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### 2016 Diary Dates...

**December 6:** Awards Night

**December 7:** Report cards to go home

**December 7:** Graduation Dinner Dance Year 6

**December 8:** Year 6 Excursion

**December 9:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## 23 November 2016

### From the Principal's Desk

The spectacular production, 'Ghoul School' was an enjoyable occasion for students and adults alike. The participation rate from our Prep to 6 students was high at ninety-one percent, well done. Thank you to the production team, staff, volunteers and students.

The Awards Ceremony for years five and six students is to be held in the Hall on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm. Students receiving an Academic, Social, Cultural or Sports award will be notified by letter of invitation.

Parents if you intend leaving our school at the end of this year and have not notified us could you assist by contacting the school office, thank you.

The report cards for semester two will be released on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Interviews are on a request only basis from either the parent or class teacher.

Thank you to members of the community who have assisted in supporting the Chaplaincy Program fundraisers throughout the year. The recent fundraiser, the free dress day raised \$700, once again thank you and we look forward to your continued support.



Mr Nick Eyre – School Chaplain

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 2 have been learning about WATER CONSERVATION. We have discussed why it's important for us to save our water and ways we can do this. Each student has made a water saving commitment on their water drop. We can all work together to help conserve water!

### **WELL DONE ON A SPECTACULAR 2016 SPECTACULAR!!!**

Students from Prep to Year 6 excelled on stage at our school's annual Spectacular. Teachers continue to do a fantastic job of preparing their students and giving them the opportunity to perform in a real theatre experience. We enjoyed everything from Disco Fever to tributes to great singing artists and our Year 6 students excelled in their humorous production of 'Ghoul School'. Drama Group and Wakakirri also entertained us on the night. A huge thank you to everyone involved as it takes the efforts of everyone in the school to provide a spectacular production and such a rich experience for our students.



### **News from the Library**

I would like to sincerely thank all the Staff, Students and Parents for supporting me over my absence and a huge thank you to all those who willingly gave up their own time to run and organise our school's recent Book Fair. I am honoured to be a staff member of such a terrific school and community.

Book Fair earned approximately \$6800.00, which equates to approximately \$2000 towards books for our school library. Students are more than welcome to let Mrs Ross and I know if there are any particular titles they would like to see in our library. To date we have purchased over 3518 books, which do not include various games and other resources over the course of this year and hope to continue to build on our wonderful resources we have within our Library. If you are available at any time, feel free to pop into our Library and cover our new books or help out in any way – your time is very much appreciated. Please remember this is the final week our Library will be open for borrowing – only one book at a time this week as we are aiming to have all of our books back in the library by the end of this week to ensure that we are able to complete the stocktake and identify what new purchases will need to be made to commence 2017 with a bang! Thank you once again for your support and kindness over this, my first year as the Teacher Librarian and the support our Fitz Admin Team and Staff have provided. Mrs Ross and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful year and wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Janelle Stuart

## **Premier's Reading Challenge**

'Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates' by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher Representatives from Prep to Year 2 and



Years 3 to 6 received a packet of certificates at school assembly to distribute to the students in their class who participated in the 2016 Premier's Reading



Challenge. This initiative acknowledges each year the important role that reading plays in learning and continued success beyond the schooling years. Congratulations to all those who were awarded a certificate,

signed by the Queensland Premier, Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk.

## **Sports Notices**

Mackay District School Sport- Sports Person of the Year Awards

Congratulations to both Taylor Lee Dillon and Jaxon Purdue who were recently awarded medallions at the Mackay District School Sport, Sports Person of the Year Awards. Both these students were selected as one of the top 3 outstanding sporting representatives in their Mackay Rugby League teams this year. Well done to the both of these students, a fantastic achievement.

## **Finance News from the office**

**Money has been received through the bank on 16/11/2016 to order a Spectacular DVD, unfortunately we do not know who it is from. Payment reference is Direct CR 128594 NAB Transfer School DVD for \$35-00. Please check your record and let us know if it is you.**

## **P&C News:**

The recent Pizza Day was a great success with \$1,290 raised towards P&C projects. Also the Spell-a-thon has raised close to \$5,000. Prizes will be presented shortly - apologies for the delay. Thank you to everyone who has participated in and helped to make these two great P&C fundraisers possible.

## **Facilities Projects**

The top two facilities projects selected, from the recent survey sent home to parents, were the shelter over the paved area outside the library and the steps/terraced seating down to the oval. After initial investigations, the shelter appears to be quite a complicated project given the restriction of access to the area and necessary construction requirements. If anyone has relevant experience in construction and would like to assist the P&C in working towards completing this project that would be most welcome. In the meantime, the proposal is to pursue the steps/terraced seating as our key project in 2017.

## **From the classroom - Remembrance**

The sounds of gunshots and bombs fill my ears, as I stare at the ruins of the battlefield. Men fighting to the death even though both of them know they're not much different.

Thousands of brave men's lives sacrificed for lives of others and more to come. That's what Remembrance Day is all about for me.

To remember the men who fought for us and freedom,

to remember the men who knew that the life on the other side wasn't so different from theirs.

Remembrance Day is not just about remembering the men who fought for us, but also the men on the other side.

Amy Counsell 5B

## **Tuckshop Talk**

As we are approaching end of school we will be running stock down but we will to endeavour to substitute where possible.

We will not be open on the last day of school Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, due to the cleaning of tuckshop.

## **ROSTER:**

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Robyn & Debbie Adams

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Mary Maloney/Tamika Cook

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>- Robyn Adams

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> – Robyn & Debbie Adams

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Robyn & Debbie Adams

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tamika Cook/HELP NEEDED

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

## **Community Notices**

### **Brothers Bulldogs JRL –**

We are currently recruiting players from U6's right through to U17's for season 2017. If you are interested, we are having a sign on day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 9am to 12pm at Northern Beaches Bowls Club. Alternatively contact our club President Andrew Battaia on 0423161662, or our Registrar Kim Wilson on 0411042556.

### **Mackay Gymnastics**

WHERE: At our facilities at  
5 Snow Wright Court,  
(Off Beaconsfield Road)

WHEN: Wednesday 14th Dec 2016

Friday 16th Dec 2016

Wednesday 11th January 2017

Friday 13th January 2017

Wednesday 18th January 2017

Friday 20th January 2017

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

for younger boys & girls

9.30am-10.15am

Cost \$11.00

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

primary school aged boys and girls

9.30am-11.00am

COST

\$16.50

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