

## From the Principal's Desk

### 2013 Diary Dates...

**June 20:** Mackay Show Day Holiday  
**July 8–12:** NAIDOC Week  
**July 31:** ICAS English Testing  
**Aug 13:** ICAS Math Testing  
**Aug 12-16:** Science Week  
**Aug 18-24:** Book Week  
**Aug 22-23:** Wakakirri  
**Aug 26-30:** National Literacy and Numeracy Week  
**Aug 27–30:** Year 7 Camp  
**Sept 2-4:** Year 4 Bike Ed  
**Sept 11–13:** Year 5 Camp  
**Sept 9–20:** Swimming Prep-Yr3  
**Nov14:** 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 –**

We are still collecting stickers and charts from the Woolworths promotion. We have until the end of the first week back next term to finalise our collections. Please bring any stickers to the office as soon as possible.

Two recent events, The Cultural Night and the Athletics Carnivals showcased the talents of our students. Thank you to the co-ordinators Jill Green and Tim Campbell, staff and parents for making these events successful for the school community.

The School Annual Report for 2012 will be found on the school website [www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au](http://www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au) from the 30<sup>th</sup> June. A copy of this report will be available at the school office for your perusal from the commencement of Semester Two.

With the school report cards going home today, a reminder that there is a correlation between school attendance and academic achievement. It is an expectation from our school that all students will attend school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, following the Show Holiday.

Congratulations to all students who have been recognized for their effort and/or achievement this semester.

Our next P&C Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30 in the staffroom. You are most welcome to attend.

Enjoy the mid-year vacation everyone. If you see anything suspicious during the break telephone the School Watch number - 131788.

We return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.  
Enjoy your holidays.

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

Mike Anderson

Principal.

## **Staff Profile – Alice Collard 1C**

Hello Everyone! My name is Alice Collard and I'd firstly like to say a big thank-you to all the Fitzgerald Staff and parents for making me feel so welcome. I started teaching in 2007 and haven't looked back since! I completed my rural service at Dysart State School before transferring back to my hometown of Mackay. I was lucky enough to enjoy some time to travel last year before starting here at Fitzgerald. I love teaching because of the positive difference you can make. I look forward to having a great year with Grade 1!



## **Foyer News – L.O.T.E.**

In LOTE, the Year 7s have been learning about 'School Life' in Japan, compared to their School Life in Australia.



There was a lot of discussion about the obvious differences and this can be seen in our display. They also tackled some Japanese language that helped with talking and writing about it. Their task was to create a Fitzgerald School Brochure, all in Japanese, detailing subjects studied and not studied, activities that our school has and hasn't got, subjects and activities liked or disliked and a timetable displaying the subjects and when they are. The display exhibits just a few of the many excellent brochures that were produced at the end of the unit. Well Done, Year 7!

## **Green Spot –**

Hints for saving energy around your home:

- Connect your pool pump to Tariff 33 and cut your future running costs by up to 30%.
- Upgrade to an energy efficient pool pump and save up to 80% on your future pool running costs.
- Keep your pool cool - the warmer your pool is the more cleaning and chemicals are required to combat algae growth.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation, keep leaves and other debris out and minimise the energy needed to clean your pool.
- Use LED festive lights as they require less electricity and last longer.
- Fit exterior lights with movement detectors or two way switches to provide convenience and security while saving energy.
- Use a power monitor to see the energy that each appliances uses. Involve your kids so that they can see what uses what.

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

**Learning Literacy** - *The Art and Science of Teaching* by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Pedagogy Coach.

Robert Marzano considers teaching to be both Science and Art. To prepare the current end of semester report cards, our teachers have been necessarily scientific. Their judgments have been made through the purposeful,

systematic and ongoing collection of assessment evidence. They moderate student work across their year level and use the standards of the Australian Curriculum to make evidence-based judgments about the quality and depth of the learning of each student. The curriculum that they teach and the classroom instruction strategies that they utilise have been based on sound research. However, knowing when to teach the curriculum, with what strategies and with whom is more of an art. Every day teachers balance the necessity of using research-based data with the equally vital need to understand the needs of individual students. Our teachers aim to create a supportive learning environment and present a rigorous, differentiated curriculum in ways that will motivate and engage their students. Effective classrooms are a busy, dynamic, complex fusion of art and science, resulting in exceptional teaching and outstanding student achievement.

