

From the Principal's Desk

2014 Diary Dates...

13-15 May: NAPLAN Testing

18-24 May: Education Week

19 May: Book Fair

22 May: Under 8's Day

29-30 May: School Photos Years Prep to 5

26 May: National Sorry Day

26-30 May: Instrumental Camp

29-30 May: School Photos

9 June: Queen's Birthday Holiday

17 June: Junior Sports Day

19 June: Show Holiday

20 June: Senior Sports Day

23-26 June: Year 7 Camp

27 June: Final Day of Term 2

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.

Education week is celebrated in State Schools next week. Our staff will recognize those valued parents and community members who provide support to us with a special Thank You Certificate.

Thank you to Kerri Sheehan and her support team who organized the Mother's Day stall last week.

School Photographs will be held on Thursday 29th May and Friday 30th May for prep to year 5 students, the year six and seven students were photographed on Monday of this week. A reminder that the daily wear school uniform (not the sports house uniform) is to be worn for the school photographs. As in previous years sibling photo packages and Year 7 leader packages are available and an envelope can be obtained from the school office to order these. Students are required to bring their envelope to school on photo day to hand directly to the photographer. No money is to be handed to the school office or teachers.

It is noted that 80 of our students received a Certificate of Congratulations for a 100% attendance for term one, a big well done.

Under 8's Day will be celebrated on Thursday 22nd May to remind us of the importance of early childhood education to our children, enjoy your day prep to year 2 students.

This is just a reminder that for winter wear the jacket/tracksuit is to be royal blue in colour.

The value that we are highlighting in our school at present is the value – RESPECT. This is one of the nine "Values for Australian Schooling" that our students will share and discuss this year. Further information on the value is included in this newsletter.

On a personal note, I have long service leave for the second half of this term, Tracey Adams is the acting Principal for this period.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson

Principal.

Foyer News

Grade 6 Excursion Botanical Gardens



For our technology assessment in term two we had to create a sustainable CQCB (Central Queensland Coastal Bioregion) garden. This assessment was all about looking into the future and seeing all the endangered species of plants. Many Australians look at artificial plants and gardens, but we had to really stop and think about what would be realistic and possible. For example you wouldn't put a unicorn and a fairy floss bush in the garden. We had to think about the rare species and what creatures would come to the plant. We completed a map using BOLT (Border Orientation Legend Title). With these things on our map we created a sensational and readable plan for the garden of the future. At the excursion we looked closely at the unique creatures and plants. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I hope to go and see it again soon. BY LILY DANIEL

On the 6th of May, 6A, 6B, 6C and 5/6E, all went to the Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens. We participated in four awesome activities: Photography, Shade garden walk, Technology assessment mapping session (Imagine the Future), and Regional Garden Walk. We learned a lot about sustainability, and about the Central Queensland Coast Bioregion. We were even lucky enough to see Priscilla's skin (a huge carpet snake that lives at the gardens). In conclusion, the Botanical Gardens were a lot of fun and most importantly it was a great learning experience. Emilee Burgess 6B

Instrumental Band Camp

The following students have been invited to attend the Regional Band Camp at Yeppoon beginning May 26th.

Mykaila Pyke	Ashleigh Boyd
Dylan Ashford	Claire Condren
Ella Sippel	Jana Bassan
Monica Davis	Tahlia Pearce
Tiarni Drew	Emma Cameron
Alicia West	Caitie Kean
Skye Plumley	Rebecca Flor
Lily Tarlinton	Lily Daniel
Tyler Forbes	Emma Woodward
Sophia Garcia	Cian McLaughlin
Chloe Wilson	Indiana Saunders

Enjoy your camp and learn from the experience students, we look forward to your concert in the Fitzgerald school hall on Friday 30th May at 4pm.

Learning Literacy

'Every Day Counts' by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Head of Curriculum

What makes a difference in student learning outcomes? Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are associated with higher academic achievement. Children who arrive on time and go to school all day, every school day, are more likely to perform better at all the learning areas, including literacy and numeracy. Children with good attendance are more likely to make and keep friends, are happier and have a

brighter future. Learning has been compared to bridge building. A strong bridge has strong foundations. Strong learning foundations are built when a child attends school each day and arrives and leaves at the right time. A child who attends school each day is present when a new concept is introduced, present when the work is revised and revisited, present when the work is assessed and when feedback is provided. Children who attend school each day are more likely to regularly complete homework tasks. Attendance gaps result in knowledge gaps, weaknesses that become more evident when the academic demands become greater. Poor attendance results in a disconnect with the school, the classroom, their teacher and the other students. This awkwardness leads to a cycle where the child is reluctant to attend school. If your child misses school even one day a fortnight, that equals 20 days a year, which is 4 weeks per year and over the 13 years of schooling that's nearly 1.5 years, which is like completing school in Year 11, not at the end of Year 12. If your child misses school one day a week, that equals 40 days a year, which is 8 weeks per year and over the 13 years of schooling that's nearly 2.5 years, which is like completing school in Year 10, not at the end of Year 12. Every day counts towards learning outcomes. Every day counts towards increasing a child's life choices and chances.

May Value - RESPECT

Respect is valuing ourselves and others. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family and school, which makes life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

Without respect for rules, we would have confusion. People would treat each other rudely and violate each other's privacy and rights. Elders deserve special respect because they have lived longer and learned many of life's lessons. Think about how you would like others to treat you and treat them with the same dignity.

