years: Jake Turner, Zulieka Jones. 11 Years: Jaxon Purdue, Ebony Wellby. 12 Years: Ryan Clews, Savannah Gorjup-Walters, Tara MacDonald.

Overall Boy/Girl Champion: Jaxon Purdue, Krystal Miller-Wilson.

800m Champions: Jaxon Purdue, Rachel Kavana

Champion Ball Game House: Kingfisher

Champion Relay House: Jabiru

Best Presented House: Kingfisher

Overall Champions: Jabiru

We wish all selected students the best of luck at the Northern Suburbs track and field trials.

### **Northern Suburbs Athletics**

Northern Suburbs has been postponed due to recent weather. It will now be held on **Tuesday July 26**. Families are reminded that students are to meet at Whitsunday Anglican School at 8.30am. Those involved in the 800m races are to meet at 8am. Students are then to be collected

from Whitsunday Anglican School at 2.30pm unless otherwise negotiated with Mr Campbell. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children. If children finish their events early, parents can return them to school.

### **News from the Library**

We are already back into the swing of borrowing our daily Home Readers and focussing on Reading Girl's motto: to have a book in each hand. A fictional book or bubble along book and a non-fiction title for those students in Years 3-6. For our Preps to Year 2 students you are more than welcome to browse the extensive and exciting Junior Fiction section.

Remember, our library is open at the beginning of each day as soon as the first bell rings and lunch times, we are more than happy for you to come in and read each day or participate in the weekly activities available. We love to see you each and every day, reading a variety of books.

This week, we are participating in NAIDOC Week Activities from Rainbow scratch art, dot painting, magnetic fun and our NAIDOC Week Competition with a prize for the winner from each Year level. Please come into the library and ask for a competition sheet.

### **Lost Property**

A substantial amount of clothing is in the lost property box situated outside the office. If you are visiting the school, please feel free to search through the items for any clothing that may belong to your child.

### **Help Wanted**

Year 6A and 6B are looking for knitters who are willing to come and help the students learn to knit on a Wednesday afternoon. If you or someone you know can help, please let the school office, Ms Hunt or Ms Croston know. Thank you.

### **Tuckshop Talk**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Maisie Greaves

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Tamika Cooke

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Sterling, Tamika Cooke

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Tamika Cooke

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – **HELP NEEDED**/Tamika Cooke

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Robyn Adams

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – **HELP NEEDED**

Milo will be available until the end of term.

### **Community Notices**

**SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2016 / 2017**

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC NORTH MACKAY  
Initiation of the Sacraments, Children (8yrs)**

**DATE: Thursday 18 August 2016**

**TIME: 7.00 pm**

For further details, contact Parish Office [4957 4855](tel:49574855)  
Monday to Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Our newsletter can now be viewed on the school website** [www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au](http://www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au).