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2015 Diary Dates...

July 24: Read with Me
Parent Information Session
9.30-11.30am
July 28: ICAS English Test
July 28: Read with Me
Parent Information Session
5.30-7.30pm
August 3-5: Visiting
Author – Brian Falkner
August 4: Music Viva
performance
August 6: Wakakirri
August 10: Spell-a-thon
commences
August 11: P&C Meeting
August 11: ICAS – Maths
August 10-13: Year 4 Bike
Education
August 14: School Disco
August 17: Book Week and
Science Week
August 17-20: Year 4 Bike
Education
August 31-Sept 2: Year 4
Camp

Student Absence Line: 49656360

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

29 July 2015

From the Principal's Desk

This term is a busy one for us with the School Dance, Wakakirri, the Author Visit, Parent Workshops, Spell-a-thon, Athletics Carnival, Optiminds and Special Weeks, as always our school continues to provide opportunity for the students. Thank you to those of us who continue to involve themselves by organising and assisting with these activities.

A flyer advertising the School Dance, which will be held on Friday 14th August, goes home this week, if you could return the permission slip by 11th August. Volunteers are required for both dances, thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing the 2015 Wakakirri production of 'Shrek' performed by sixty-six of our talented years 4 to 6 students at the Mackay Entertainment Centre on Thursday night 6th August. A big thank you to our cultural team who continue to produce good quality productions for us.

Parents who have children eligible for Prep next year, born 1/07/20010 – 30/06/2011, are able to contact the school office for enrolment details. There is an information session planned for the morning of Monday 19th October for new prep parents.

Parents a reminder that this is the last week you are able to complete the online School Opinion Survey for 2015, if you could assist, thank you.

Our monthly P&C Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 11th August at 5.30pm. You are most welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our Athletics Team, aggregate winners for 2015 at the Northern Suburbs Carnival.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson
Principal.

Foyer Display



Year 1C and 1D

This term 1C and 1D have been reading and learning about traditional and cultural stories from Australia and Asia. As part of our learnings and celebration of NAIDOC week, students

had the opportunity to create beautiful Aboriginal dot painting artworks. Our rooms are slowly growing with beautiful artworks from around the world, like Chinese lanterns.

Flag Raising Ceremony

NAIDOC is a day for celebration for the Indigenous people. It is also a time to respect Indigenous Australian Culture. The theme for this year is "We all stand on sacred ground" - Learn, Respect and Celebrate.



Students from Year 6 discussed the importance of NAIDOC on both the junior and senior parades, with a flag raising ceremony held during the parades.

By Tyrhys Pitt and Paige Penola 6D

School Value – Tolerance - School Representatives of the Student Council presented their understanding of the value Tolerance on school parade. What is Tolerance? To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience. Tolerance helps people accept things as they are. People without tolerance judge others by the way they look, sound or dress. They decide who can be a friend. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we are tolerant, we don't allow differences to drive us apart. Practicing tolerance is showing respect and appreciation for differences. You don't judge or tease someone who is different. You make them feel at home. You show forgiveness when someone makes a mistake. Tolerance does not mean being passive and letting someone hurt you. When that happens, you need assertiveness. When you are tolerant, you have patience and flexibility to accept the things you cannot change with good grace.

Sports Notices

Northern Suburbs Track and Field

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Northern Suburbs Track and Field trials last week. Fitzgerald School performed extremely well and won the Aggregate Points Trophy. Ava Wheeler, Lily Kay, Brooke Vella and Jhett Bates were awarded age champions medallions. We wish all students selected in the Northern Suburbs team the best of luck in the upcoming Mackay Track and Field carnival.

Mackay Touch Football- Junior Sign On Season Dates

Monday U16 & Opens Boys & Girls, starts 3rd August 2015 - 26th October 2015. Friday **U8 (Mixed, boys or girls), U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14** Boys or Girls starts 7th August – 23rd October 2015.

Sign-on Dates: Thursday 30th July 3-7pm and Friday 31st July 3pm – 6.00pm

\$70.00 per player, minimum of 8 for U8 & minimum of 10 players per team U10's - OPENS. All teams to nominate on line and all players to register online via the Mackay Touch website "Nominations are Open".

