



# MACKAY CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CENTRAL!



### NOVEMBER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**



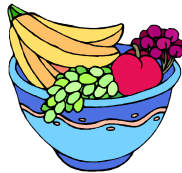
### DECEMBER

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**CAROLS BY  
CANDLELIGHT**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**GRADUATION NIGHT**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**

### BREAKFAST CLUB TERM FOUR



**Monday & Tuesday  
8:00 to 8:30**

**Come along and join  
your friends for a  
yummy, healthy  
breakfast!**

**Dear Parents/Carers,  
Principal's report – Week 7**

### **BUSY TIMES AHEAD.**

With the end of the year fast approaching the amount of activity in the school increases greatly these are just some of the upcoming events to keep an eye out for;

- 27<sup>th</sup> November = Student Free Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December = Carols by Candlelight
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December = Graduation/Presentation Night
- 4<sup>th</sup> December = Possible opening of Resource Centre
- 7<sup>th</sup> December = Report Cards handed out
- 8<sup>th</sup> December = Year 7 School Play
- 9<sup>th</sup> December = Incentive movies
- 10<sup>th</sup> December = Incentive Blue Lagoon / Break-up Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> December = Last day of term

### **PREP OPEN DAY.**

This was a very successful day with both parents and children enjoying themselves greatly. We are still taking enrolments right through the New Year so it's never too late to enrol.

### **ABSCENCES.**

**At this time of year it gets very busy and some absences can be expected however please ring the school or send in a note if your child has been absent. We are required by law to give an explanation for all absences.**

### **BEHAVIOUR.**

There is a very good feel in the school and that is largely due to the majority of the children doing the right thing. I encourage you to work with your child and the school in ensuring that high standards of behaviour are maintained at all times. At the moment most children are going on the Incentive Days however students who persistently do not complete work, do homework etc. will not be allowed to participate. Please contact the school for any ongoing issues.

### **NEW BUILDINGS.**

Both buildings are on track and I am very hopeful that the Resource Centre will be in use early December. The Hall floor is being put down in a couple of weeks but I'm told it will take a few weeks for the floor to 'cure'. This may mean that we can't play sport in the Hall until next year.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

### NOVEMBER

- ◆ Phoebe Robinson
- ◆ Rianna Rowe
- ◆ Carnie Lofthouse
- ◆ Lytiesha Lepaio



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK BEGINNING 16/11/09

### YEAR 1: Jeremy Marchant-Galvin

What a helpful student you are! We are very lucky to have you in our classroom. Thank you for bringing in all those boxes to build our dinosaurs. You are a champ!

### YEAR 2: Summer Seden

Summer continues to do all school activities to the best of her ability with a huge smile on her face.

### YEAR 3: Jack Alexandrou

Jack has shown great enthusiasm for our rich task on introduced animals, He receives this award for designing and building a marvellous working model of a trap to catch feral pigs. Congratulations Jack!

### YEAR 4: Jayden Woodrow

For the sensational effort Jayden has put into his school work and improving his behaviour. A fantastic effort Jayden, well done!

### YEAR 5: Corbett Fewquandie

Corbett you have been working really well on your gold rush scene. Also a great effort with learning your lines for the poem.

### YEAR 6: Renee Seden

Renee receives this award for her outstanding effort last week in completing all Maths activities. Also you have impressed me with your commitment to always handing in your homework. Well done Renee!

### YEAR 7: Richard Nicholson

Richard has been very helpful within the classroom. He is always willing to assist others once his set tasks have been completed. A thoughtful approach.



## P&C NEWS

### P&C COMMITTEE

If you would like to discuss anything with regards to the P&C, such as fundraising ideas, improvements to the school, helping the school in a variety of ways, feel free to speak to one of our P&C representatives, Lexie Walker, Kevin Healy, Fiona Smith or Sarita Hilli, or come along to a P&C meeting, held second Wednesday each month, from 1.30pm in the school staffroom. If you have ideas/suggestions, but are unable to attend a meeting at this time, feel free to pass on your suggestion to a P&C representative or to the office, so it can be discussed on your behalf at a future meeting. **Our next meeting is a special one: Monday 30th November.** We will be discussing any last minute organising for our Christmas Carols night. We hope to see many new faces there!

### STUDENT BANKING

The Student Banking facility will be accepting deposits Thursday weekly from 8.40 to 8.55am in the school's staffroom. New account forms and relevant information regarding the Student Banking have been sent home for your perusal, and extras are available at the office. New forms are issued in the new year from the Bank. If you would like to open a student banking account for your child/children, fill out the new account form and return it to the office with any identification required. Otherwise, if your child already holds an existing Commonwealth Bank account, you can bring in the deposit book with your money to deposit to the student's account each Thursday. (you don't have to deposit *every* week, some parents deposit fortnightly). Please ensure all details are written on the deposit form (we cannot look up any personal details such as account numbers) and correct money is given as we can't guarantee we'd have enough change for a larger note. All student banking accounts are free of fees, and with regular deposits, there are bonus features and interest. The kids can even get online to the Savings Club for games and more. Start saving for your child's future now...every little bit helps, even if it's 50c!

