

From the Principal's Desk

Dates for your 2013

Diary....

May 20-24: Arts Council - Fun with Maths, Book Fair

May 23-24: School Photos

POSTPONED:

School Disco

May 27-31: Instrumental Music camp Yr7,

May 31: 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 following students have been invited to attend the Regional Band Camp at Yeppoon beginning May 27th.

Alannah Bond	KhrySarah Collins
Jessica Flor	Hayley Berck
Punkie Blacklock	Dana Costigan
Keeley Coburn	Mackenzie Quinn
Tenaya Quinn	Ashley Bundesen
Cameron Harmer	Georgia Sartor
May-lee Wilson	Reanna Quinn

Learn from the experience students, we look forward to your concert at the Beaconsfield Hall on Friday 31st May at 4:00pm.

School Photos will be held on Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May. A reminder that the daily wear school uniform (not the sports uniform) is to be worn for the school photographs. As in previous years sibling photo packages and Year 7 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.

Enjoy your Under 8's Day on Friday Prep to Year 2 students.

The recent presentation to parents "Who is chatting to your kids?" proved to be an informative one for the twelve parents who attended, a useful website for parents on internet safety is thinkuknow.org.au, take a look. Thank you to Sergeant Nigel Dalton, Mackay Police, for this presentation and his ongoing work with our students.

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.



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.

Foyer News – 4A and 4B

This term 4A and 4B have been learning about Bike and Road Safety in preparation for Bike Education in Term Three. The students' assessment task was to use the



knowledge gained over the term to present a poster informing people about the environmentally friendly ways to travel to school and include safety tips for this form of transport.

Staff Profile – Jillian Smith L.O.T.E.

My Name is Jillian Smith and this year I have returned to my Japanese Teaching Role, after taking a year's maternity leave. My base school is Fitzgerald, but I also teach L.O.T.E. to the year 6's at Eimeo Road State School. I am very excited to be teaching Year 5 students Japanese this year and we have already begun reading and writing Japanese script. The Year 6's are learning to introduce themselves, and the Year 7's are finding out that Japanese schooling is a lot more strict and demanding than what we experience in Australia. As a L.O.T.E. teacher, and having had the chance to travel abroad, I think it is a fabulous opportunity for these students to learn another language and culture, especially one that is so different to the one we know and live.



If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart. (Nelson Mandela)

From the Classrooms – Our Recycling expedition

Each classroom in our school is embarking on a recycling expedition! Our goal ideally would be to have a no rubbish environment, although we are starting small by recycling our classroom waste paper. We also have small bins to place cardboard, cans, cartons, paper and plastic cartons from children's lunchboxes. Please discuss recycling with your children and encourage them to recycle their used paper and containers.



Fun with Maths –

This week students from Prep to Year 7 have had the opportunity to participate in "Fun with Maths". "Fun With Maths" is a presentation of colourful, educational activities that are drawn from life challenges that need maths strategies to solve. They offer a range of creative, problem solving activities suitable for your child's level of maths. All their activities use "hands-on" materials to develop understanding and solve "real-life" problems. The children work in pairs and can move around. The activities use "Thinking Mathematical" strategies from the new National Syllabus.



Students have had a fantastic time working with the wide range of activities which have both challenged and intrigued them. This has been a great way to promote the "fun" aspect of maths and will lead into a focus on Maths, in particular problem solving and mental computations, across the school. Stay tuned as we will soon launch our search for a Maths Mascot to promote Maths in our school.

Year 6 Excursion -

On the 30th April, the three grade six classes went on an excursion for the day to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. We had a great time there. The classes did three



rotations. Firstly our class went to the Tropical Shade and Cloud Garden. There we counted the wharf logs, which are logs standing upright. Next we undertook photography, looking at the elements of photography. Several people took pictures of trees, flowers and other exhibits. Finally, we were able to visit the Regional Forest and on the way we saw turtles in the lagoon. At the end of the day we had a sausage sizzle. YUM!

By Madeline Gravino

Under 8's Day –

You are invited to Fitzgerald State School's Under 8's Day! Come along and participate in jewellery making, balloon people, crown making, bubble blowing, kite making and much more! Dance at the disco, climb the obstacle course and have your face painted!



Come and have a look at the police car and fire engine and watch the great display from International Dance Affair! Friday 31st May at 9am.

Hope to see you there!

School Dental –

A Medical History/Consent form has been issued to your child and must be fully completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian and returned by the due date - 31st May to Fitzgerald's admin office.

If your child requires treatment and you wish to have the treatment completed by the School Dental Service, a Statement of Treatment Needed will be mailed to your home advising you to contact North Mackay School Dental Clinic to arrange an appointment. It is now necessary for a parent/guardian to attend all appointments with your child. If your child suffers from a dental emergency whilst we are not treating your school, please contact 49 514 241 to arrange an appointment.

Please be advised, once you have 2 broken or failed to attend appointments, during any course of treatment no further appointments will be offered. You will be put back on the Waiting List.

Regards

School Dental Staff.

