

From the Principal's Desk

Dates for your 2012 Diary....

July 20 – School Disco

Prep to 3 5:30 – 7:00

Yr4 to Yr 7:15 – 8:45

July 20 – Northern
Suburbs Athletics

July 26 – Year 1

Excursion to

Greenmount

July 27 - Schools Tree

Day (Planet Ark)

July 31 – ICAS English
Competition

August 7-9 – Regional
Choral Camp

August 8 – Japanese
Cultural Performance

Yr6 and Yr7

August 9 – Arts

Council Prep to Yr 2

Welcome back to a new term everyone. A special welcome to our new staff member and families. Mr David Reasoner is our special education teacher for the remainder of the year, replacing Mrs Waters.

Our value for the commencement of this semester is 'Responsibility'. An insert is included in the newsletter discussing this value. This value will be discussed with students on school parades and in classrooms. If you could assist the staff by discussing this value with your children. Take a look at the noticeboard in the school office foyer to see the student contribution to the River of Responsibility.

A flyer went home last Friday advertising the School Dance which will be held on this Friday 20th July. If you could get the Permission Slip back to the school if you have not already done so. Volunteers are being called for to supervise at both dances, thank you.

It is important that our students are at school before the class commencement. An increasing number of students are reporting to the office, after 8:50am, for being late arrivals. If the students are at school at 8:30am this gives them enough time to prepare for school assemblies and the first lesson.

Our school is experiencing a spate of vandalism at present. If you could assist us by reporting any suspicious activity to Mackay Police 4968 3444 or School Watch 131788. Application to use the School Facilities and Grounds outside of school hours is to be made through the school office.

Enjoy your week.



Mike 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.

Recycle your old MOBILE PHONES

Send your old/unused mobile phones to the recycle bin at the school office. The school will receive \$2.50 for each mobile phone that is recycled. HELP the ENVIRONMENT.

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.

Foyer News – 5A and 5B

During art this year the year 5 students have been looking at line. The work we have been doing has been centred on continuous line, charcoal and Captain Cook drawings which can be seen in the office foyer.



TravelSmart -

Let's encourage smart travel.

It feels good to travelsmart

It's good for your health and the environment. Park at the Football Fields and walk with your child/children up to school. It's good exercise and a great time for a chat.

This term we have 3 Walking Wednesdays planned. Here are the dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25 July

Wednesday 22 August

Wednesday 19 September

If you are able to assist in the tuckshop with milo and muffins on these mornings, please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Happy walking!

Di Schmidt for the TravelSmart Committee

Green Spot– The Green Spot is going to be a regular feature of the Fitz Newsletter. It will include helpful information for children and their families on how we can make our lives more sustainable. Information about WATER, WASTE, ENERGY and BIODIVERSITY will highlight. This week we take a look at



WASTE.

Tips for a No Waste Lunch at Home and at School

Did you know that if you use a disposable lunch, you create between 125g – 250 g of garbage everyday? That can add up to as much as 45 kg per year!

Pack a no-waste lunch for work or school with these tips:

- Use a lunch box or reusable sack.
- Pack a cloth napkin and reusable utensils.
- Put food in reusable food and drink containers.



More ideas:

- If you must use a disposable plastic bag wash it out and keep reusing it.
- Purchase your snacks in bulk size and repack into individual reusable containers.
- Pack fresh fruit since it doesn't require any additional packaging.

Source: <http://www.recycleworks.org/schools/lunch.html>

School Dental -

A Medical History/Consent form has been issued to your child and must be fully completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian and returned by the due date **20th July, 2012**.

If your child requires treatment and you wish to have the treatment completed by the School Dental Service, a Statement of Treatment Needed will be mailed to your home advising you to contact the North Mackay School Dental Clinic to arrange an appointment.

It is now necessary for a parent/guardian to attend all appointments with your child.

Please be advised, once you have **2** broken or failed to attend appointments, during any course of treatment no

further appointments will be offered. You will be put back on the Waiting List.

If your child suffers from a dental emergency whilst we are not treating your school, please contact us on 4951 4241 to arrange an appointment.

Regards

School Dental Staff

Winners at Mackay Regional Show - At the recent Mackay Regional Show, some of our students achieved highly in the handwriting section.

Well done to everyone and congratulations to the following people who won in their section:-

Year 1- Bailey Van Helmond (Highly Commended)

Year 2- Riley Carter (First); Eva-Jane Newsome (Third)

Year 3- Brittney Wellby (First);

Year 4- Jackson Pain (Highly Commended)

Year 5- Sofia Garcia (First)

Additionally, our school was awarded with a high achievement in our school display at the show.

Well done to Janelle Stuart who coordinated this display for us.

Learning Literacy – The Premier's Reading Challenge 2012 by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Literacy Coach.

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 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 are to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 are to read 15 books by Friday 7 September 2012. Children who take up the challenge and read the required number of books will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. 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. An enjoyment of books not only encourages an active imagination but allows the reader to learn about their world and develop literacy skills. The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to improve children's literacy, cultivate a passion for literature and encourage children to read more and read more widely for pleasure and learning. This is the National Year of Reading, so get reading! Every student should have received the required Reading Record Form from their teacher, or it can be downloaded from the website

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

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival -

Congratulations to Hayden Reaston for winning the Whitsunday Voices student writing competition, year 3 category. Hayden received his prize at the Festival launch and is pictured here with visiting author, Andy Griffiths. Despite the damp



weather, many classes took part in the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival last week. The students and their teachers heard wonderful messages about the importance of imagination, creativity and reading and learnt writing and publishing tips from some of Australia's most beloved children's illustrators and authors.

