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2016 Diary Dates...

December 8: Year 6

Excursion

December 9: LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL

January 18th: School
office open

January 18-20th: Pupil
free days

January 23rd: First day of
school.

7 December 2016

From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to all students who received recognition for their achievements in the Sporting, Academic and Cultural areas at the Awards Ceremony held last night.

The Dux of School for 2016 is Mitali Peshorn, Ms Julianne Gilbert M.P for Mackay presented Mitali with her award. Congratulations Mitali.

More news on the Awards Ceremony is included in this newsletter.

We farewell our year 6 graduating class at a dinner tonight, a special occasion for students, staff and parents. We wish our students all of the very best for the future.

The semester two report cards are released today, 7th December. Special mention of all students who were able to show improvement during the year.

To our families and staff who are leaving us, thank you for your contribution to the school, and good luck in the future.

Enjoy the Christmas and New Year break everyone. We look forward to having a successful year, 2017.

The school office is open from Wednesday, 18th January with the students return date being Monday 23rd January 2017.

The school watch number is 131 788 for reporting of security issues.

Enjoy your week and the summer holidays, everyone.

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.



Mike Anderson

Principal

Awards Night

Congratulations to all students of Fitzgerald State School and a special mention to the following students who received awards in the following areas.

Sportsperson of the Year (Male) – Jaxon Purdue
Sportsperson of the Year (Female) – Teesha Edwards

Drama Award – Alyssa Muller

Most Outstanding Musician – Athalia Garcia

John Wessel Perpetual Award – Penny Zhang

Anne McDonald Cultural Award – Alicia Flor

David Blair Memorial Award Year 5 – Baily Van Helmond

Scott Family Award (Year 6 Overall) – Baiden Papavasiliou

Dux of the school Year 6 – Mitali Peshorn



North Mackay Private Hospital Car Park

Parents and Guardians of children at Fitzgerald State School are being advised that North Mackay Private Hospital car park is for patients only. You are no longer allowed to park on these premises as such parking on the hospital grounds is reserved for patients, families, clients and visitors of North Mackay Private Hospital and their Consulting Suites only. Could parents and guardians dropping off and collecting children from Fitzgerald State School please make alternative parking arrangements. Cars that are parked in this area will be towed away. **Contributed**

Join the Summer Reading Club! by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Our request is that you keep reading to and with your child over the long break from school. It will be two months



before your child receives books from school to practise their reading skills. That's a long, long time for a developing reader. No child can afford to have a holiday from reading. Instead, the summer vacation can be a time to read for pleasure and to consolidate learning. Children who read and are read to will be more prepared for the academic challenges of 2017. Be a role model for a reader and take some time out to enjoy a book yourself!

5 Tips to keep reading over the long summer break:

1. Read to your child every day. Keep it fun.
2. Talk about what you read together.
3. Give books as gifts.
4. Compare books with their movie versions.

Become a member of the local library and sign up for the Summer Reading Club.

<http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/>

P & C Notices

On behalf of the P&C I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families of Fitzgerald who have supported the P&C this year. Discos, pizza days, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Spell-a-thons, Tuckshop, Book Packs, Icy cups and Discos are not possible without your support and help. I would also like to thank the staff, admin staff and student council for their support. Lastly to our graduating Year 6's we wish you all the very best for high school and the adventures



yet to come. Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Cath Kean, P&C President

Spell-a-thon Prizes -2016

Highest Overall Fundraiser - \$20 Coles Voucher

Charlotte Benson – 2D \$202.60

Highest Class Pizza Party

5D - \$340.10

Highest Fundraiser for each Year Level - \$20 Coles Voucher

Cooper Smith - PA

Chad and Cooper Sander – 1A

Charlotte Benson 2D

Isabella Bassan – 3A

Emma Smith – 4E

Amy Hook – 5D

Tyler Pease – 6A

7 RANDOM BOYS

Jasper Corrie-Stindle

PA, Hamish Goonella

1A, Max McIvor 2C,

Zeph Buchanan, 3B, Ethan Lake 4A, Damian

Lawn 5D, Hayden Lake 6A.

7 RANDOM GIRLS

Sienna Sterling PC, Charlee Beckmann 1B,

Vienna Manion 2B, Aishwarya Naidu 3D,

Amelia James 4D, Lily Woods 5C, Gillian

Taylor 6C.

Tuckshop Talk

Just a reminder tuckshop will not be open on Friday 9th December, the last day of school.

We will re-open Tuesday 31st January, the second week back at school next year.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, see you all next year.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, without you all we would not be able to operate the tuckshop.

Please consider volunteering next year if you can spare an hour or two.

Thank you.

Antoinette and Daneal.

Our newsletter can now be viewed on the school website www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au.

