

# ISSUE NO 5

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## From the Principal's Desk

### 2014 Diary Dates...

**3 April:** Cross Country, 8am  
**4 April:** Easter Hat Parade, Prep to Yr2  
**4 April:** Last Day of Term  
**21 April:** Easter Monday  
**22 April:** Term 2 Commences  
**22 April:** School Anzac Parade  
**25 April:** Anzac Day Public Holiday  
**13-15 May:** NAPLAN Testing  
**18-24 May:** Education Week  
**19 May:** Book Fair  
**29-30 May:** School Photos  
**26 May:** National Sorry Day  
**26-30 May:** Instrumental Camp  
**9 June:** Queen's Birthday Holiday  
**19 June:** Show Holiday  
**27 June:** Final Day of Term 2

The end of term school dance was an enjoyable night for four hundred of our students, thank you to the staff, student leaders and parent volunteers for your assistance.

The value that we are sharing with each other is Doing Your Best, an opportune time to be discussing this value with end of term progress of students being shared with parents. Further information on this value is included in this newsletter.

Many of our students will participate in the town Anzac Parade on the Friday and the school Anzac Parade on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Details for the town parade will come home after the holiday break.

Don't forget our school Cross Country which will be held this Thursday morning. Students for years 3 to 7 are expected to assemble at 8am on the oval for an 8:15am commencement.

The term two commencement date, is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, to our community have a happy and safe holiday. If you could contact School Watch on 131 788 for security breaches to our school.

### 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.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson

Principal.

## **Foyer News** **Year 5A and 5B**



Year 5 students have been creating Landscape Art using a variety of media such as paint, coloured pencils and pastels. Some art pieces originated from a small photograph; further developed with pastels. Prints of famous landscape paintings provided the stimulus for window sketches. Folk art landscapes used zentangle patterns. Paint helped to create stained glass landscapes, with a tree as the main focus. Students of Year 5B also wrote 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' book reports to summarise the plot and to provide personal opinions about the book's worth and enjoyment. Students of Year 5A designed 'All about Me!' posters to display their autobiographical information. Come and have a look for yourself at the office foyer display!

## **Staff Profile**



Hello everyone, my name is Tina Ryan and I feel very fortunate to have been appointed Acting Deputy Principal at Fitzgerald State School this year. As a parent of three children who attended Fitzgerald I knew that I was coming to a great school with a staff of very

dedicated, caring and talented people. My teaching background is in Secondary Maths and Science and, for the last ten years, my focus has been on working with Year 8 students over the fence at North High. I love coming to school each day where I have the opportunity to work with hundreds of delightful and enthusiastic students (and their parents), especially in Prep to Year 2.

## **Student Absence**

We are presently reviewing our student absence procedures.

Students who arrive late to school each morning should be either reported to the office accompanied by parent/guardian and a reason for the late arrival given, or the student should report to the office with a note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence.

Any absence should be explained either by a phone call to the Student Absence line

4965 6360 or a note from the parent explaining the absence.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mackay And District Choral Festival**

On Monday 24 March our Senior Choir participated in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mackay and District Choral Festival. Rehearsals were held on Sunday afternoon and Monday with the concert being held on Monday evening. Over 500 choristers from around Mackay and Whitsunday sang in a mass choir with guest conductors Dr Debra Shearer-Dirie and Mr Anthony Young both from Brisbane. The choirs consisted of 400 primary school students along with 100 high school students and community based adult singers and teachers. Well done to our own senior choir students who have been rehearsing since the beginning of term for the event. A great effort!!



## **Crazy Sock Day**



Our crossing supervisors celebrated 30 years of service last week. As part of our Free Dress Day our students and some of our staff wore crazy socks to celebrate this event.

## **April's Value is Doing your Best**

Doing your best is excellence. It is giving your best to any task you do or any relationship you have. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you do your best you bring your gifts to fruition. Doing your best is the key to success. People who don't do their best just do things a half-heartedly. Doing your best helps you find out what you're good at. You may discover something no one has ever thought of before. You can make a difference in this world.

### **How do you practise it?**

When you do your best you give careful attention to every job and to the people you care for. You learn from your mistakes, so that

you can do better next time. Day by day you are getting better and better.

### **Signs of success**

- Set noble and realistic goals.
- Remember to plan and practice.
- Don't try to do everything.
- Develop your special gifts.

### **By the Student Councillors**

### **Learning Literacy**

'Read More and Read More W-I-D-E-L-Y' by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Head of Curriculum

What's the path to becoming a better reader? Reading! There are no short cuts to improving reading. Practice and effort lead to attainment. We believe in a balanced approach to reading instruction at Fitzgerald State School. 'Reading Girl' always has a book in each hand. One is a 'bubble-along' fiction book that is easy, but interesting, read daily for fun, to develop imagination and empathy, to improve fluency and accuracy and to provide opportunities to practise reading strategies. The other is non-fiction, 'world' reading, from factual texts, magazines and websites to pursue interests, to boost vocabulary and to expand horizons. Beginning and developing readers are read to, are listened to, are encouraged to think, share and discuss their reading at home and at school, they visit the library regularly, they receive lots of support as they read more and read more w-i-d-e-l-y. Reading competence and confidence comes with practice. Practise. Practise. Practise and have some fun with reading and books over Easter!



### **Sports Notices**

#### **Mackay Netball Trials**

Congratulations to Zali Mooney, Emma Cameron and Harriet Goldspring who have been selected in the Mackay netball team. These girls will now travel to Gladstone for the Capricornia trials. Best of luck to the girls.

#### **Mackay Basketball Trials**

Well done to Lily Tarlinton and Emma Cameron who were selected in the Mackay basketball team. Both girls will now travel to

Gladstone for Capricornia trials. Best of luck girls.

#### **Mackay Rugby League Trials**

Congratulations to Shameus Edwards who has been selected as the Mackay rugby league halfback. Best of luck to Shameus in the upcoming Capricornia trials.

#### **Northern Suburbs Hockey**

Congratulations to Edward Westcott, Josie Westcott, Nathan Sheehan, Cian McLaughlin, Terah Hope, Brooke Vella and Jacinta Harris who have been selected in the Northern Suburbs hockey squad. Best of luck for the Mackay trials.

#### **Mackay AFL Trials**

Well done to Lily Tarlinton and Ty Jenkins who were recently selected in the Mackay AFL team. We wish them both the best of luck at the upcoming Capricornia Trials in Mackay.

### **Tuckshop Talk**

Tuckshop is open on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Not all items on the menu are available every day. Please ensure you have checked the order form and ordered the correct items from the menu for the day you are ordering and enclose the correct money so your child does not miss out on their tuckshop order.

Have a happy and safe Easter holiday.

#### **ROSTER – TERM 2:**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Robyn  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – Robyn, Shiran  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Robyn, Liliana  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday  
Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Deb Jenkins  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> – Robyn, Shiran  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May – Robyn, Liliana  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ray Sellings, Sandy Dunn

### **Health & Safety – Smoking near the school**

Adults are asked to not smoke near the school boundary or in the public car park below the school. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

### **Community Notices**

**Girl Guides Andergrove Vacancies** - Meets at Uniting Church Hall, Bedford Road, Monday's 5.30pm to 7pm. If your daughter is interested please contact Lillian Knight (Guide Leader) on 0418 841 328.