

## From the Principal's Desk

**Dates for your 2012  
Diary....**

**Nov 30** - Book Packs  
will be available from  
School Hall

**Dec 7** – School Dance

**Dec 11** – Awards Night

**Dec 11** – P&C Meeting

**Dec 12** – Report Cards  
Released

**Dec 13** – Yr 7 Dinner  
Dance

**Dec 14** – Last Day of  
School for 2012- Finish  
at 3pm

**Jan 21** – Office  
Re-opens

**Jan 23, 24, 25** –  
Student Free Days

**Jan 28** – Australia Day  
Public holiday

**Jan 29** – First day of  
school for 2013

**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.

**Recycle your old  
MOBILE PHONES**

Send your old/unused  
mobile phones to the  
recycle bin at the  
school office. The  
school will receive  
\$1.00 for each mobile  
phone that is recycled.  
HELP the  
ENVIRONMENT.

Our Spectacular was an enjoyable occasion for our community. We had six hundred and fifty students showcase their singing, dance and drama skills to an appreciative audience, a big thank you to the staff for their involvement and to the parents for supporting us.

The years 5 to 7 Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. This ceremony recognises those students who have excelled in the Academic, Social, Sporting and Cultural areas for 2012. The students involved will receive a letter of invitation next week.

Just a reminder that our last P&C Meeting for the year will be held following the Awards Ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will be an opportunity to thank parents for their efforts throughout the year. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Best of the Bunch (B.O.B) activities are being organised for students who have exhibited good behaviour throughout the term. Arrangements for these activities will be sent home with the students over the coming fortnight.

The Semester Two Report Cards will be issued on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Parent-Teacher interviews are on a request only basis from either the parent or class teacher.

A list of 2013 staff changes to date is included in this newsletter. To all the families and staff members who are leaving at the end of this year we thank you for your support throughout your years at our school.

In the annual Statewide Opinion Survey, 100% of the parent respondents agreed that our school is a good school. Thank you for your continuing support.

The local state high schools held their awards night recently. Once again our past students have featured prominently by gaining academic, cultural and sporting awards. These students deserve the recognition and a well done to the parents and teachers both past and present for their efforts.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson  
Principal.

## From the Classrooms

**Year 4** - This term in SOSE the Year 4 students have been learning about Rules and Laws. As part of their learning, Senior Constable Greg Lamb and Federal Member of Parliament George Christensen were invited to visit and discuss Rules and Laws. Senior Constable Lamb discussed the importance of following the laws to ensure that we are safe in our community and explained what happens if we don't. Mr Christensen shared his knowledge about how laws are made and what happens in Parliament! The Year 4's learned a lot from both of these visitors! Pictured in the photographs are Emilee Burgess with George Christensen and Jackson Pain with Senior Constable Greg Lamb



## Book List

The book lists for 2013 for all classes have been sent to Carroll's newsagency and will be delivered to the school on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you are not going to be here for the last few weeks of school the Booklist Pack will be available for pick up from the Admin Office from the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

## Staff Transfers Out

Tracey O'Connor, Davina Nelson, Linda Orgill, Kody Kay, Jill Hobbin, Emma Crawshaw, Di Schmidt - Acting Deputy Principal at Mackay North State School.

## Staff On Leave

Gabby Bulger

## Staff Retiring

Ann Brunke

## Staff Ending Contracts

David Reasoner

## Staff Returning

Jill Smith, Caroline Steginga, Nadine Haber

## Staff Transferring In

Julie Wilson, Alice Collard, Lisa Hunt, Helen Folger - Acting Deputy Principal

## School Disco

A school Disco will be held in the Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Notices about the Disco will be sent out with this newsletter. If your child/children are attending the dance, the form must be returned with payment by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

## Learning Literacy

### **The Middle Child by Sue Hamilton-Smith, NP Literacy Coach.**

Educational Consultant, Carmel Crevola calls oral language, "the middle child in the literacy family". Not because oral language isn't vital, but because it's more fleeting, more difficult to pin down. Oral language

achievement isn't usually tested and compared across the nation. Oral language doesn't receive the status of its more prestigious siblings, reading and writing. But it's important and it's complex. Oral language is the bridge between our thoughts and our communications with the world. It transfers the language in our heads to the language of our culture. Oral language provides a platform for self-belief, thinking and learning. Unlike reading and writing, humans are hot-wired to attain an oral language, but to achieve real success with this multifaceted competence takes some effort. Like all effective teaching, oral language instruction is scaffolded for success, by parents and by teachers. In our work, we attempt to move a child's oral language from a more spoken-like form to the more written-like. We aim to create confident communicators who speak and listen with fluency, clarity and sensitivity for a range of purposes in many personal, social and learning contexts. Proficient oral language lays the foundation for student success in the schooling years and beyond. So, talk to a child, share your interests, engage them in conversation, discuss events and read together. Give a child time, listen to them deeply, provide good language models, prepare them for social occasions, 'recast' rather than 'correct' their pronunciation, grammar and social errors. It's the middle child's turn!

