

From the Principal's Desk

Dates for your 2013 Diary....

12 Mar: P&C Meeting 5.30pm
21 Mar: Harmony Day
26 Mar: Choral Festival
28 Mar: Easter Hat Parade, Prep to Year 2
28 Mar: Cross Country
28 Mar: Last Day of Term
15 April: Term 2 Commences
12 & 14 June: Senior Sports Carnival
13 June: Junior Sports Carnival
14 November: Spectacular

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.

Our school leaders were presented with their badges at a special school parade this week. Mr Jason Costigan, Member for Whitsunday and Mr Bruce Chester-Master, School Council Chairperson presented the badges to the students. The school captains Nicolas Morokutti and Pratibha Raut gave their pledges to the school community.

We had a successful dance on Friday night, thank you to the parents, students and staff helpers.

Thank you to the community for its support of the Flood Relief Appeal,

Bundaberg East State School will be the recipient of the money raised from the free dress day.

Parent-teacher interview schedules are being organised at present, the interviews will be held over the last two weeks of this term.

Our Clouds of Consideration are continuing to form in our office foyer. Many of our students, Year 4 students in particular, are being recognized for being considerate of others, well done.

Our monthly P & C Meeting is to be held next Tuesday, 12th March at 5:30pm. You are most welcome to attend.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson
Principal.





Student Council - Hayley Berck, Mickeley Sippel, Tenaya Quinn, May-Lee Wilson, Pratibha Raut, Cameron Harmer, Nicolas Morokutti
Not Present - Courtney Virgo



House Captains – Jose Ong, Jacob Morris, Kenzie Nichols, Keely Coburn, Paige Steindl-Corrie, Jessica Flor, Jacob Flor, Eli Monk, Kyuss Grant, Mitchell Cheetham, Declan Wheeler, Dana Costigan, Stephanie Honan, Allie Whitehead, Reanna Quinn. Absent Kye Grant

Foyer News – Year 7 Election Process

At Fitzgerald, Year 7's had the privilege of taking part in an election process.

All year 7 students filled out an enrolment form so as they could be eligible to vote in the 2013 School Captain Election. This was compulsory.



Any students interested in applying for leadership roles such as: Student Councillor; Sports Captains; Systems Monitors and Sports Monitors, filled out a nomination form.

Student Council candidates campaigned with the help of their committee members, and produced badges and posters to persuade Year 7 students to vote for them as school captain.

A representative from the AEC - Australian Electoral Committee, Mrs Horton, visited our school and

explained the history of the voting system in Australia. We then conducted a draw to allocate the order of the boy and girl candidates on the ballot form for our school election.

Student Councillors prepared and presented their campaign speeches in front of the Year 6 and 7 students, teachers and parents.

All year 7 students then cast their vote at the Fitzgerald Polling Booth, where a secured secret ballot was available. The Fitzgerald School Captains Nicolas and Pratibha were officially announced and the declaration of the poll was read.

By Pratibha and Nicolas.

Project 600



Our Year 5 students participating in a statewide online learning initiative called Project 600.

Green Spot – Carpooling

The Fitzgerald State School community had an extremely positive response to carpooling in 2012. We would encourage parents and the wider community to embrace this mode of transportation once again in 2013.

Traffic becomes very congested on Norris Road and not only will this reduce the amount of congestion but we will be reducing the amount of pollution into the atmosphere. Read some great reasons to Carpool.

Why carpool my kids to school?

Carpools save time and fuel costs, reduce wear and tear on vehicles, lower carbon emissions and traffic congestion, and help students make new friends. Where carpool lanes are available, carpools can also reduce travel times. www.carpooltoschool.com

Please ensure

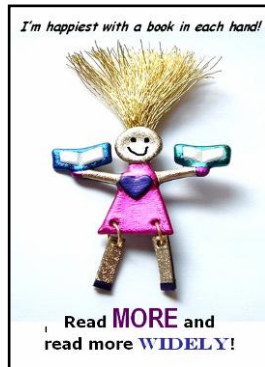
Your child brings a raincoat or umbrella to school during wet weather and a hat everyday.



Belongings - Please ensure all items belonging to students are clearly marked with the student's name. It makes it easier to return lost items to the students.

Student Fees – As student fees are now due could you please contact the office to organise payments if you have any outstanding amount. Payments can be made during office hours by phone, in person or over the internet. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the office to organise a payment plan. Centrelink options are available to those wishing to use this facility.

