

## ISSUE NO 7

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### 2015 Diary Dates...

**12 – 14 May:** NAPLAN  
Testing Yrs. 3/5  
**15 May:** Under 8's day  
**18 – 22 May:** Fun with  
Maths Class visits  
**19 May** – Parent Info session  
– Fun with Maths  
**21- 22 May:** School Photos  
**25 May:** Pizza Day (P&C  
Fundraiser)  
**27-29 May:** Drama Artist in  
Residence – Carmel Harrison  
**June 3:** ICAS Science Test  
Years 4-6  
**June 8:** Queen's Birthday  
Holiday  
**June 10:** Twilight Concert  
**June 16 – 19:** Year 6 Camp  
**June 22:** Athletics Field  
Events Only  
**June 23:** Junior Sports Day  
9 – 11.45am  
**June 23:** Report Cards to go  
home  
**June 24:** Athletics Carnival  
Yrs. 3-6  
**June 25:** Mackay Show  
Holiday

### Student Absence Line: 49656360

This service is available for parents rating their children's absence from school. Please clearly state their name, class and reason for absence. All absences are recorded for teachers.

13 May 2015

## From the Principal's Desk

The value that we are highlighting in our school at present is – **RESPECT**. Our student councillors are sharing this value on school assembly this week. Further information on this value from our students is included in this newsletter.

School Photographs will be held on Thursday 21st May and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for prep to year 6 students. A reminder that the daily wear school uniform (not the sports house uniform) is to be worn for the school photographs. As in previous years sibling photo packages and Year 6 leader packages are available and an envelope can be obtained from the school office to order these. Students are required to bring their envelope to school on photo day to hand directly to the photographer. No money is to be handed to the school office or teachers.

Many of our students will receive a Certificate of Congratulations for a 100% attendance for Term One, well done to those students. Special mention of years 5C for having 100% attendance on 4 days last week and averaging 99.26% for the week. We need to remember that Every Day Counts for our students.

Thank you to the team of parents who organized a successful Mother's Day stall last week. Over \$5000 was raised from this activity. Just a reminder that the P&C Treasurer position remains vacant. If you would like to know more about this position please contact the school office.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson  
Principal.



### **Foyer Display**

Years 2C and 2D have been learning about the 100 years commemorative studies of the ANZACS and the landing of Gallipoli. The children completed a number of

class activities and listened to many stories. In response to these, they wrote a reflection and drew these images using chalk pastel.

**School Value – Respect** Representatives of the Student Council presented their understanding of the value Respect, on school parade.

Respect means treating other people with consideration and regard. It is realising that all people are human beings and we all can express our point of view. We need to care enough to think about other's feelings before you do something. It also means that you acknowledge other people and give them a chance to try or do something without interruption.

### **By Trista Nelson**

How can we show respect? There are many different ways to show respect but today I am only going to tell you a few. One way is to always use your manners, such as saying please and thankyou, and to listen when someone else is talking. Another way is to keep your promises because it shows that others are able to trust you. To show respect means you could simply treat everyone as your equal regardless of their race, religion or culture.

### **By Charlotte Meads**

#### **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 touch 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 attending. 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 Alexi Wotherspoon.

**Who is Chatting to your Kids?** -Sergeant Nigel Dalton from the Mackay Police recently presented an information session on CYBERSAFETY. Those who attended would have found it most informative. A Cyber safety and Cyberbullying guide, published by the department, provides important information for parents and carers about cyber safety and cyberbullying. It suggests what parents and caregivers could do if their child is the target or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. Follow the following link:

<https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/EducationDelivery/educationandict/cybersafetyandReputationmanagement/Pages/SupportGuidesandinformation.aspx>

**Helping your child to master maths facts through games'** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Parents, grandparents, guardians and caregivers are invited to attend an information session where educational consultant, Tierney Kennedy, returns to Fitzgerald to share some of her favourite games to help students remember important maths facts. Even in today's technological world, math's facts fluency is a great advantage to students. Those who can recall the basic facts in all four operations accurately, quickly and effortlessly have attained a level of mastery that enables them to retrieve this information from long-term memory, without conscious effort or attention. This automaticity of math's facts recall leads to success because it allows more thinking space for important higher order mathematical problem solving and reasoning. There is no cost to members of the Fitzgerald SS Community. 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at the Fitzgerald State School's Staff Room. Please give your name and contact details to the Fitzgerald SS office if you are interested in attending this 'Helping your child to master math's facts through games' information session. Or contact Master Teacher, Sue Hamilton-Smith email: [shami40@eq.edu.au](mailto:shami40@eq.edu.au).

**'Critical Thinking' online learning** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Over the past few weeks a group of year 5 and 6 students have participated in an online 'Critical Thinking' course, supervised by Mrs Sue Hamilton-Smith and led by Ms Tara Meher-Homji of the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Ms Meher-Homji praised the group's ability to construct a creative and logical argument and described the students as, "polite, engaged and motivated." Participating students were: Jackson Cross, Jessica Recker, Marko Stanic, Penny Zhang, Mitali Peshorn, Sophia Sticklan, Baiden Papavasiliou, Riley Brown, Jack, McCubben, Joseph Garcia, Baylin Moy, Charlotte Meads, Byron Ashfield-Smith and Brooke

### **Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)**

Between May and July this year, our Prep students will be taking part in the AEDC, which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

### **Every Day Counts**

At the end of this week students will be receiving certificates related to their attendance at school this year. Children will receive Certificates of Congratulations for attending school every day in Term One. By being at school every day these students are maximising their learning opportunities. Students who have missed learning time through frequent full day absences, late arrival at school or early departures will be issued with "Oh Dear" Certificates. It is hoped that these certificates will help to improve attendance in Term Two. **Attendance at school is vital if your children are to achieve success now and in the future.**

### **Under 8's Day**

Prep – Year 2 students will be celebrating Under 8's Day 15<sup>th</sup> May, 9.15 – 10.30. There will be lots of activities, games, obstacle course, disco, races, face painting and more. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but must remain under parent supervision at all times.

