

From the Principal's Desk

Dates for your 2013 Diary....

April 25: Anzac Day,
Anzac Day Town
March – Assemble at
8:25am

May 3: Free Dress
Day

May 6-10: Education
Week

May 20-24: Arts
Council - Fun with
Maths

May 23-25: School
Photos

May 24: School Disco

May 27-31:
Instrumental Music
camp Yr7,
Under 8's Week

June 6: Queensland
Day

June 10: Queens
Birthday Holiday

June 12 & 14: Senior
Sports Carnival

June 13: Junior Sports
Carnival

June 20: Mackay
Show Day Holiday

November 14:
Spectacular



The school Anzac Parade was held on Monday with Mr. Col Benson a Vietnam Veteran and Vice-President of the Returned Soldiers' League as a special guest. We thank Mr Benson, school chaplain Nic Ayre, school captains Pratibha Raut and Nicolas Morokutti and the school choir for being part of this special parade. **LEST WE FORGET.**

Numbers of our students and staff will be participating in the town Anzac Parade on Thursday.

The wearing of the correct school uniform is considered to be a reflection of the pride our students have in their school and themselves. A reminder, that long hair is to be plaited or tied back, natural hair colour no dyes, without words, numbers or symbols "cut into" the hair. Parents are able to discuss any aspects of the Dress Code with the Principal.

Our students are excited that the first of their chilled water bubblers is being installed near the library. This has been a Student Council project for the past two years, a well done to everyone involved with the project.

Late News. The debating team had a good win last night with good attempts at rebuttal, well done team.

To those of us who arrived new to our school this term, a big welcome.
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.

Foyer News - 5A and 6A

The students in 5A and 6A have been studying primary and secondary colours. The students in 5A they have also been using their imaginations to create creatures. Come to the office to see their amazing artwork.



Staff Profile – Julie Wilson PB

My name is Julie Wilson and I am happy to be working with such a professional and friendly staff at Fitzgerald in 2013. My previous teaching position was at West Mackay State school. I have been teaching for 7 years in a range of year levels from Prep to year 4. At Fitzgerald I am teaching the amazing and beautiful Prep B. We are going to have a wonderful year filled with learning new things and exploring together. I have had experience with the Spectacular in previous years as a parent and look forward to being on the other side of planning this year. In Prep B Mrs Roots and I have a helpful and friendly parent group and look forward to working with them for the remainder of this year.



From the Classrooms –

Year 3 Insect Talk Term 1

On Thursday, 21st of March in the hall, we met Maya Harrison who is the Botanical Gardens Education Officer. She spoke to all the year 3 students about all things living.

Maya showed us some amazing creatures like butterflies, dragonflies, Golden Orb Spiders, Assassin bugs and many other creepy crawlies. She



explained that we would need to carefully observe each insect, using magnifying glasses and then write down specific characteristics of each.

Students learnt that not all bugs have the same amount of body parts like wings and legs. The students left the session very knowledgeable and highly motivated to one day become scientists.

Year 6 UniFY Project: Power Up

For the past few weeks, four other people and I have been participating in UniFY. Every Monday we do “UniFY” we talk about a particular topic for the length of our session and learn how to use Sketch-up. So far we have had lessons on coal and gas and nuclear energy. At the end of each lesson, we do a test identifying what we have learned. On Wednesday, we continue these lessons with Mrs Wall. I have enjoyed my time doing this and I learn more every time.

Caitlin Kean 6B

Green Spot –

Teachers and students are becoming energy efficient at Fitzgerald State School. When they go out to play, students are responsible for turning off fans, air conditioners and lights. When learning within the classroom, students



are becoming increasingly aware of using sustainable practices like turning off the computer monitors, making sure appliances (IWB projector/jugs and other electrical equipment) are turned off at the main switch. Doors are monitored so as not to let cool air escape outdoors. Well done to all our wonderful energy warriors within our classrooms!

Help Wanted – 1 hour of your time!

We are looking for 3 parents to help finish the bin labelling for Fitzgerald State School. This is to enhance our environmental management efforts and to encourage more recycling with the school. We will be completing the bins on Monday 29th April at 1:30pm.

If you can spare the time please R.S.V.P. to the office by 9:00am Monday 29th April.

Learning Literacy –

The Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013 by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Pedagogy Coach.

Fitzgerald State School is aiming for 100% participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge again this year. The Queensland Premier is

challenging every student from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books by Friday 6 September 2013.

Children who take up the challenge and read the required number of books will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Some students have so

far managed to successfully complete the challenge since its inception several years ago. Schools with 100 per cent participation will go into the running for numerous lucky draw prizes. But there are greater rewards. Reading opens up a world of educational opportunities for young people, providing the foundation for learning for the rest of their life. Through the Premier's Reading Challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to read more and read more widely for pleasure and learning. Every student at Fitzgerald State School will receive a copy of the required Reading Record Form from their teacher. A big part of the challenge is managing its record-keeping requirements. So, please help your reader to achieve success. Good luck and start reading! All the information can be found on the website

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

Primary School Debating Competition -

The first round of the Mackay Primary Interschool Debating Competition was held this week on Tuesday 23 April at Eimeo Road State School. The 2013 team of Pratibha Raut, Keely Coburn, Hayley Berck and Emma Cameron debated against the topic, 'Pets are Pests!' Debating is best described as 'war with words', the students needing to research, write an engaging speech, deliver it persuasively and skilfully dispute the arguments presented by their opposition. Over the term, each member of the Fitzgerald State School Debating Team will have roles and duties to fulfil, well supported by Mrs Sue Hamilton-Smith, Mr Mike Anderson and Mrs Tracey Adams.