And it saves you lining up in the Bank's queues for ages...:-)

### **REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

US Hair Care, Canelands, and Sherry-Lee Spencer are currently raising funds to help the "Indian Dancing Bears" who are mistreated, beaten and forced to dance for money in India. They are currently raising money for the cause, for those animals rescued from such cruelty and being held in a bear sanctuary in Agra, India. They are having a "Shave 4 Rescue" on 12th December, when Sherry-Lee and several other volunteers will be getting their heads shaved. You can either donate on the day at US Hair Care, or go to the website

[www.everydayhero.com.au/axelle](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/axelle) and make your donations online. Or you can contact Sherry-Lee via her email address [strewth70@bigpond.com](mailto:strewth70@bigpond.com).

### **ATTENTION BHP BILLITON EMPLOYEES**

Under the "Match-Giving" Policy with BHP Billiton, any donations you make to the Central School's Building Fund will be tax deductible to you, but also will be matched by your employer, that is, they will donate the same amount that you do to our school. For further information regarding this, please contact our P&C Treasurer, Kevin Healy, on 0437 080 561.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR 2010**

If you would like to help make crafty creations, like the ones your children brought home for you from our stalls throughout the year, please feel free to ask Lexie Walker how you can help (4957 6616 or [lexie.walker@bigpond.com](mailto:lexie.walker@bigpond.com), or near the tuckshop area at 2.50pm daily). Craft materials can be brought home so you can make the completed items in your own time, or you can join in with the lovely craft ladies who meet Friday weekly at the Hibiscus Community Hall, Shakespeare St, opposite the Showgrounds, from about 9am. They'll gladly teach you some of their crafts if you like. As you would have noticed, not all items are crocheted, knitted, etc, if you can make items from paper (origami for example), you can use a hot glue gun, you can paint, or even if you have other talents, like jewellery making, we're always looking for different items.

Our Christmas Carols night is fast approaching, and we hold 2 stalls around this time, one on the night of the Carols (Wednesday 2nd Dec) and the second at the school for the kids to buy things for their family and friends, with nothing over \$5 (Friday 4th December), so if you're able to make something in the next few weeks, please contact Lexie ASAP. Also, if you're able to help our school and donate some of your time on the stalls on the Carols night or the Friday stall, please let the office or a P&C member know. All help is appreciated, even if it's only half an hour. Thank you.



As mentioned in the "How you can help" note sent home earlier in the year, our P&C Craft group makes a lot of items which are sold at our stalls throughout the year. Unfortunately, a lot of our helpers from 2008 and 2009 have left the school, or have other work commitments and the group is in desperate need of more helpers for 2010, either craft-makers or helpers on the stalls. If you want to help make things over the Christmas holidays and into next year, please contact Lexie, or see Lexie on the stall at our Carols night.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THURS WEEKLY:** Student Banking, 8.40-8.55am school staffroom.

Friday weekly: Craft group at Hibiscus Community Hall, from 9am.

**Wed 30th Nov: P&C meeting**, 1.30pm School staffroom.

Wed 2nd Dec: Christmas Carols Family Fun Night, 5.30pm

Thurs 3rd Dec: Grade 7 Graduation and Awards night.

Fri 4th Dec: Christmas Craft stall for the kids to buy gifts for family and friends, nothing over \$5.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

- Could you use some practical tips on how to handle common child behaviour problems?
- Would you like to see your children behave more appropriately?
- Would you like to feel more confident as a parent/carer?
- Do you have children 2 – 8 years of age?

If you answered yes to any of these, you may be interested in completing Triple P. Child, Youth and Family Health is inviting all parents and carers to attend Group PPP, beginning in November. This group is free and child care is provided for children aged 3 years and above. Bookings are essential. Please phone 4968 3863 for more details and to register.

## GYMNASTIC FUN DAYS & SIGN ON DAY

Get active during the holidays. Mackay Gymnastics Inc will be holding fun days for primary school aged boys and girls on

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2009**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010**

These will be at Swayne Street, North Mackay. **Time:** 9 – 11 am (includes morning tea and is plenty of time for you to do some Christmas shopping)

Cost is only \$17 per child for 2 hours of fun in the gym.

It's inside and out of the sun. Numbers are limited so please book.

Sign on day **24<sup>th</sup> January, 2010** Malcomson Street & Swayne Street 8.30am – 1.00pm. (come and find out about the new Gym Mix program)

**Phone the club on 4953 1425.**



## MACKAY ATHLETICS CLUB

Did you or your children enjoy School Athletics this year?

Why not consider

Athletics as a sport in 2010?

Our club is based on the grounds of Mackay State High School and club meets are Saturday afternoons.

Age groupings from Under 5's to Senior.

The 2010 season will commence

in March, so to register your interest, or for more information, visit our website

[www.mackayathletics.com.au](http://www.mackayathletics.com.au)

or call Jos on 4959 3595

## QSL WHITSUNDAY MINERS



## SOCCER STARS FUN DAY

**WHEN:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

**VENUE:** Lions Park, Glenpark Street, Mackay

**PRICE:** \$25 per child or \$20 if you have been to a previous Miners Clinic

**TIME:** 9am – 3pm

**WHO:** Boys and girls aged 7 – 12 years

**To book a place:** Call Graham Harvey after 4pm on 07 4942 9321 (leave a message if no reply) or email: [ggharvey2@hotmail.com](mailto:ggharvey2@hotmail.com)  
Payment on 1<sup>st</sup> day either via cheque or cash.

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Shoes/boots and socks
- Water bottle
- Hat, sunscreen and rain coat
- Lunch and snacks