Every Day Counts

At the end of this week some students will be receiving certificates related to their attendance at school this year. Eighty children will receive Certificates of Congratulations for attending school every day in Term One. By being at school every day these students are maximising their learning opportunities. Students who have missed learning time through frequent full day absences, late arrival at school or early departures will be issued with "Oh Dear" Certificates. It is hoped that these certificates will help to improve attendance in Term Two. **Attendance at school is vital if your children are to achieve success now and in the future.**

Lost Property

The lost property box in the office is overflowing could parents please come and check if any items belong to their child otherwise these items will be donated to charity.

Mother's Day Raffle

The winners of the Mother's Day raffle were Taylah Carter 6C, Brooke Vella 5C and Annerique Goussard 6C.

Crunch Kids

An exciting new club has formed at Fitzgerald State School. Currently consisting of 20 members of 4B, the

Crunch Club is meeting weekly with Mrs Hudson on Mondays at 1pm to discuss, cook, eat and share Real Food.

We are learning that Real Foods are delicious, can be simple to prepare and that eating them is one of the best things we can do for our health.

This Friday (16 May) the Crunch Kids are organising a Real Food picnic to celebrate Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Day. This is a wonderful initiative being run by various organisations worldwide and is designed to motivate kids to grow, prepare and eat whole foods. For more information, please visit: <http://www.foodrevolutionday.com/>



Book Fair

When: Wednesday May 21

Thursday May 22

Friday May 23 (Morning only!)

Where: Library Annex

When: 8.00am-9.00am

3.00pm-4.00pm



Don't forget!
EARLY BIRD SALES
Tuesday May 20 5.00pm-7.00pm

Road Safety

This is a reminder to you all regarding the parking signage outside the school.

The sign depicted on the left is situated in front of prep.



It means that between 3pm and 3.30pm you may stop and pick your child/children up but you must remain with your vehicle and can only stop there for a maximum of 5 minutes. At all other times, the area is zoned as a bus stop. Vehicles are continually

being parked

along that area between 8am and 8.45am. Contravening the directions of the sign incurs a penalty. Fines would vary from between \$55.00 to \$110.00

The sign on the right is situated outside the administration block. The sign at the bottom means that parking is forbidden at all times in the direction of the arrow as that area is a pedestrian crossing. The sign at the top is self-explanatory, but again please be mindful that you must remain with your vehicle. Any contravention of the instructions on this sign also incurs a penalty. Fines would vary from between \$55.00 to \$110.00. I know that drop off and pick up times are hectic to say the least and I do sympathise but I ask that you exercise patience and refrain from using the staff car park situated at the southern end of the school complex as a drop off and pick up zone.

The children have been asked by their respective teachers to leave the school grounds as soon as they



are dismissed from class for the day. It is hoped that this will speed up pick up times. Please remember that the rules are in place for the safety of your children.

Finally, I would like to thank Reg, Daphne, Janet, Tania and Dale who continue to perform their duties on the pedestrian crossing to a very high standard in keeping our children safe so give them a smile and a wave as you pass by.

Sports Notices

Rugby League

Congratulations to the rugby league team who have had two very successful games in the last 2 rounds. In round 2 the team defeated Marian 40-10 and also won their round 3 game against Alligator Creek 30-0. Well done boys!

Capricornia Hockey

Well done to Edward Westcott who was recently selected in the Capricornia Hockey Team. Edward will now participate in the State Trials. Best of luck Edward.

Mackay Softball

Congratulations to Riley James and Monica Davis for their recent selection in the Mackay softball trials. Best of luck for the Capricornia trials Monica and Riley.

Mackay Soccer

Well done to Callum Rebetzke for his selection in the Mackay Soccer team. We wish Callum the best of luck for the Capricornia trials in Emerald.

Tuckshop Talk

We have limited stock of mini potato pies left, once sold they will no longer be on the menu. Please make sure correct money and ordering tuckshop is correct. We are getting incorrect money and tuckshop orders for the wrong day. If you don't have a copy of this year's menu see the lovely ladies in the office for a copy.

ROSTER

Thurs 15/5 – Robyn Adams, **HELP NEEDED**

Fri 16/5 – Deb Jenkins, **HELP NEEDED**

Tues 20/5 – Robyn Adams

Weds 21/5 – Robyn Adams, Shiran Akther

Thurs 22/5 – Robyn Adams, Jill Allen

Fri 23/5 – Lyneece Wheaton, Julie Dowe

Tues 27/5 – Robyn Adams

Weds 28/5 – Robyn Adams

Thurs 29/5 – Robyn Adams, Liliana Umbarila

Community Notices

Mackay Softball Association - are seeking junior players for the 2014 season.

Under 12 players and C Grade junior players (experienced or not) are encouraged to come along and play this 2014 season. All games are played at the Theo Hanson Softball Fields, Beaconsfield Road Andergrove on a Saturday. Clubs train one afternoon per week. U/12 play at 12 noon and C Grade play at 1.30pm. The season commences 17 May 2014.

Please contact a club member for further details

HAWKS – Cheryl Martin 0428 182 248

DRAGONS – Maxine Baker 0439 376 887

ANGELS – Chub James 0416 432 988

Web: Mackay.softball.org.au

Mackay North State High School 50th Anniversary Celebrations – Friday Evening 22nd – Sunday 24th August 2014. Past students, staff and associates of Mackay North State High School are invited to participate in the 50th Anniversary Celebration and School Reunion to be held at the school.