Debating Team - Well done - Our Debating Team had a very close contest against Victoria Park in the final of the

Mackay and District Debating Competition. Although the team, Jade McLennan, Romy McLean and Pratibha Raut lost the debate, they are to be congratulated for the skill level displayed throughout the contest. Well done to all the team members including Lillian Kajewski and Rheanna Quinn who participated in earlier debates.

A big thank you to the coach Mrs. Sue Hamilton-Smith for working with the students on their debating skills, and to the parents for their excellent support during the competition.

ICAS - Self-nominated students from Fitzgerald State School have recently participated in the ICAS Science Competition, an independent diagnostic assessment with a competition element. ICAS is invigilated by administration at school under normal examination conditions. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year. Our students performed extremely well in the science competition this year with 17 credits and 6 distinctions out of our 41 students participating. Well done to Alicia West, Callum Chester-Master, Joe Fortescue, Reilly Kurtz, May-Lee Wilson and Tom Henderson with distinctions and Sophie Ma, Ella Sippel, Cian McLaughlin, Carlton Rees, Ben Davies, Molly Bristow, Eli Monk, Meleny Glennie, Maddison Lewis, Dana Costigan, Kenzie Nichols, Rory Tarlinton, Jeremy Rees, Cooper Lewis, Romy McLean, Tamara Dobbie and Eden Whittaker, all receiving credits. Congratulations! Awards will be presented on parade in the future weeks once they have arrived at school.

Family Portraits - This year the Family Portraits will be taken on 18/19 August. Each year many families return to have their photos taken by the photographer from NQ Family Portraits because the end result is always amazing. If you are thinking about having a family portrait taken, please take this opportunity to support the school as the \$15 paid by you will go straight to the P&C to support your children in their schooling. The flyers will be distributed with this newsletter and any queries can be directed to the coordinator: Michelle Davies (coordinator) Ph: 49421489 / 0422 954 245

Sports Notices -

U/10 Rugby League Carnival - On the last day of term 2, the Fitzgerald Under 10 rugby league team participated in a competition against the other Mackay schools. The team performed extremely well defeating Andergrove and St Francis. The team also drew against Slade Point. Overall all players did a great job throughout the day, having never played together as a team.

Capricornia Softball - Congratulations to both Kiera James and Riley James who have been selected in the Capricornia Softball teams. Both Kiera and Riley will now attend the state trials where they will try for State selection. What a fantastic achievement and we wish them all the best.

Junior Touch Football Sign On - The annual Friday Night Junior Touch Football season is commencing shortly. This is usually very popular amongst Fitzgerald students aged 8 and up. Students are welcome to form boys and girls teams. It is condition of entry that a team must have a minimum of 10 players and 2 adults to assist with coaching and managing the teams. The cost to play is \$55 per player or

\$130 per family (3 or more players). The sign on date is this Saturday 21st July from 9am-3pm. Students will need to have their team ready by this date. Nomination forms are available from myself or the Mackay Touch Association website. If your child wishes to play and has not found a team, I encourage you to contact me at school.

Tim Campbell

PE Teacher

From the Classrooms - Year 6C - Fitzgerald entered into the Mackay Annual Show with a show item celebrating our sovereign Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the upcoming Olympics. Fitzgerald achieved third place and also a special certificate awarding us as High Achievers!!! We made several



of the tourist attractions in England like Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and London Bridge. There may be a tourist attraction that you don't know about, which is the big Ferris wheel located next to the Thames River which is called the London Eye. We would like to thank Joshua's Granddad, Mr Daniel Vickers for helping us to create a wooden tug

boat with rubber tyres acting as the fenders or bumpers of the boat.

Woolworths Earn and Learn – Keep those sticker cards coming in everyone! Last count today, we have 48,000 points accrued for our school to obtain free resources. Wow! Thanks for supporting us!

Tuckshop Talk – Welcome back to another term of school. We hope you all enjoyed the break. We are still looking for volunteers for the Junior and Senior Disco on Friday night. We are also asking for baked goods which can be dropped off at the canteen on Friday Morning.

Roster – **18/07** Cindy Lawn **19/07** Geri Nolan, Tracey Laird **20/07** Julie Dowe, **HELP NEEDED 24/07** Cath Kean **25/07** HELP NEEDED **26/07** Geri Nolan, Janelle Newsome **27/07** Aretha Lyon **31/07** Cath Kean **01/08** HELP NEEDED **02/08** HELP NEEDED **03/08** Kerri Sheehan, Cheryl Vella, Cath Kean

Thanks

Daneal and Antoinette.

Community Notices –

Parent Ready Readers Workshops

Learn how to encourage your child's reading development ... a wonderful opportunity for parents, carers and educators of young children – toddlers to Year 3.

The Parent Ready Readers Program recognises that parents are a child's first teacher and encourages parents to foster a love of reading in their children.

Free workshops will be held at:

Gordon White Library Ph 4961 9300

- Saturday 4th August 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Mackay City Library Ph 4961 9387

- Wednesday 8 August 9.30am – 12.00noon

Northern Suburbs Cricket - Northern Suburbs is looking for all old and new players for the 2012/2013 Season.

Contact Lynde English on 0402811249 or mkenglish1@bigpond.com