

## From the Principal's Desk

### 2013 Diary Dates...

**June 6:** Queensland Day

**June 10:** Queens Birthday Holiday

**Jun 11:** P&C Meeting

**June 12 & 14:** Senior Sports Carnival

**June 13:** Junior Sports Carnival,

Twilight Concert 6pm

**June 20:** Mackay Show Day Holiday

**July 8–12:**

NAIDOC Week

**August 22-23:**

Wakakirri

**August 27–30:** Year 7 Camp

**September 11–13:**

Year 5 Camp

**September 9–20:**

Swimming Prep-Yr3

**November 14:**

Spectacular

### 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 is currently on for 2013.

When you shop at Woolworths you will receive a sticker for every \$10 you spend. Then hand these into the school office. Ends Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Points earned so far is 27,000. Keep up the great work.

Many of our students have performed creditably in academic, cultural and sporting competitions held recently, special mention of our debating, mathematics and rugby league teams and our instrumentalists in the combined band.

A reminder that our report cards for semester one are to be released on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Teachers will be reporting for the first time on student achievements gained from the new Australian Curriculum in History. Interviews for this semester can be arranged by parent or teacher request.

Two hundred of our prep to year two students along with the Pioneer Kindergarten students celebrated early childhood education with selected activities at the Under 8's Day on Friday. Well done to the staff, parents and community volunteers who made this such an enjoyable event for the students.

Athletics Carnivals are set down for June 13<sup>th</sup> - Prep to Year 2 and June 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 to Year 7, further particulars on these days to come home with the students.

Year 7 students received enrolment information for 2014 to Mackay North State High School. Application and enrolment forms are to be forwarded direct to the high school office from 5<sup>th</sup> June.

This is just a reminder that the school uniform includes the royal blue jackets or windcheaters and fully enclosed lace up shoes, mainly black or white in colour.

Our monthly P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm in the staffroom, all are welcome to attend.

We have a public holiday on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and return to school on the Tuesday of next week.

Enjoy your week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike'.

Mike Anderson

Principal.

### **Staff Profile – Nadine Haber 4D**

Hi, my name is Nadine Haber and I am very pleased to have returned, on a more regular basis, to Fitzgerald Primary Sate School this year. I began teaching in the year 2000 on Hamilton Island which at the time was a two teacher school with around 65 students before transferring to Sarina State Primary School in 2003. I taught Year Two there for three years during which time I married and started a family. In 2006 I transferred to Fitzgerald Primary School and joined a terrific team, again in Year Two. I continued to teach very happily in this position before taking leave to have our second child in 2008. Throughout the following years I was fortunate enough to have experienced both being an "at home mum" and relief teaching here at Fitzgerald. However now that my children are attending "Fitz" in Year Two and Prep, I have been very lucky to have been given a position in Year Four (D) with the fabulous Carolyn Steginga, working every Thursday and Friday. I have very much enjoyed being back in my own classroom and working in conjunction with professional, friendly staff members, an amazing group of students and getting to know the wider Fitzgerald community all over again. I look forward to seeing you all around our school grounds and wish you the best for 2013.



### **Foyer News – 2C and 2D**

Our Year 2 foyer display is about a recent Technology task that the Year 2 students had of designing and constructing a marble ramp.



The ramp had to allow a marble to travel a distance of two metres, had to be made from recycled materials, needed a suitable name which was clearly displayed, had to be creative and interesting to use and one that other children would like.

The students had to complete 4 steps in constructing their ramps:

1. Investigate- Find out information about marbles and ramps to give some ideas about the challenge.
2. Ideation- Brainstorm, sketch ideas and begin selecting materials.
3. Production- Create a detailed plan and make your marble ramp.
4. Evaluation- Test your marble ramp. Did it meet the challenge? Reflect on your ideas.

The students had a great time constructing and trying out their ramps.

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

I did dancing and I made a crown and I made an arm bracelet and some scary balloons up in grade one.

Max Ware PB.  
Today we had Under 8's Day and I went with my Mum. I went to see a fire engine and we also got to face



paint. I made a kite with my sister and Tiarni. My Mum went too. I made a painting for Mum.

Talia Kelleher 1A.

We went to the bubbles and we went to ball games.

Boomerangs were my best activity because you got to paint. Jett Carrison 2B.

We went to ball games and did shaving cream at Under 8's Day. The activity that I liked best was face painting because I got to have a blue flower. Caylah Baggow 2B.

### **Safety Circus – 3A & 3B**

The Safety Circus didn't just teach us to be safe it also showed us not to bully or bad things might happen. When the clown, named Buddy, got bullied Jessie was the bystander and she helped Buddy because she was his friend.



Being cool and dead is not clever but being safe and alive is the clever choice. You have to wear your safety gear when you're riding or you might fall off and hurt yourself so that's why you must wear safety gear. If something is wrong tell someone you can trust like your teacher, police, coach or an adult. Lucie Sippel 3B.

### **McDonald's Maths -**

McDonald's Maths is a maths competition where you have teams of 5 students from both Years 6 and 7 competing against other

schools. There is a team challenge and a relay challenge with the points from both deciding the overall champion school.



McDonald's maths was an exciting experience where students learnt new mathematical equations - for example when you multiply 2178 by 4 you get 8712. It's just the number backwards. Competition isn't all about winning or losing; it's about having fun, giving it your best shot and learning new things, sometimes even making new friends. This year our school teams consisted of Dana Costigan, Hayley Berck, Molly Bristow, Alexander Jesser and Riley Kurtz as one team and Ashley Bundesen, Pratibha Raut, Kaylah Smith, Jessica Tilbrook and Anisha Goonewardane as the other team. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented Fitzgerald proudly.