Book Fair -

Our school is holding a Book Fair during the week May 20 to 24. Students will be able to view the items for sale during school on



Monday 20 May and Tuesday 21 May. The Book Fair will open for sales on Wednesday morning. The Fair will be open each morning from 8.00am-9.00am and each afternoon from 3.00pm-4.00pm. The Book Fair WILL NOT open on FRIDAY AFTERNOON!

Learning Literacy –

Early Literacy by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Pedagogy Coach. How we live and work today means that the ability to read has never been so important. It's a vital life skill and you can't start too early. From birth to three-years is when 75% of brain development takes place, so if you read to a baby, you are helping them come to grips with words and sounds, making the early connections that will make literacy learning easier when they get to school. Harvard University's Professor, Steven Pinker argues that the acquisition of language is an instinct, but learning to read and write are skills that must be taught and learnt. He says, "Babies are born with the instinct to speak, the way spiders are born with the instinct to spin webs. You don't need to train babies to speak; they just do. But reading is different." We all desire a literate Australia, so if you have the opportunity, share a story, rhyme or song with a baby. Take a young child to a library. Give a book as a gift. Tell a young parent about the Little Big Book Club website. <http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au> It has free e-books, booklists and tips for parents of children aged between birth and 5 years.

Green Spot –

Energy Sense Hints for the Home Environment – How to save energy in the kitchen:

- Use pots and pans with tight fitting lids and flat bases that stay in contact with the hotplate.
- Think about what you want from the fridge before opening the door.
- Keeping your fridge full will use less electricity to re-cool it after you close the door.
- Check your oven seals regularly to prevent heat loss.
- Keep your dishwasher filter clean to allow the washing water to circulate freely.
- Allow enough space for air to circulate around your fridge and freezer.

For more handy hints visit <http://www.ergon.com.au>

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 – Keep those sticker cards coming in everyone! Last count today, we have over 12 840 points accrued already for our school to obtain free resources. Thanks for supporting us! What an awesome effort. Keep them coming!

Student Fees -

Thank you to the parents who have paid or are paying off their Resource Hire and Voluntary Contributions. The funds contributed go towards purchasing valuable resources for our students. This in turn contributes to making Fitzgerald an exciting school to attend. At this time of year at least 50% of contributions should be paid. Parents are reminded that for students to participate in extra-curricular activities they need to have paid or be

actively paying off their contributions. If you are experiencing difficulties with your payment, send in weekly or fortnightly contributions. Centrelink payments are also an option. Please contact the school office if you wish to avail yourself of any of the options listed. Thank you again for supporting the staff and students at our school.

P&C News –

A huge thank you to all who supported our Mother's Day stall, it was a great success with approximately \$6000 profit made. This would not have been possible without the help of a fantastic group of helpers who worked each week leading up to the stall and also on the stall. Thank you to those people who made and donated gifts. The winners of the Mother's Day Stall Raffle were Tom Daniel, Kate Hill and Breearna Craig.

Sports Notices –

Mackay Cross Country

Congratulations to Caeley Lowe (6th), Connor Laycock (7th) and Paige Steindl-Corrie (5th) who have been selected in the Mackay Cross Country team. These students will now have the opportunity to travel to Benaraby to compete in the Capricornia trials.

Schoolboys Rugby League

Unfortunately the last 2 rounds have seen the team beaten by Emmanuel and St Francis Schools, in two very hard fought games. This Friday the team will compete in the ARL Development Cup in a round robin competition against the other Mackay schools.

Tuckshop Talk –

There will be no Tuckshop for the Prep to Year2 students on the Senior Sports Day which is being held on the 14th June. Any donations of cakes or homemade baking on this day would be greatly appreciated.

Roster –

Thurs 23/5 Robyn Adams **Fri 24/5** Cath Kean, Glenda West **Tues 28/05** Robyn Adams **Wed 29/05** Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED Thurs 30/05** Robyn Adams, Nikki Poa **Fri 31/5** Cath Kean, **HELP NEEDED Tues 4/6** Robyn Adams **Wed 5/6** Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED**

Thank you,
Daneal and Antoinette.

Community Notices –

Mackay Aussie T-Ball Sign On Day

10am - 2pm Saturday 25th May
Park Vigoro, Cnr Juliet St & Bridge Rd
Season from June to August. Ages 5 - 12
For more information contact Tom West
Development Officer - Baseball Queensland
P: 3876 2222 M: 0411 567 650 E: do3@baseballqld.asn.au

Brothers Netball Club

We are currently looking for players aged between 9 and 13 to join teams and play fixtures on a Saturday morning. We train on Monday afternoon at the Casey Avenue courts. Boys under the age of 12 are welcome to play. For more information contact Bette Wyer on 0438 251 153.

Angels Softball Club

Currently looking for junior players aged 6 to 12 Years. Boys and girls are welcome. For more information contact Antoinette on 0416432988.

Mackay North State High School, Year 8 in 2014

The Enrolment Management Plan has been lifted from Mackay North State High School. Students from all schools are able to enrol.