

## ISSUE NO 5

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### 2015 Diary Dates...

**1-2 Apr:** Parent/Teacher

Interviews

**1-2 Apr:** Anti-Smoking

Workshops-Yrs 5&6

**2 Apr:** Easter Hat Parade

**3 Apr:** Good Friday

**20 Apr:** Term 2

Commences

**25 Apr:** Anzac Day

**21-22 May** – School Photos

**1 April 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our students who have represented Fitzgerald at the various cultural and sporting activities conducted this term. Thank you to our staff and parents who supported and coached these students, a fine effort.

It was pleasing for us to see our Senior Choir give a creditable performance at the recent District Choral Festival. Thank you to Jill Green our music teacher for organising our students.

Our school has the opportunity to participate in the Mackay Anzac Day Parade, a significant event for us as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landings. Details for this Parade will come home soon after the holiday break.

A reminder to Mums and Dads when buying the school shoes, fully enclosed shoes preferably black or mainly white sports shoes.

Please notify the school office if you intend on transferring from our school.

Have a happy and safe holidays, school resumes on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. The School Watch number is 131 788 for security breaches to our school.

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 Display**



This term Year 3A and 3B have been learning about the abstract artist Pablo Picasso.

Students explored and experimented with the elements of art and design. They produced a self-portrait as their assessment piece.

## **Staff Profile**



Hello, my name is Leanne Penshorn and I am teaching Prep C. I have spent the last two years at Hampden State School (a small school just north of Mackay). I am excited to join the Fitzgerald team and have appreciated the support and opportunities that Fitzgerald has provided. Teaching Prep has been my goal, and takes me back to

my roots as a preschool teacher. I look forward to an exciting learning journey with Prep C and the Fitzgerald community

## **School Value – Compassion**

Representatives of the Student Council presented their understanding of the value compassion this week on school parade.

Compassion is when you have sorrow or pity for someone.

Compassion is really caring about someone so much that you go the extra mile and do something about it. It's easy to say "I care about you", but it's hard to put your words into action and actually do something to help someone in a simple way.

We can show compassion in many ways. For example: if somebody falls over we can help pick them up. Also if you have a friend who is being bullied you can remember the Fitz High 5 and stand up for your friend by talking firmly to the person who is bullying.

Also you can show compassion to your Mum or Dad by asking them if you can do a job at home to help them. Our Mums and Dads are very busy and any help that we can give them is important, and shows that we care about them. Contributed by Byron Ashfield – Smith and Jack McCubben

## **Works Matter – Cricket Pitch**

Our cricket pitch and practice wicket has new synthetic turf laid down. This project was carried out last week with school funds.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mackay and District Choral Festival**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March our Senior Choir participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mackay and District Choral Festival. Rehearsals were held on Sunday afternoon and Monday with the concert being held on Monday evening. Over 500 choristers from around Mackay and Whitsunday sang in a massed choir event with guest conductors Mr Paul Jarman, prominent Australian composer and choral conductor and Mr Anthony Young Music Teacher from Brisbane. The choirs consisted of 400 primary school students along

with 100 high school students and community based adult singers and teachers. Well done to our own senior choir students who have been rehearsing since the beginning of term for the event. A great effort resulting in a night of joyful singing!

## **Mackay and District Instrumental Music Camp**

Congratulations to Jack McCubben, Amber Wright, Anna-Maree Ewart, Josh Wilson, Emily McLennan, Daniel Counsel and Ian Van Der Westhuizen who were selected to attend Instrumental Music Camp alongside 78 other students from Mackay, Sarina and Bowen at Seaforth Pines from 29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April. Whilst attending camp, the students will be rehearsing for a Concert that will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4pm at our School hall. A gold coin donation please, at the door.

## **From the Guidance Officer**

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching is a program designed to teach parents ways to manage their children's behaviour that also builds their children's emotional resourcefulness. It encourages a calm approach to parenting, even in those tough moments, and shows parents how to improve their relationship with their children. This course is a 3 week program offered for 2 hours each week. I am looking for expressions of interest from parents who may wish to attend. Following are the proposed dates in term 2; May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The time will be 1:00-2:50pm and it will be presented at the school. There will be no cost involved but the school will incur a cost for the parent booklets so it's necessary to express your interest in. If you would like to express an interest in attending, please contact the school office (49656333) or email myself directly ([awoth3@eq.edu.au](mailto:awoth3@eq.edu.au)) and provide your name and contact details. Any persons that have given an expression of interest, I will contact you in the near future. Alexia Wotherspoon

## **Learning Literacy – 'Parental Involvement'** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher.

As we come to the end of the first school term of 2015, it's timely to thank those who work so hard to ensure that Fitzgerald continues to be a great school. Thank-you to our office, grounds, cleaning and teaching staff for their dedication. Thank-you to the parents and caregivers who take the time to engage in school community happenings. Research shows that the more intensely parents are involved in their child's schooling, the more beneficial the academic achievement and social adjustment effects. The earlier in a child's educational process parental involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. So, thank-you for taking the time to read this newsletter, it is one way that we can share the news, stories and values of our school community. Thank-you for accepting the invitation to discuss your child's progress at the recent parent and teacher interviews. Thank-you for supporting the school's behaviour management processes and our aim to produce responsible, respectful citizens. Thank-you for volunteering your time to help in classrooms, attend meetings, organise events and serve at the tuckshop. Thank-you for ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, with all the materials that they need, after a good night's sleep and healthy food to keep them concentrating throughout the day.