Learning Literacy – ‘Read More and Read More W-I-D-E-L-Y’ by Sue Hamilton-Smith, NP Pedagogy Coach
 What’s the path to becoming a better reader? Reading!
 There are no short cuts to improving reading. Practice and effort lead to attainment. We believe in a balanced approach to reading instruction at Fitzgerald State School. ‘Reading Girl’ always has a book in each hand. One is a ‘bubble-along’ fiction book that is easy, but interesting, read daily for fun, to develop imagination and empathy, to improve fluency and accuracy and to provide opportunities to practise reading strategies. The other is non-fiction, ‘world’ reading, from factual texts, magazines and websites to pursue interests, to boost vocabulary and to expand horizons. Beginning and developing readers are read to, are listened to, are encouraged to think, share and discuss their reading at home and at school, they visit the library regularly, they receive lots of support as they read more and read more w-i-d-e-l-y. Reading competence and confidence comes with practice. Practise. Practise. Practise.



Sports Notices –

Cross Country- Change of Date

Due to the recent wet weather, the Cross Country race has been postponed until **Thursday 28th March**. Each age group will run at approximately the following times: 9 years (2004) 8.15am, 10 Years (2003) 8.35 am, 11 (2002) Years 8.55am, 12 & 13 (2001, 2000) Years 9.15am. All runners are required on the oval at 8.00am sharp for marshalling.

Mackay Touch Football

A big congratulations to Paige Steindl-Corrie, Allie Whitehead and Shameus Edwards who have been selected in the Mackay touch football teams. We wish these students all the very best for the upcoming Capricornia trials in Gladstone.

Northern Suburbs Basketball

Well done to the following students who have been selected in the Northern Suburbs Basketball team: Courtney Virgo, Nicole Villalba, Paige Steindl-Corrie, Ellie Nixon, Keely Coburn, Lily Tarlinton, Shameus Edwards and Callum Rebetzke.

Accidents/Illness - In the event of an illness or accident involving your child, parents will always be contacted. For serious illness or injury, when a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, an ambulance and/or medical attention will be sought. **It is therefore absolutely essential that all families provide up to date and accurate details of your phone contacts.** Should any contact details change please advise the school office **promptly?**

Medication - Expectation of Parents

It is reasonable to expect parents/guardians to undertake the following in relation to the administration of medication and/or management of health conditions.

- Request the school in writing to administer prescribed medication or to assist in the management of a health condition.

- Notify the school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member.
- Ensure the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the students name, dosage and time to be taken.
- Advise the school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school
- Medication forms are available from the school office. These forms are to be completed before the staff can administer any medication

FAITH –

Fitzgerald Aboriginal and Islander Teacher Helpers
 We are having our first Parent get together for 2013 next Wednesday 13th March at 3pm. It will be held in the undercover area beside the sandpit near the Prep buildings. Please come along and bring some afternoon tea for your children.

Bottom Car Park -

Please keep the gates in the bottom car park clear at all times. During peak drop off and pick up times cars are parking in front of the gate and along the side fence. Cars are to park in designated bays only. This is a safety issue with parents, children and siblings using this area.

Tuckshop Talk –

Please ensure you are ordering the correct menu items on the correct days. If you do not have a menu they can be obtained from the office.

Roster – Thurs 7 Mar Nikki Poa, Robyn Adams **Fri 8 Mar** Cathy Kean, Glenda West **Tues 12 Mar** Robyn Adams **Wed 13 Mar** Robyn Adams, Shirley Carey **Thurs 14 Mar** Robyn Adams, Nikki Poa **Fri 15 Mar** Cathy Kean, Natasha Leibowitz **Tues 19 Mar** Robyn Adams **Wed 20 Mar** Robyn Adams, Meagan Griffin
 Thanks

Daneal and Antoinette.

Community Notices –

Scouts - Would you like to become a Scout?

6-8 years- Joey Scouts(Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm)

8-10 years – Cub Scouts(Thursday 5:30 -7:00pm)

10-14 years - Scouts(Friday 6:30-8:30pm)

The groups meet at the Banksia Scout Den on the corner of Bedford Rd and Fernleigh Ave. For more details please contact Group leader, Katrina Hoare on 0410455615

Mackay Evangelical Church (MAKE) Now Meeting at Fitzgerald SS Hall

Sundays at 4pm (service runs for just over an hour)

Includes Kids Church during the service.

All welcome. No need to bring anything.

More Info? Contact Pastor Jai Wright

0429 852 949 or 4999 9588

www.mackayevangelicalchurch.com

admin@mackayevangelicalchurch.com

Angels Softball Club –

Sign on - 9th and 17th March 10am-2pm

Mackay Softball Grounds, Beaconsfield Rd.

All ages U/9 U/12 U/14, Mum and Dads welcome too.

All enquiries Phone Antoinette on 0416432988