There are options to pay online, EFTPOS, Direct Deposit, cash or cheque payable to Mackay Touch Association.

All teams must have a coach with a Foundation, Talent, Elite or Masters Coach Level or sign up to attend a Coaches Course. (Date to be advised)
Dean Cheetham, Mackay Junior Touch Coordinator, Contact Number 0428926797

Music Notices

MOB – Mackay's Orchestras and Bands

Concert Band - Sunday 23rd August

String Ensemble -Saturday 22nd August

Notes will be sent home this week. Please see your music teacher or instrumental teacher if you have not received one yet. Please return permission slips by Friday 7th July.

School Spell-a-thon

Our spell-a-thon commences on Monday 10th August. Students will receive their spelling list and sponsorship form on the 10th with the tests to be conducted in the week beginning the 7th September. Get involved, as this can be a good motivation for students to learn their spelling and a good fundraiser for the school.

'Fitz Reading Blitz! – Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Fitz Reading Blitz initiatives are currently involving lots of staff and students across the school. **Five Star Readers** - Literacy and numeracy support teacher, Mrs Bev Croton and several Teacher Aides are working with a group of year two readers from 8.45am each Monday to Thursday morning. These Five Star Readers are expected to be on time every day, they are reading and rereading a focus text to improve their fluency, they are learning new words, answering comprehension questions and reading a set of sight words and silly sounds with growing accuracy and automaticity. **Buddy Reading** - A group of year five and six students are helping the year ones in their classrooms before school from Tuesday to Friday mornings. Literacy and numeracy support teacher, Mrs Christina Sam is checking that these probationary Reading Buddies use the supportive Pause-Prompt-Praise strategy and are leading their little buddies to independence by reminding them to use the reading star cues. **Reading Eggs Online** - Parents and guardians, if you could spare some time between 8.30am to 9.15am on any Tuesday to Friday morning, the years two and three Fitz Blitz readers working on the Reading Eggs computer program in the library could really do with your help. At 8.30am Mrs Janelle Stuart supervises the year six Tech Crew helpers to set up the computers and log the readers into the program, the readers listen to a text, read along with the text, turn off the sound and read the text by themselves. They then ask a Teacher Aide or teacher if they could listen to their reading, but more help is needed to speed up the process and to ensure these students are reading more in the time. If you have some time to give, just come to the library in the morning, or email Sue Hamilton-Smith shami40@eq.edu.au or phone 49 656 333. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Tuckshop Talk

Roster:

Thurs 30th Aug – Robyn Adams, Tamika Cook

Fri 31st Aug – Aretha Lyons, Nikki Best

Tues 4th Sept – Robyn Adams

Wed 5th Sept – Robyn Adams, Tamika Cook

Thurs 6th – Robyn Adams, Tamika Cook

Fri 7th – Sarina Dodd, Help Needed

Tues 11th – Robyn Adams

Wed 12th – Robyn Adams, Tamika Cook

News from the Library

Book Week – Books light up our world

Book Week is celebrated across Australia during the week Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August, 2015. The theme this year is 'Books light up our world.' This is a fantastic theme as this year has been declared the International Year of Light by the UN.

We shall be focusing our activities on the books that have been shortlisted in this year's Book of the Year award run by the Children's Book Council of Australia. This competition is a premier competition for authors and illustrators alike.

This year the books that have been shortlisted for the Book of the Year Award are:

Book of the Year: Younger Readers (Novels)

Tristan Bancks, *Two Wolves* (Random House Australia)

Bill Condon, *The Simple Things* (Allen & Unwin)

Libby Gleeson, *The Cleo Stories: The Necklace and the Present* (Allen & Unwin)

Steven Herrick, *Bleakboy and Hunter Stand Out in the Rain* (University of Queensland Press)

Tamsin Janu, *Figgy in the World* (Scholastic Australia)

Judith Rossell, *Withering-by-Sea* (HarperCollins)

