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2017 Diary Dates...

15th Mar- 30th Mar: Life Education

20th Mar: Choral Festival

24th Mar: School disco

27th Mar: P&C Meeting
5:30pm

27th Mar: Year 6 Cyber
Safety talk

31st Mar: Interschool sport
gala day. Years 4-6

31st Mar: Easter Hat Parade

31st Mar: Last day of
term 2

15th March 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Our first school dance is to be held on Friday 24th March. We look forward to this well attended school event. If you could let us know if you are available to assist by returning the note that was sent home last week.


A free dress day is planned for Friday 24th March. The gold coin donations will go to the Chaplaincy program. Students are reminded that their dress is to be sensible and safe for a school day.

The parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for the last two weeks of this term. Please take the opportunity to discuss your child's intended progress for this year with the class teacher.

Information about our school and all Australian schools is available on the My School website www.myschool.edu.au. The year 3 to 5 Student Gain Average achievement scores from 2014 to 2016 in the National Tests for Reading and Writing compare favourably with the average achievement scores of all students in the nation.

Our P&C A.G.M will be held on Monday 27th March at 5:30pm in the staffroom. You are most welcome to attend.

This week your student received a questionnaire regarding receiving the newsletter via email, could you please return this form no later than Friday 24th March. Thank you for your assistance.
Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson

Principal

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.



Staff Profile

My name is Nick Brown and I am working as a teacher aide with students from Year 3 to 6, this is my first year in Mackay as I moved down from Townsville to play Rugby League with the Mackay Cutters in the QLD Cup. I have been really enjoying my first term at Fitzgerald

School and getting to work with the students, both in the classroom and out on the oval.

Foyer Display



Year 3 are learning about abstract art. Their art pieces are focusing on Pablo Picasso, They have completed a range of different abstracts to prepare them for their final Pablo Picasso task.

Road Safety Reminders – The School Crossing

Use the crossing provided and follow the supervisors' instructions. Listen out for the whistle to cross the road.

Parking – Please do not park in the hospital grounds situated across from the bottom school car park, this is private property. If motorists are leaving the bottom car park, could you please turn left and travel up to the roundabout rather than attempting to turn right onto Norris Road. At the front of the school use the Stop, Drop, Go area not the top carpark.

From the Office – Student Accounts - Thank you to those parents who have already started making payments to the child's account for this school year. Many payment options are available, direct deposit, Centrelink, credit card or cash. **Please ensure all forms have your student's full name and class.** Payments can be spread over a number of weeks and if you would like to have this option please call or drop into the office. Total student costs for 2017 are Prep Year \$261, Year 1 \$268, Year 2 \$272, Year 3 \$277, Year 4 \$366, Year 5 \$184 and Year 6 \$517. **Payment Reminders;** Please ensure you have paid or are making regular part payments if you would like your child to attend these upcoming events;

Life Education - Starting today - Overdue

Year 4 Camp – Payments due 29 March 2017

Junior Vocal Ensemble – Due Now

Senior Vocal Ensemble – Due Now

ICAS Educational Assessment (Optional Year 4, 5 & 6 only) – Due 31 March 2017

Drama Group (Year 5 & 6 only)

School Attendance

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for Fitzgerald State School and for the Department of Education and Training. Fitzgerald State School encourages all children to attend school every day as higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. If your child is absent from school it is important that the school is notified on the day of your child's absence. Please phone the school absence line on 49 656 360. If the school does not receive notification, an SMS will be sent notifying the parent of the absence. Please follow the SMS prompts to provide an explanation for the absence.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, please contact the classroom teacher or deputy principal, Mr Peter Robinson for advice and support.

From the Classroom - 3D presented the High 5 on both

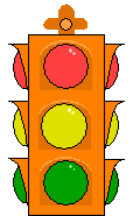
P-2 and 3-6 parades this week. The students added actions and sang a song to teach the rest of the school the strategies needed to assist them at school



both in the classroom and in the playground. They enjoyed performing on stage and being able to help the younger students learn about talking friendly, talking firmly, ignoring and walking away, reporting unwanted behaviours and reporting to the teacher on duty. The aim is to improve their independence and persistence.

TO, WITH & BY' by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

The TO, WITH & BY traffic lights describe a balanced approach to instruction at Fitzgerald State School. TO, WITH & BY can also be used as a guide for parents aiming to lead their children towards independent reading of increasingly complex text. Reading continues to be an academic priority at Fitzgerald throughout 2017.



Red Light - Read **TO** me! Show me how to be a reader. Make it fun. Give me your time and attention; read me fiction and non-fiction text. Talk to me. Tell me what you know about the world. Model what a good reader looks like. Let me see you read. Share your enthusiasm for reading and learning.