Thank-you for listening to your child's stories at the end of the day, for encouraging their learning, for providing a time and place for homework tasks, for ensuring that they have active time and for monitoring their screen time. Thank-you for your involvement, you are helping to shape a better learner and a better school.

### **News from the Library**

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915 schools in the Mackay district will create a 'field of poppies' on the lawns outside the Mackay Regional Council Administration building in Gordon Street. Year 6 students from Fitzgerald State School have made 120 poppies to take part in this event.

In total over 1500 poppies will be 'planted' in the lawns of the Council building on the morning of April 24 to commemorate all men who enlisted in World War 1 from the Mackay district. Two students from Fitzgerald with teachers Mrs Janelle Stuart and Mrs Laurel Shaw will take part in the planting. The poppies will remain until after the main service at the Cenotaph in Jubilee Park on ANZAC Day, April 25.



### **Sports Notices**

#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all runners who recently participated in the Cross Country Race. Extra congratulations to the following participants who were awarded age champions on the day: 8 years: Hayden Drabsch, Brielle Contor. 9 Years: Cohen Frith, Bree Finlay. 10 Years: Jaxon Purdue, Teesha Edwards. 11 years: Cameron Dhu, Jaala Grant. 12 Years: Jhett Bates, Takiah Buchanan. Well done to Brolga House for taking out the overall house champion trophy.

#### **Mackay Basketball Trials**

Congratulations to Tiana Pompey on her recent selection in the Mackay Girls' basketball team. She will now compete in the Capricornia trials. Best of luck Tiana!

#### **Northern Suburbs Touch Football**

Well done to the following students on the recent selection in the Northern Suburbs Touch football teams: Brooke Vella, Teesha Edwards, Takiah Buchanan, Jala Grant, Mia Sellings, Tiana Pompey, Jade Birkitt, Lily Kay, Josh Wilson, Baiden Papavasiliou, Ethan Ashford, Jhett Bates and Cody Vassallo.

#### **Mackay Rugby League Trials**

Congratulations to Jackson Purdue and Teesha Edwards on their recent selection in the Mackay Rugby League teams. We wish both these players the best of luck for their upcoming games.

### **P & C Notices**

**Free Dress Day** Thank you to our community we were able to raise \$671.00 for the Mother's Day stall from the Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March free dress day.

#### **Easter Egg Raffle Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner- Laura McCubben

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner – Helen Ebert

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner – Steenhauer Family

### **Highest Fundraisers**

Kodi Schrammerijer PA, Charlotte Benson 1B

Teagan Griffiths – 5D

Thank you to all Parents for your support of the P & C fundraising this term and we look forward to the Pizza Day 25<sup>th</sup> May, details will be come out early next term for this fundraiser.



Photo L to R : Vicki Caffarella and Kylie Keates volunteer their time to help organise the recent Easter Raffle fundraiser.

### **Tuckshop Talk**

**Tuckshop will re-open Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

### **Roster:**

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Help Needed

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> – Help Needed

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Sarina Dodd, Clair Gallagher, Aretha Lion, Niki Best.

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Help Needed

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> – Bec Benson

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> – Help Needed

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Help Needed

**Community Notices - Care Pathways** - are a non-profit organisation which is dedicated to providing care and support to families, the elderly and people in need. We are currently seeking to recruit foster carers. For more information please call Churches of Christ Care Pathways - Ph - 4953 5097 or [carepathwaysqld.com.au](http://carepathwaysqld.com.au)

**Rugby League Coaching Clinic –** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 9am - 12pm, Town Beach, East Mackay, Cost \$40 includes lunch and NRL pack **Munchkin League**

**Gala Day –** This is designed to give children a fun, safe introduction to Rugby League. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April, Mackay JRLFC, Casey Avenue, Mackay. To register for either of these events please visit [www.northqlddevelopment.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.northqlddevelopment.leaguenet.com.au)

For more information contact Ranae Kunst on 0417 068 132 or [rkunst@nrl.com.au](mailto:rkunst@nrl.com.au)

**Books for Vanuata Project-** Books are are being collected at our school to send to the cyclone affected teachers and students in Vanuata. All donations should be dropped off at our school library by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.



Last week the Prep students had a visit from James Cook University students studying medicine. The preps learnt about healthy eating and keeping their teeth clean. The medical students explained what happens at the hospital and explained that it is not a scary place and with their teddies the children learnt about injections. Following the Teddy Bear Hospital we participated in BOB day, All Prep teachers would like to wish their parents and students a safe and Happy Easter.



# MACKAY REMEMBERS

**1592 volunteers from Mackay & District who served in the Great War, 1914-1918**

Our project involved 11 schools across the region making a poppy to remember each of them.

- Alligator Creek State School
- Eimeo Road State School
- Fitzgerald State School
- Mackay Christian College
- Mackay North State School
- Mackay State High School
- Mackay West State School
- Mirani State School
- Slade Point State School
- St Mary's Catholic School
- Walkerston State School

**The ANZAC tradition is in the hands of our young people**

**"LEST WE FORGET"**



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THE SPIRIT LIVES  
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