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Aaron Blabey, *Pig the Pug* (Scholastic Australia)

Lesley Gibbes, *Scary Night* (Working Title Press)

Libby Gleeson, *Go to Sleep, Jessie* (Hardie Grant Egmont)

Jenny Hughes, *A House of Her Own* (Hardie Grant Egmont)

Stephen Michael King, *Snail and Turtle are Friends* (Scholastic Australia)

Alison Lester, *Noni the Pony Goes to the Beach* (Allen & Unwin)

Picture Book of the Year (listed by illustrator)

Trace Balla, *Rivertime* (Allen & Unwin)

Freya Blackwood, *My Two Blankets* (Hardie Grant Egmont)

Michael Camilleri, *One Minute's Silence* (Allen & Unwin)

Stephen Michael King, *The Duck and the Darklings* (Allen & Unwin)

Ritva Voutilainen, *The Stone Lion* (Hardie Grant Egmont)

Bruce Whatley, *Fire* (Scholastic Australia)

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Simon Barnard, *A-Z of Convicts in Van Diemen's Land* (Text Publishing)

Demet Divaroren & Amra Pajalic, *Coming of Age: Growing Up Muslim in Australia* (Allen & Unwin)

Pamela Freeman, *Mary's Australia: How Mary Mackillop Changed Australia* (Walker Books Australia)

P & C Notices - School Disco –

Date: Friday 14th August

Venue: School Hall

Time: Prep to Year 2 – 5.30pm– 7.00pm

Year 3 to Year 6 – 7.15pm – 8.45pm

Cost: \$5.00 per child for dance entry

Theme: Book week – 'Books light up our world'

Science week – 'Making waves – The science of light.'

Hall canteen opens at 5.15pm. Admission is to be pre-paid. Sausage on bread \$2.00 and drinks \$2.00.

Disco forms are to be returned with payment by Tuesday 11th August.

Community Notices



Mackay North State High School

Year 7 enrolments are currently open and the first round of enrolment acceptances have been sent out. Enrolment forms, information and scholarship applications are available

on our school website. There is a school tour coming up on the 8th August at 6pm. We encourage you to attend if you would like to find out more about our school and the wide range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities available to students. Please refer to our school website for further information or contact the school on 4963 1666. Early enrolment will provide certainty for you and your student's high school education.

PCYC Bingo - Bingo is held every Friday at 9:30AM at PCYC off Norris Road.

A courtesy bus is available for those who do not have transport.

Bookings for the bus must be two days in advance. To make a booking please phone PCYC 49 423 296

Cyber Safety

Community Presentation-

Most of your school and staff will have heard of Brad Huddleston. If not they should.

You and your school community is invited to attend a parent/community presentation on the 31st July at 6:30pm at Eimeo Road State School library.

Sgt Nigel Dalton – Mackay Prevention Unit will be presenting the safety aspects of internet use and Brad Huddleston will be talking about the issues of over use.

Market car boot sale – Saturday 15th August. St Ambrose Anglican Church Glenpark St Nth Mackay Site fee - \$15. Great exposure for good sales.

Book – Ph. 0400299298, 0414503237.

Also available: Delicious homemade bake, plants, craft, Devonshire tea, pre-loved items. Come along: 7.00am – 1.00pm.

Mackay Evangelical Church (MAKE), meets 4pm Sundays at Fitzgerald State School Hall. Includes Kids church during service. New series - Finding Hope - begins Sunday 9th August.

Contact Jai - jaiwright@mackayevangelicalchurch.com or mobile 0429 852 949.

Safety – Magpie Season (July- November)

- * Wear a broad-brimmed hat or shelter under an umbrella to protect your face from swooping magpies.
- * If a magpie swoops while you are cycling, it will probably stop swooping if you get off your bike and walk.
- * Avoid 'defence zones' by taking alternative routes during the breeding season.

*If you must enter the 'defence zone', magpies will be less likely to swoop if they are watched constantly, or if people walk in a close group.

*Waving sticks or umbrellas in the air or attaching a brightly coloured flag on a long pole to your bicycle can stop magpies from swooping.