

## ISSUE NO 9

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### 2015 Diary Dates...

**June 10:** Twilight Concert

**June 16-19:** Year 6 Camp

**June 22:** Athletics Field

Events Only

**June 23:** Junior Sports Day

9am – 11:45am

**June 23:** Report cards to go home

**June 24:** Athletics Carnival

Year 3-6

**June 25:** Mackay Show

Holiday

**June 26:** Last Day of

Semester 1

**July 13:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3

### 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.

**10 June 2015**

## From the Principal's Desk

The Twilight Concert which was held last night was an enjoyable night for parents, staff and performers. Our students are afforded with a wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument or be in the choir through the school Arts Program.

Our students will be given the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Athletics Carnivals. Prep – Year 2 will have their carnival between 9am and 11.45am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Nominated students from Years 3 - 6 will participate in the Senior Field events commencing at 8am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and all students in Years 3 – 6 will participate in the Senior Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 8.50am. A reminder that students are to wear their school house shirt on this day. The school Dress Code applies with the wearing of the sports uniform in a sensible and safe fashion. Parents are most welcome to attend.

A reminder to have the school royal blue jackets and track suits clearly labelled.

A big well done to our chess team members who competed in the Mackay Inter-school Chess Competition which was held recently. Thank you to our parent co-ordinator Terese Marrs and parent helpers Tracey Davison and Michael Widdup.

School report cards will be released on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Interviews for this semester can be arranged by parent or teacher request.

The annual School Opinion Survey details will be sent home with the youngest student in the family along with the semester one report card. The online survey will be available from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

Our year 6 students, staff and parent volunteers attend their school camp at Kinchant Dam next week. I am sure that the students will enjoy and learn from the experience.

The School Annual Report for 2014 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.

Two P&C executive positions were filled at the monthly meeting, thank you to Cath Kean, Treasurer and Rick Anderson, Vice-President who were elected to the positions. The next meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson

Principal.



**Foyer Display**  
Prep C and Prep D have been extremely busy learning letters and sounds. Our foyer

display is an excellent art exhibit of letters learnt. Please visit the office to view them

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

To show responsibility is if someone tells you to do something, you have to do the task properly and finish it to show responsibility. Also a responsible person never blames their mistakes on other people. Another way to show responsibility is that you should take care of your possessions.

**By Joseph Garcia**

Responsibility is owning up to your actions and telling the truth no matter the consequences. An example is if you do something wrong then own up. Responsibility is also not only caring about yourself but caring and helping people who are in our lives.

**By Baylin Moy**

**From the Guidance Officer**

It is often noticeable at school that some students aren't getting enough sleep which then interferes with their learning and behaviour. Here are some simple facts and tips:

**SLEEP FACTS**

35 - 40% of children and adolescents experience some form of sleep problem during their development. Sleep problems are either those that:

Sleep researchers believe there is no one magic number for 'sleep need' and there are a lot of individual differences in what children and adolescents need to sleep to be at their best.

Many things can be effected when we do not sleep enough such as: behaviour, emotion, planning, concentration, problem solving, motor coordination and our health.

Sleep hygiene can be defined as habits that can help us to sleep or stop us from sleeping. If you or someone you know is having trouble sleeping you can try to change or include some of the things on this list and see if it helps.

- No TV/computer games 1 hour before bed. No TV s in bedrooms
- No coke/caffeine, high sugar or high spicy food 3-4 hours before bed
- Ensure relaxing and regular bed time routine - special time with children, relaxation techniques such as breathing
- Set bedtimes and wake times - try and keep these regular
- Learn to relax - deal with worry and stress
- Use a sleep diary to check how many hours you are sleeping - Are you sleeping enough?

*Sourced from the Australian Centre for Education in Sleep™*

**The Premier's Reading Challenge 2015'** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher Fitzgerald State School is aiming for 100% participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. The Queensland Premier is challenging every student from Prep to Year 4 to read or experience 20 books and Years 5 and 6 to read 15 books by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Children who take up the challenge and read the required number of books will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Some students have so far managed to successfully complete the challenge since its inception several years ago. Schools with 100 per cent participation will go into the running for numerous lucky draw prizes. But there are greater rewards. Reading opens up a world of educational opportunities for young people, providing the foundation for learning for the rest of their life. Through the Premier's Reading Challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to read more and read more widely for pleasure and learning. Every student at this school has been given a copy of the required Reading Record Form from their teacher. A big part of the challenge is managing its record-keeping requirements. So, please help your reader to achieve success. Good luck and start reading! Further information, including booklists for all ages compiled by the Library Services of Queensland, can be found on the website.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/index.html>

**Drama artist-in-residence Carmel Harrison -**



Students learnt some basic drama skills while actively participating in text response, leading to engaged learning and a deeper understanding of drama.