### **Chess Club**

A great crowd is building for our weekly chess club held every Wednesday, 1 pm in Mrs Bobby's year 6 room. We are looking forward to seeing more students next week, as we are determining who will be coming to the next chess Inter School Tournament in a few weeks' time at Mercy College. Looking forward to seeing you all there next Wednesday. Thanks, Terese, Tracey and Michael.

### **Year 6 Botanical Garden Excursion**

On the 8th of May, Year 6 students, went to the Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens. They participated in activities: photography, shade garden walk, technology assessment mapping session (Imagine the Future), and Regional Garden Walk. The Bungee Jumping Caterpillar was the day's favourite.



### **Sports Notices**

#### **Mackay & Capricornia Hockey**

Congratulations to both Brooke Vella and Jacinta Harris who recently participated in the Capricornia Hockey trials. Extra congratulations to Brooke who was selected in the Capricornia team. Brooke will now compete in the state trials in Ipswich, best of luck Brooke.

#### **Capricornia Basketball**

Well done to Tiana Pompey for her recent selection in the Capricornia girls' basketball team. She will now travel to Brisbane for the state trials. All the best Tiana.

#### **Northern Suburbs Cross Country**

Well done to all of the recent Fitzgerald participants at the Northern Suburbs Cross Country trials at Glenella school. Extra congratulations to Jhett Bates, Takiah Buchanan, Lily Kay, Jaxon Purdue, Ryan Donovan, Jordan Latham for their selection in the Northern Suburbs team. Jaxon Purdue was also awarded an age champion medallion on the day.

#### **Schoolboys Rugby League**

The team's second round game was against a very strong Mackay West team. Unfortunately, Mackay West were the eventual winners, however the team still performed strongly and are improving each week. All the best to the team for their game against St Mary's this week.

#### **Mackay Softball**

Congratulations to Karli Davis on her recent selection in the Mackay girls' softball team. All the best for the Capricornia trials in Rockhampton Karli.

#### **School Dental Van**

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

Medical/ Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by: **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 2015.**

The School Dental Van will be visiting the school to do check-ups and treatment will be completed at the **Fitzgerald State Primary School.**

Further enquires please phone **491 424.** For further information on this service, please visit our website [www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp)



### **P & C Notices**

**Mother's Day Stall** Thank you to all of the Parent Helpers for the Mother's Day Stall this year, without the generous donation of your time and effort the stall would not have been the success it was. Monies raised was \$5000. Raffle prize winners were 1<sup>st</sup> – Tahlei PD 2<sup>ND</sup> – Sklya 2B 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dexter – 1B 4<sup>th</sup> – Akayha 2A 5<sup>th</sup> – Brooke – 3D 6<sup>th</sup> Corey – 3D.

**Treasurer Position** is vacant, if you are interested in taking on this position please contact the school office.

**Pizza Day** is coming up on 25th May, this event is a great fundraiser for the P&C. Order forms will be sent home this week.

#### **Tuckshop Talk**

We are still receiving wrong orders and incorrect money. Please make sure these are right or we may not be able to supply your child's order. A menu is available at Office or Tuckshop.

#### **ROSTER:**

Thurs 14/5 – Robyn Adams, Tamika Cook

Fri 15/5 – HELP NEEDED

Tues 19/5 – Robyn Adams

Wed 20/5 – Robyn Adams, HELP NEEDED

Thurs 21/5 – Robyn Adams, Alma Hawdon

Fri 22/5 – Jean Kelleher, Sarina Dodd

Tues 26/5 – Robyn Adams

Wed 27/5 – Robyn Adams

**Farleigh School Annual Palm Fete** Come and enjoy the friendly market atmosphere in our lovely grounds. Talk to other palm, cycad and garden enthusiasts.

Where – Farleigh State School

When – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – 8.00am – 1.00pm

Large raffle with a value of \$1000.00



#### **Mackay Under 8's Celebration**

– Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Queens Park, Goldsmith Street, 9:30am – 11:30am. Children 0 – 8 yrs and their families. Please

bring Hat, Water, Food for morning tea (No stalls will be operating) Picnic rug.

Contact details: 0417191 463

[linda.vella@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:linda.vella@dete.qld.gov.au)

#### **Community Notices**

**Christianity Explored Course** - A free 7-week course for people interested in investigating Christianity and learning about Jesus from the Bible. 6-8pm Monday nights, beginning 11th May. Includes light dinner.

Contact Jai to register or for more details (0429 852 949, [jaiwright@mackayevangelicalchurch.com](mailto:jaiwright@mackayevangelicalchurch.com)).

**Mackay Musical Comedy Players Inc.** present Disney's Beauty and the Beast. May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Mackay Entertainment Centre.

Ph-49619777 or [www.mackaytix.com.au](http://www.mackaytix.com.au)

#### **Host Families Needed in June & July 2015**

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