Easter Raffle –

A huge congratulations to the winners of our Easter Raffle.
1st Prize \$100 Basket of Easter Eggs & \$300 Woolworths Gift Card – value \$400 – E. and M. Harmer
2nd Prize \$50 Basket of Easter Eggs & \$200 Woolworths Gift Card – value \$250 – A. McPhee
3rd Prize \$25 Basket of Easter Eggs & \$100 Woolworths Gift Card- value \$125 – Wendy Ward
4th Prize \$25 Basket of Easter Eggs & \$50 Woolworths Gift Card – value \$75 – P. Edwards
5th Prize \$25 Basket of Easter Eggs & \$50 Woolworths Gift Card – value \$75 – David McLaughlin

Thank you to all the families who supported this P&C fundraiser. Well done to Jayden May PD, Liam Twaddell 1C and Seajay Tuinenburg who received incentive prizes of \$40 Movie vouchers for selling the most raffle tickets. A big thank you also to the supportive parents, who spent a lot of mornings writing out all the tickets and organising the raffle, without your support and dedication this fundraiser would not be possible. You are wonderful.

Run around Australia -

Look out for the Fitzgerald box next to the customer service desk at Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre, present your receipts at the desk to earn kilometres for the “Run Around Australia 2013” competition. For more information go to www.runaroundaustralia.com.au.

Woolworths Earn and Learn –

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion has begun for 2013. When you shop at Woolworths you will receive a sticker for every \$10 you spend. Stick these to a Learn and Earn sticker chart and bring it to the school office. Last year we received around \$14000 of resources for our school.

Sports Notices –

Capricornia Touch Football

A big congratulations to Paige Steindl-Corrie who has been selected in the Capricornia girls touch football team. Paige will now travel to Caboolture for the State Trials.

Capricornia Basketball

Well done to both Courtney Virgo and Paige Steindl-Corrie who have been selected in the Capricornia girls’ basketball team. We wish these girls the very best of luck when they travel to Cairns for the State Titles.

Cross Country

Well done to all participants in the school cross country race held on the last day of term 1. We had 135 students participate on the day and all students performed extremely well. Congratulations to Kingfisher house who were the House Champions on the day. The school age champions were: 9 Years- Elijah Williams and Jaala Grant; 10 Years- Tyler Berck and Paige Bone; 11 Years- Connor Laycock and Lily Tarlinton; 12 Years Nic Morokutti and Ellie Nixon; 13 Years- Eli Monk and Sheree Catania.

Mackay and District Representatives

A big congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Mackay and District in the sports of:

Rugby League: Declan Laird and Shameus Edwards

Hockey: Edward Westcott

Netball: Emma Cameron and Zali Mooney

AFL: Lily Tarlinton

Basketball: Paige Steindl- Corrie and Courtney Virgo

We wish all these students the very best for the upcoming Capricornia Trials.

Northern Suburbs Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Fitzgerald School at the Northern Suburbs Cross Country at Glenella School. We wish Tyler Berck, Caeley Lowe, Paige Bone, Connor Laycock, Jai Muscat, Kaison Ayre, Paige Steindl-Corrie and Ellie Nixon all the best at the upcoming Mackay trials. Extra congratulations to Jai Muscat and Paige-Steindl Corrie who were age champions on the day as well.

Northern Suburbs Soccer

Congratulations to Dana Costigan, Declan Wheeler, Kaison Ayre, Callum Rebetzke, Kye Grant, Nathan Sheehan, Jayden Quinn, Jacob Flor, Isaiah Kennel, Nicolas Morokutti, Kyuss Grant, Ben Davies, Riley James and Clinton Vella who have been selected to trial for Northern Suburbs. Extra congratulations to Dana, Declan, Kaison, Jacob F, Isaiah and Ben who have been selected in the Northern Suburbs side. All the best at the Mackay Trials.

Northern Suburbs Hockey

Well done to Terah Hope, Edward Westcott, Cian McLaughlin and Nathan Sheehan who have recently been selected to represent Northern Suburbs at the upcoming Mackay hockey Trials.

AFL Auskick

Fitzgerald SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: Monday 29th April, 2013
Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm (every Mon for 8 weeks)
Venue: Fitzgerald State School Oval

Cost: \$60 for children aged 5 (in 2013) to 12 yrs old. (New advanced AFL program for 10 – 12 yrs!)

For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622 or Dion Obst on 0424 156 248

Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register!

Tuckshop Talk –

Welcome back to another term of school. Hope you all enjoyed the break.

Please remember to order on the correct days to avoid disappointment. No foreign coins, No stapling bags and ensure the correct money is in the bag or we may not be able to give everything that has been ordered.

Roster – Fri 23 Apr Cath Kean, **HELP NEEDED Tues 30 Apr** Robyn Adams **Wed 1 May** Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED Thurs 2 May** Robyn Adams, **Nikki Poa Fri 3 May** Cheryl Vella, **Kerry Sheehan Tues 7 May** Robyn Adams **Wed 8 May** Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED Thurs 9 May** Robyn Adams, **Nikki Poa Fri 10 May** Cath Kean, Glenda West

Thank you,

Daneal and Antoinette.

Free Dress Day –

A Free Dress Day will be held Friday 3rd May to assist with the purchase of craft items for the Mothers Day Stall. Safe and sensible clothes to be worn.

Community Notices –

MNSHS Information Evening for Parents of Year 7 students - 6:30pm on Tuesday 4th June 2013 at Mackay North State High School Community Hall.

Mackay North State High School will be conducting a short information evening and a tour of our school for parents of Year 7 students who are considering enrolling here in year 8 in 2014. Application forms for enrolment will be available on the night. Applications for enrolment at Mackay North High School open on 8th July 2013.

More information will be provided in future newsletters.