Teachers learnt essential drama skills and games during a professional development session led by Carmel and received advice for assessing and connecting drama to enrich the other learning areas.

## Sports Notices

### **Mackay Rugby Union**

Congratulations to Mark Reedman on his recent selection in the Mackay Rugby Union side. Mark will now travel to Emerald to participate in the Capricornia trials. All the best Mark.

### **Sports Day**

All students from years 3- 6 have recently participated in sports day trials. Those students selected in a field event final will participate in the field events day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A list of those selected, and a timetable will be provided in the near future. All students will be participating in sprints, relays, and ballgames during our Senior Sports Day on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Junior Sports day (Prep- Grade 2) will have their sports day on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Twilight Concert**

On Wednesday evening the Fitzgerald State School Twilight Concert was held in the school hall. It was an excellent evening of entertainment featuring approximately 200 students who performed in various



cultural groups including Recorder Ensemble, Beginning Strings, Senior String Ensemble, Beginning Brass, Woodwind and Percussion, Senior Concert Band, Junior and Senior Choirs. Many thanks go to our Music and Instrumental Staff including Sue Mora (Strings), David Bayliss and Cameron Matthews (Brass, Woodwind and Percussion) and Margaret Chalmers, accompanist for the choirs. Also many thanks to Danielle Hargreaves for assisting in supervision, Trina Saunders for assisting with the organisation of the cultural uniforms and administrative staff. Many



thanks to parents and students for a wonderful evening. Thanks for your support for Music and the Arts at Fitzgerald State School.

### **Jill Green – Music Teacher.**

### **Chess Club**

On Monday 1 June, seven students travelled to Mercy College to compete in the Interscholar Chess Competition. Students competed all day with points being awarded. Fitzgerald 1 consisting of Matthew Marris, Joseph Garcia, Riley Brown and Damon Randell came third overall for the primary school division and were awarded ribbons. Joseph and Damon were awarded ribbons of merit. Fitzgerald 2 team consisted of Jackson Cross, Lily Boland and Jessica Recker. All students had a great day and learnt lots of new strategies. A big thank



you to the parent helpers Terese Marris, Tracey Davison and Michael Widdup who

not only helped out on the day, but tirelessly help out each week as well. Chess Club which is held each Wednesday big lunch, is open to students who are in years 5 and 6 who love a challenge.

### **P&C News**

The P & C are offering the school community the opportunity to do a 25cm diameter Melamine Picture plate. Prep students can do their design at school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, all other students wishing to design a plate will need to do the artwork at home and bring it back to school by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Plate templates are available from the office. Cost of each plate is \$25-00 and payment is required in cash as it is a P & C Fundraiser.

**18 June 2015** – Last day for payment

**22 June 2015** – Prep classes doing their art work

**24 June 2015** – Last day for other students to return art work

**14 September 2015** (approx.) – Finished product arrives at school

### **Tuckshop Talk**

The chilly weather is starting to be upon us, the hot milos are proving to be popular with the students. Please remind students that milos are only available from 8:00am until 8:30am Tuesday to Friday until the end of August. Please ensure that no sticky tape or staples are attached to the brown bag.

Tuckshop will be **CLOSED** 26<sup>th</sup> June due to cleaning of the tuckshop for end of term.

With junior and senior sports day approaching we are asking for volunteers to help staff the food tent on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We are also asking for donations of baked goods for both days, with the bulk to be sold on Wednesday. If you can assist it would be greatly appreciated.

### **ROSTER:**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June – Jean Kelleher, Cath Kean

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams, Tameka

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Jean Kelleher, Cath Kean

**Junior Sports Day** – The canteen will be open as normal. A tent will be set up on the oval, offering a limited menu for parents only. Students will order as normal through the canteen this day.

**Senior Sports Day** - The canteen will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, no orders for Prep – Year 2 will be accepted. A tent will be set up on the oval, offering a menu for parents and students. Notes regarding Senior Sports day Tuckshop menu will be sent home this week. It would be greatly appreciated if pre orders for tuckshop can be placed no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and please **ENSURE** that the students House is written on the brown bag.

**Fees reminder:** Updated statements will be sent home early next term and all levies need to be paid by that time. Payments for activities e.g. swimming, excursions can be paid at least 1 week prior to the activity taking place. 6C Computer Class the final instalment of \$216-50 is due by week 2 which is 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Thank you to all those parents who have fees up to date and those that have made arrangements and continue these payments. As always if you are having difficulty with fees please come and see the ladies at the office to make alternative arrangements.