## Year 7 Production – Realm Quest



## **SPECTACULAR! SPECTACULAR!!**

Fitzgerald was Spectacular at our annual school concert held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. Everyone was extremely proud of every student who starred in the show from Prep to Year 7. A BIG THANK YOU to all staff and parents who contributed toward the success of the night. I'd like to especially congratulate the Year Seven students who performed in 'Realm Quest'. You certainly did take the audience on a journey to another realm. Putting on the annual Spectacular is a huge task but seeing our students performing to such a high level on the stage instils everyone with a great sense of school pride. WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

Jill Green.

### **TravelSmart**

*It feels good to **travelsmart***

### **Walking Wednesday**

Today was our last organised walk to school day for 2012. Thank you to everyone who helped in making the Walking Wednesdays work throughout the year – from the organisers and helpers to the walkers. Remember, you can walk from the Touch Football Fields any day, you don't have to wait for our Walking Wednesday! Meet a friend there in the morning and walk your children to school together. This is an easy way to get those precious minutes of exercise accrued each day.

### **Travel Passports**

Our Travel Passport program for 2012 will conclude at the end of this week. Thank you to all those who participated and especially to those who have changed travel habits to become TravelSmart!

### **Student Safety**

#### **Stop, Look, Listen & Think**

The four steps to safely cross the road are—

**STOP**— At least one metre from the kerb.

**LOOK**— Right, left and right again.

**LISTEN**— For the sound of close traffic.

**THINK**—Is it safe to cross. Am I holding an adult's hand?

Parents please practise these steps with your children **every time** you cross the road and lead by example. As children learn through repeated behaviour, it's essential that we do the right thing when we cross the road. By walking from the Touch Football fields you will have more opportunities to practise road crossing skills with your children.

### **Car Parks**

Motorists are asked to be vigilant of our students when entering the top and bottom car parks before and after school. Please note that the top car park is not a drop off area for students. Delivery vehicles and staff use this car park most often.

### **Enrolments For 2012**

Parents if you know of any families intending to enrol at our school for 2013, please have them contact the school. Interviews are being held at present and will recommence in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

### **Sports Notices**

#### **Mackay and District Sports Person of the Year Awards**

Congratulations to Rory Tarlinton, Kiera James and Riley James who were recently presented with awards at the Mackay and District Sports Person of the Year Awards. The awards recognised that these students were

in the top 3 representatives in the sports of AFL (Rory) and Softball (Kiera and Riley). Kiera was also presented with an award to recognise her achievements for being selected in the Queensland Softball side.

### **Interschool Sport**

Round 3- Year 4

Beach Volleyball- Fitz Boys def Fitz Girls

Indoor Cricket- Fitz Boys def Mackay West Boys, Vic Park Girls def Fitz Girls

Round 4- Year 6

Indoor Cricket- Fitz Girls def Eimeo Rd Girls, Fitz Girls def Victoria Park Girls, Fitz Boys def Eimeo Rd 2, Eimeo Rd 1 def Fitz Boys.

### **Tuckshop Talk**

When ordering lunches for more than one child in a family and the money for all orders is put into one bag could you please write on to the other bags the name and class of the child who has the money.

Please do not use foreign coins to pay for tuckshop orders as they are not accepted at the bank.

BBQ chips are no longer on the menu for the remainder of this year.

**Roster – Thurs 29/11 Tracey Laird, HELP NEEDED Fri 30/11 HELP NEEDED Tues 4/12 Cath Kean Wed 5/12 Cindy Lawn, HELP NEEDED Thurs 6/12 Janelle Newsome, HELP NEEDED Fri 7/12 Kerrie Sheehan, Cheryl Vella Tues 11/12 Cath Kean**

As we get closer to the end of school we become quite busy so if you can lend a hand in the tuckshop over the next 3 weeks it would be greatly appreciated.

Daneal and Antoinette.

### **Pauls Collect-A-Cap**

Pauls donates 10c for each cap. If you purchase Pauls milk please send your caps into the office. It is an easy fundraiser for the school.

### **Community Notices**

**Souths Junior Rugby League 2013 Season Sign on Day - Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013**

At Souths Leagues Club, Milton Street, Mackay  
From 10:00am to 2:00pm

New Players need to bring along proof of age, ie: Original Birth Certificate or current Passport

Enquiries to Club Registrar – Kellie Cairns

Mob: 0407 742 359

Email: [rkcarpentry@bigpond.com](mailto:rkcarpentry@bigpond.com)

Other Enquires: [southsjrl@bigpond.com](mailto:southsjrl@bigpond.com)

### **Northern Beaches Christmas Carols**

A free event presented by the combined Churches to emphasize the "classic" message of Christmas, with a mix of traditional carols for the audience to sing, and local musicians including folk group "Kat and the Wren". There will be family fun activities from 5pm including a rodeo bull, jumping castle, face painting, and games. Sausages, soft drink and battery-operated candles will be on sale. Kids carols will begin at 6pm, and the carols program will commence at 6:15. Come and start the festive season with an evening for the whole family. Rain, hail or shine in **the Eimeo Road State School Hall on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012**. For more details contact Jabin 0417510160 or email [beachesbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:beachesbaptist@gmail.com)