

## From the Principal's Desk

### 2014 Diary Dates...

**8 Aug:** Wakakirri Performance  
**12 Aug:** ICAS Maths Competition  
**12 Aug:** P&C Meeting 5:30pm  
**13 Aug:** Musica Viva  
**15 Aug:** Disco  
**18 Aug:** Fact-a-thon  
**18-22 Aug:** Science Week  
**18-22 Aug:** Yr4 Bike Education  
**25-29 Aug:** Yr4 Bike Education  
**30 Aug:** Real Men Read Event  
**8-11 Sep:** Prep-Yr3 Swimming  
**15-18 Sep:** Prep-Yr3 Swimming  
**19 Sep:** Last Day of Term 3  
**6 Oct:** Public Holiday  
**7 Oct:** Term 4 Resumes  
**8-10 Oct:** Yr 5 Camp  
**20 Oct:** Student Free Day  
**20 Oct:** Prep Open Day  
**13 Nov:** Spectacular

The author Peter Carnavas is visiting our school this week. We welcomed Peter to our school at the school assembly on Monday morning. Students, parents and staff have the opportunity to hear from and work with Peter during his visit. A session for parents was held on Monday morning.

A flyer advertising the School Dance, which will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, goes home this week, if you could return the permission slip by 12<sup>th</sup> August. Volunteers are required for both dances, thank you for your support.

Once again we look forward to seeing the 2014 Wakakirri production 'Aladdin' performed by our years 5 to 7 students at the Mackay Entertainment Centre on Friday night. A big thank you to Ms Green and her support team who continue to produce good quality productions for us.

Parents who have children eligible for Prep next year, born 1/07/2009 – 30/06/2010, are able to contact the school office for enrolment details. There is an information session planned for the morning of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October for new prep parents.

Parents a reminder that this is the last week you are able to complete the online School Opinion Survey for 2014, if you could assist, thank you.

Please report any suspicious activity outside of school hours, the School Watch number is 131788.

Enjoy your week.



Michael 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 News



2A and 2B have been learning about colour and line. We have learnt about primary and secondary colours, warm and cool colours and complementary colours. Our art work on display uses cool and warm colours as well as lines around hands to produce interesting patterns and designs.

## Japanese



On Monday and Thursday last week, we were very lucky to have Daisuke Yoshida join us in the Japanese Classroom. Daisuke is 14 years old and is from the city of Nagoya in Japan and is staying with Christine Benson's family for the 3 weeks. He added a lot of excitement to our Japanese learning and the students of Fitzgerald welcomed him extremely well. We hope he can join us again before he heads back home. ARIGATOU GOZAIMASU, DAISUKE!!!

## It's a Community Garden!



The garden area between the Year 3 and Year 6 buildings is coming along in leaps and bounds, a big thank you to Bunnings Warehouse for their kind donation of soil, pots and plants. Last but not least, Shelley Myers for her expertise in guiding us to producing a fruitful vegetable patch and helping us

to create several vertical gardens to enhance our school grounds. We would also like to thank Mr Peut and Mr Tselepy our groundsmen for their continued help and assistance.

We are continuing to work on our garden's completion, Shelley will be coming in to support us with an irrigation system and helping us with creating personalised mosaic tiles, which will leave our mark on Fitzgerald!

## Visiting Author



The students of Fitz have spent the past three days with acclaimed author and illustrator, Peter Carnavas. The students, staff and parents who attended his sessions were mesmerised by his artistic talent and love for reading. Peter's presentations involved cartooning, storytelling tips, illustration techniques, hands-on fun and lots of audience participation. He even taught "teachers how to draw!" We discovered that Ms Croston (Year 6 Teacher) and Mrs Patton (Year 3 Teacher) are quite talented artists!

Peter presented the Student of the Week Certificates on assembly, personally signed books for those students who purchased a great keepsake for future years and shared his knowledge of reading and writing with the parents who were able to attend his session on Monday morning. It has been an honour to have this opportunity to work with, listen to and learn from such a talented person in our very own school to celebrate Book Week and to "Connect to Reading." A huge thank you goes to Mrs Laurel Shaw, our school's Teacher Librarian for organising such a fantastic opportunity for the students and community members of Fitzgerald. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

## Father's Day Cards



Father's Day is fast approaching and this year we have a variety of handmade cards to choose from.

If you would like to view or purchase a card please come to the office. They are selling for \$2 to \$3.

### Learning Literacy

**Real Men READ!** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Head of Curriculum

REAL MEN WANTED!! National Literacy and Numeracy Week

(NLNW) is being held from 25 to 31 August this year. Fitzgerald will celebrate NLNW 2014

by holding a 'Fitz Blitz - Real Men READ' school community event. All are invited. Join a class on the quadrangle at 2.30pm on Friday 29 August. Men, be a role model to a young reader. Help grow a generation of readers, interested in words and the world. Read to a child and increase their choices and chances in life. Support and even double the amount of reading that's happening in your household. Reading with your children not only helps them to develop a love of reading, but also strengthens their literacy skills, models positive reading behaviour and builds children's self-esteem around reading which is a fundamental life skill. Register to be a part of this NLNW reading event and be a Real Men READ! Ambassador. Let a classroom teacher know, or contact Sue Hamilton-Smith and nominate for or be allocated a class. 8 shami40@eq.edu.au ) 49656306 or 0478187407



**'Need Help with Maths?'** by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Head of Curriculum

Educational Consultant, Tierney Kennedy is visiting Fitzgerald State School in Week 10 of this term to share her knowledge of mathematics with our teachers, teacher aides, students and parents. Parents are invited to participate in an information session from 5.30pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 16 September in the Fitzgerald State School Hall Foyer. Tierney will provide tips for helping to improve your child's understanding of maths, how they can be more effective problem solvers as well as information about the Australian Curriculum and what all this means for your family. Tierney believes that Mathematics is often the subject that many parents shy away from, so will provide suggestions for things that parents can do at home to help make maths fun and a part of everyday life. You might like to have a look at the Parents' Portal on Tierney's 'Back-to-Front Maths' website, there are ideas for babies and toddlers as well as students in lower, middle and upper primary. <http://www.backtofrontmaths.com.au/free-resources-and-information/parents-portal>. Please give your name and contact details to the Fitzgerald SS office if you are interested in attending. No cost. All welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

### Sports Notices

#### **Mackay Athletics**

Congratulations to all of the Fitzgerald students who participated at the recent Mackay Athletics trials. Extra congratulations to Brooke Vella and Riley Whitestyles who have been selected in the Mackay team to attend the Capricornia trials. Congratulations to Bridget Donovan, Tyler Forbes and Britney Vella who have been selected to participate in the Mackay High School trials this week as well.

#### **MACKAY CRICKET JUNIOR SIGN ON**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 4pm – 6pm

Harrup Park Country Club – Main Oval  
(Parking via Lamb Street)



**Come and meet Peter Forest,  
Cameron Gannon and Chris  
Lynn from the Brisbane Heat.**



Lots of fun games/activities and prizes!

#### **Tuckshop Talk**

Lemonade play water is no longer available. Please have correct money as we will substitute if not correct. Check new menu.

#### **ROSTER**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams, Shiran Arkther

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Deb Jenkins, Sandi Dunn

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED**

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams, Shiran Arkther

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Bec Benson, **HELP NEEDED**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED**

#### **Community Notices**

**QKFS Plus Kindy Support** - Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost? QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families. QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either, hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does), OR have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year. QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families. Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.

**Year 6 and 7 Scholarships to North Mackay High** – A reminder that application forms for Academic, Sporting and Cultural Scholarships are available from North High, applications close Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August.