### **Library News -**

#### **Readers Cup -**

This year sees the only the second competition in Mackay for Readers Cup. This competition is sponsored by the Children's Book Council of Australia and involves teams of students reading set books. The teams then come together and compete in a 'trivia' type competition about the books to test their knowledge of the events and characters in each book. The competition this year will take place at Mackay North State School on Wednesday 5 June starting at 9.00am. Our team this year consists of: Molly Bristow 7D, Georgia Sartor 7C, Dana Costigan 7C, Alana Bond 7C, Reanna Quinn 7A.

The winner of the competition in Mackay is then invited to Brisbane to compete in the State Finals held during the Brisbane Writers Festival in September. The students in

our team have been busily reading the set texts all term and are eagerly looking forward to competition day!

Laurel Shaw

Teacher/Librarian.

### **A Note from your school Photographer -**

Recently on photo day we took the following special group photos:

- School Captains
- Sports Captains
- Student Council
- Systems Monitors
- Sports Monitors

These presentations are a group photo presentation with the children standing together with their individual portraits below.

These special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only \$27 each by collecting a special group envelope from the school office.

You have until **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013** to purchase at this price (orders placed after Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 will incur a \$20 search fee as the images will then be archived).

Your school photo order will be delivered to the school in approximately 28 days.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email at schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Keep smiling!!

### **Green Spot -**

#### **How to save Energy in the Bathroom and Laundry**

- Install a low flow showerhead or a flow control valve to reduce the amount of hot water used without reducing pressure.
- Connect your hot water system to Tariff 33 and cut your future running costs by up to 30%.
- Fix leaky taps quickly - just 60 drops a minute is around 9,000 litres of wasted water a year.
- Ventilate your bathroom by opening a window instead of using your exhaust fan if possible.
- Make sure your items can tumble freely in the clothes dryer and have as much water spun from them before going in.
- Households can use around one-third of their hot water in the laundry. Wash in cold water to save on water heating costs.
- Adjust the water level to economically wash a partial load or wait until you have enough for a full load.
- Fold washed items carefully to avoid the need for ironing and iron in batches to save reheating time.

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

### **Interschool Debating -**

War with Words!

by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Pedagogy Coach.

The Fitzgerald State School debating team has been using all the persuasive skills available to them in this year's interschool competition. Debating is best described as 'war with words', requiring much more than just writing a clever speech. In their own time, the students have needed to work as a team to develop their stance, to research and write engaging speeches, to deliver these speeches convincingly and to skilfully rebut the arguments presented by their opposition. Over the course of the season, the debating team has been drawing on the knowledge of the Ancient Greeks, original masters of the art of rhetoric. Ancient Greek oration was shaped by logos, pathos and ethos. Logos is logic, or rational thinking

requiring research, facts and statistics. Pathos or 'imagined pain' is the story, emotion and passion behind an argument. Ethos describes the higher beliefs or values

underlying a point of view. The Fitzgerald State School interschool debating team 2013 is pictured here from L to R: Hayley Berck, Pratibha Raut, Mrs Hamilton-Smith, Keely Coburn and Emma Cameron.



### **P&C News -**

Our next P&C meeting is our AGM meeting. At this meeting will be asking for nominations for the P&C positions. Please consider a position in the P&C as no positions filled leads to no P&C which leads to no extra funds for the school.

### **Sports Notices -**

#### **Capricornia Soccer**

Congratulations to Declan Wheeler and Isaiah Kennell who have been selected in the Capricornia soccer team. We wish both these boys the very best at the state titles.

#### **Schoolboys Ruby League**

The last few weeks have been very successful for the rugby league team. The team came second in the ARL Development Cup and have won their last two Wednesday afternoon games against Marian (18-6) and Andergrove (26-10). Keep up the good work boys!

#### **Capricornia Softball**

Well done to Riley James who has been selected in the Capricornia softball team for the second consecutive year. We wish Riley all the best at the state titles.

#### **Sports Day**

Field event finals will be held next Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> June from 8.50-11.00am. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their sports day on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9.20-11.40 and the Years 3-7 will have their sports day on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Tuckshop Talk -**

**Junior Sports Day** - Canteen will be open as normal. A tent will be on the oval to sell to parents only, this will be a limited menu. Students will order as normal through the canteen on this day.

**Senior Sports Day** - The canteen will be CLOSED on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Students may pre-purchase food from the adjusted menu which will be sent home with the students shortly. The pre-purchased orders must be received by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. There will be no tuckshop for Prep - Yr 2 on this day.

Volunteers are needed for both sports days. Please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the amended tuckshop menu if you are able to help.

Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated on both sports days. These can be delivered to the canteen or directly to the canteen tent on the oval on the sports days

**Roster -** **Thurs 6/6** Robyn Adams, Nikki Poa **Fri 7/6** Cheryl Vella, Cathy Kean **Tues 11/6** Robyn Adams **Wed 12/6** Robyn Adams **Thurs 13/6** (Junior Sports Day) Leanne Thompson, Robyn Adams **Fri 14/6** **CLOSED** (Senior Sports Day) **Tues 18/6** Robyn Adams **Wed 19/6** Robyn Adams **Thurs 20/6** **SHOW HOLIDAY**

**Fri 21/06** Gerri Nolan, Cathy Kean

Thank you,  
Daneal and Antoinette.