## **Stay Safe at Cane Train Crossings -**

The sugar mills are crushing, so please be prepared for cane train activity. Mackay Sugar urges all motorists and residents to be alert when approaching cane train crossings. Children – don't play near railway lines or crossings, it's not safe! Motorists – look out for cane trains; don't try to race the cane train across the crossing, it's not worth the risk! For all community enquiries, contact the Mackay Sugar Communications department on 4953 8339.

## **Junior Sports Day –**



**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 have been 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.

### Thank you from Prep -

A huge thank you to the two parents, Kate and Brendon Wood, who coordinated and gave up their own time to refresh the concrete painting in the Prep eating area.

### Senior Sports Day -



### Library News -

The Readers Cup competition in Mackay was held at Mackay North State School on Wednesday June 5. The team representing Fitzgerald consisting of Molly Bristow, Georgia Sartor, Dana Costigan, Alannah Bond and Reanna Quinn read the 5 set books, quizzed each other and were eager and ready for the competition, however unfortunately, the team were not strong enough on the day. Alligator Creek State School won and will now represent Mackay at the state competition to be held in September. We wish



them well!

### Sports Notices -

#### Sports Day

It was great to see all students participating in our Junior and Senior Sports Days last week. Students had the opportunity to be involved in a range of different track and field events. It was fantastic to see students wearing house colours and cheering on all competitors.

The Age Champions on the day were: 9 Years- Maison Becker, Jaala Grant & Brooke Vella; 10 Years- Riley Whitestyles and Georgie Coburn; 11 Years- Jamal Brown & Kiara Purdue; 12 Years- Tyler Forbes & Allie Whitehead; 13 Years- Anzel Jooste & Devon Van Rensburg.

Other major trophies were: Boy Champion: Devon Van Rensburg; Girl Champion: Anzel Jooste; 800m Champions: Jai Finlay & Paige Steindl-Corrie; Champion Ball-Games House: Kingfisher; Champion Relay House: Brolga; Best Presented House: Kingfisher; Overall Winner: Brolga.

#### Milo T20 Cricket

Sign On: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 4.00-5.30pm

Harrup Park Country Club

Cost: \$25 6 Week Program, which includes Brisbane Heat Shirt & Hat

Games will begin Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

**Woolworths Earn and Learn** – Keep those sticker cards coming in everyone! Last count today, we have over 43,380 points accrued for our school to obtain free resources. What an awesome effort! We are collecting the stickers until the end of the first week in term 3.

#### Tuckshop Talk -

Tuckshop will be closed this Friday 21 June. We will reopen Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you to everyone who baked goods for sports day. A big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped in the tent on the oval, your help was greatly appreciated. Have a safe holiday and we will see you all in two weeks.

#### **Roster -Thurs 20/6 SHOW HOLIDAY**

#### **Fri 21/06 CLOSED**

**Tues 9/07** Nikki Poa **Wed 10/07** Robyn Adams **Thurs 11/07** Robyn Adams, Nikki Poa **Fri 12/07** Cath Kean, Glenda West **Tues 16/07** Robyn Adams **Wed 17/07** Robyn Adams **Thurs 18/07** Robyn Adams, Nikki Poa **Fri 19/07** Geri Nolan, Kath Kean

Thank you,  
Daneal and Antoinette.

#### Community Notices -

#### **Mackay Gymnastics Fun Day**

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Times: 9.30 to 11am

Cost: \$15

To book a place please phone:

4953 1425 or email: [admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au](mailto:admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au).

#### **MNSHS Enrolments 2014**

Just a reminder that enrolment forms for students wishing to attend Mackay North State High School in 2014 need to be returned to their office as soon as possible.

#### **Pioneer State High School Enrolments 2014**

Year 7 into 8 Information Evening will be held in the theatre from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. For more information contact the school on 49559222 or email [the.principal@pioneershs.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@pioneershs.eq.edu.au).