Orange Light - Read **WITH** me! Help me to be a better reader. Before I start reading, ask me to predict what will happen. Help me to connect with the text. During reading, check my understanding by asking me questions. Support me to work it out on my own. Pause – Prompt – Praise. Remind me to use the Reading Star strategies. After I read ask me to confirm my predictions and to retell the story. Ask me the meanings of words. Ask me questions about the text. Ask me to re-read to improve my fluency and accuracy.

Green Light - Encourage me to read **BY** myself! Let me practise my skills. Make sure that I read in bed. Ensure that I have books to read. Give me books for presents. Check that I'm reading a balance of fiction and non-fiction. Help me to find a favourite author. Take me to the library. Wide, varied and self-selected reading creates fluent and resourceful readers.

Sports Notices

Cross Country

Congratulations to all recent participants in the school cross country race. All runners did a fantastic job competing on a very challenging course. Kingfisher was the champion cross country house. Congratulations to the following age champions:

8 Years- Ethan Bone and Savannah Langwe-Sproule. 9

Years- Jayden Langwe-Sproule and Isabella Jenkins.

10 Years- Taj Steindl-Corrie and Brielle Contor.

11 Years- Cohen Frith and Ava Wheeler.

12 Years- Jaxon Purdue and Nataya Perry.

Northern Suburbs Netball

Congratulations to Isabelle Stead and Hayley Shaxson on their recent selection in the Northern Suburbs Netball team. We wish these girls all the best at the Mackay trials.

Regional Choral Festival – Participation - Fifty of our Year 5 and 6 choristers will have the opportunity to participate at the annual KMEIA Choral Festival this weekend culminating with a combined choir performance at the MECC on Monday night. Tickets are on sale at the MECC.

Icy Cups - Icy cups are on sale every Friday afternoon in the prep area, the cost is 50 cents each. Helpers are always needed, if you would like to volunteer to help make or sell icy cups please call Belinda on 0421 248 763.

Tuckshop Talk - As we are approaching holidays we may run our supply down, if this is the case we will substitute where possible.

We are still receiving incorrect orders. Please look at the menu and order for the correct day. Please note: **FLAVOURED MILK IS NOT IN THE MEAL DEALS.**

Roster:

Thurs 16th – Jacki Kennedy

Friday 17th – Melissa Sterling

Tues 21st – Robyn Adams

Wed 22nd – Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED**

Thurs 23rd – Melissa Sterling, Jacki Kennedy

Fri 24th – Maisie Greaves, Jacki Kennedy, Vicki Gibson

Tues 28th – Robyn Adams

Wed 29th – Robyn Adams

Thank you, Antoinette & Jean

P&C Notices - Thank you to everyone who has returned the P&C Parent Participation Form! If you haven't got there yet, and would still like to fill it out, that would be appreciated. PLEASE NOTE: the next P&C meeting had to be moved because of a clash with school choir commitments and will now be held on Monday 27th March at 5:30pm, as usual, in the teacher's common room in the admin building.

Disco: The first school disco of the year will be held on Friday night the 24th of March and promises to be a fun night out for the kids. You should have received a note with further details - forms and money are due to be returned by Tuesday 21st March. We are still urgently needing helpers on the night for security on the door, BBQ and in the canteen.

P&C AGM: Our next P&C meeting on Monday 27th March 5:30pm, will also double as our AGM, where all P&C positions will be declared vacant and voted upon. The P&C is particularly looking for nominations for the position of P&C secretary, with Jai Wright stepping down from the role. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Agenda:

Welcome/Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes

Adoption of Audited Financial Statement

President's Report

Membership Applications

Election of Executive Committee Membership

Appointment of Auditor

General Business

School Leaders Parade



Front Row – Ebony Wright, Deakin Smith (School Leaders)

Back Row - Tonya Bradford (Adopt-a-Cop), Mr George Christensen MP. Ms Julie-Ann Gilbert MP, Mr Michael Anderson (School Principal)



Student Council

Front Row – Ebony Wright, Deakin Smith, Lucy Williams, Taylor Goodhew

Second Row – Mr George Christensen MP, Malachi Kennel, Ester Munthe, Hayley Shaxson, Brianna Jackson Ms Julie-Ann Gilbert MP, Mr Michael Anderson (School Principal)



House Captains

Front Row (L-R) – Caylah Baggow (Brolga), Cruz Bates (Brolga), Jake Turner (Jabiru)

Back Row (L-R) – Jaxon Purdue (Eagle), Linden Cooper (Kingfisher), Zuleika Jones (Kingfisher), Kirra Anderson (Eagle), Karli Davis (Jabiru)