Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 2
Welcome back to Term 2 to all our students, staff and families. An especially warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us this Term. Attendance is mentioned often in our communications with the community and I’m very proud to say that we had 93.2% attendance on the first Term which speaks volumes of the value our families place in their child’s education. We have had a lot of work done over the school break and have recently seen the installation of our new fan in the main hall. This was achieved thanks to a grant of $16000 written organised by Tam Wanstall. This is a huge boost to our school and the comfort of our students and community who regularly use the hall.

I would like to say a massive thankyou to our hard-working P&C volunteers who worked so hard over the holidays to repaint and refurbish our tuckshop in readiness for its reopening later in the term. This group has been working and planning relentlessly to make improvements, gained grants and donations for new equipment and benchtops.

Thanks also to Jim Wanstall who gave up his time last week to do repairs to our lunch benches in our eating area. It’s lovely for our children to now be sitting at tables in their eating time.

During this 11 week Term we have a number of activities and events already planned. Some of the major events include:

- ANZAC Day Assembly (at school) and marching in ANZAC Parade in city
- School Photos (May 4th)
- NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5 students—10th to 12th May)
- School Disco
- Mackay Central State School Athletics Carnival (Tuesday 24th May)
- Incentive Day
- Report Cards (these will be sent home on the last day of school—24th June)

ANZAC Day
Our school will once again be marching in the ANZAC day parade on Monday 25th April. Each year we have an increasing number of students attend and I encourage all parents to make every effort to get their child(ren) to the parade to represent Mackay Central at this very special occasion.

- All students are to meet in the old Coles Car Park on Sydney St at 8.15am. Mackay Central staff will be there from 8.00am.
- Please look for our Mackay Central banner. Organisers have asked parents to vacate the car park as soon as their child is under the supervision of staff to minimise congestion.
- Schools will step-off at 08:35am
- The route is along Sydney Street, left into Gordon Street, left into Wellington Street and left into Alfred Street.
- Students are to be dressed in full school uniform including hat.
- At the end of the parade, parents have the option of staying for the morning service, or taking their children home.
- Our Marching Band (recorders and drums) will be leading our procession.

Assemblies this Term
Assembly will continue to be held each Monday morning at 9.00am. Due to public holidays on Monday 25th April and Monday 2nd May there will be no assembly in week’s 3 or 4.
I'M A PARENT

"My darling child, you're not ugly. Society is."

~ ANON

Last night I had the pleasure of listening to Rachel Downey, a director of Stymie (an independent and confidential service for Australian students, to support their peers in cases of overt and covert bullying. Much of the discussion was based around online bullying and the dangers we, as parents, place our children in through lack of supervision and knowledge of their online behaviour.

The main message I took from the talk was that it was extremely important that:

- I have to be in charge of what my children are using online
- I have to know who they are interacting and talking with online
- I have to know what they are viewing
- I must be willing to say and enforce when ‘enough is enough’

Chappy Chat

Parenting Tips

Consistent parenting requires teamwork
Having a consistent approach to routines (when to do homework, bedtimes, etc), discipline and social activities helps children have a more stable and predictable home life and discourages them from playing one parent off against the other.

- Back up your partner’s decisions – if you have doubts about the decision, discuss it later with your partner in private
- Work with your partner as a parenting team – discuss and resolve issues together
- Be aware of your own and your partner’s experiences of being parented

Being united in front of your children, whether you are together or not, helps keep stability & a sense of security for your child/ren.
Always available for a chin wag about your kids & home.
Chappy Cam

Chappy Chat

I regularly get asked what I do at schools. The long version would take pages but the short version is anything & everything. To give a bit of insight to what chaplains do, please go to the link below & check out the snapshot (was done by a reputable firm).

https://www.suqld.org.au/snapshot/

Have a great week
Chappy Cam

STUDENT ABSENCES.

In line with the Education Act regarding compulsory attendance, it is necessary for Parents/Caregivers to provide a letter of explanation, or phone the school, regarding their child's absence from school. To date this term, we already have a large number of unexplained absences which Education Queensland will require us to report on. If your child is absent for any reason, please advise with a note on their return to school, or phone call to the office.

Our new phone system is set up to record your student’s absence. When you ring the school number, just press 1 on the keypad and record student’s absence details. If you wish to use this option, this will save you forwarding notes to the Class Teacher.

APRIL

- Ezekiel Hedley
- Ashton Marty
- Essyvera Andal
- Sophia Decano
- Helena Lai
- Teisha Pope
- Izekial Bickey
- Breath Canete
- Rebecca Daniel
- Kidson Kusu
- Jomark Tongol
- Catherine Doyle
- Raven Wayne Bunao
- Arya Patel
- Oran Quagliata
- Neah Garciano
- Skye Miller
- Merlita Richardson
- Charlie Douglas
- Malakai Pai
- Janella Caldo
- Leah Whale
- Emily Hearne
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 21/03/2016
PREP: George Samson
George has been remembering to bring his homework folder every day and doing his reading. Keep up the good work!

YEAR 1: Alyssa Benson
Yippee! I have been very impressed with your efforts in the classroom. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 2: Rebecca Daniel
For your super weekly spelling score! Well done!

YEAR 3: Chloe Salazar
I am so proud of your effort in Persuasive Writing! Well done Chloe!

YEAR 4/5: Neah Garciano
Always doing her best and always using her manners.

YEAR 5: Jaylm Peepe
For your increased enthusiasm toward all school tasks; what a great attitude! Keep it up, Jaylm!

YEAR 6: Cory Samson
For demonstrating a greatly improved attitude to his learning.

P&C NEWS

Please join us for our next P&C General Meeting scheduled on Friday April 22, 2016 at 3pm in Media Centre.

Calling all Crafters

This year for Mother’s Day, we would like to hold a Mother’s Day Stall, so that the children can purchase some lovely gifts for the women in their lives. We would love for them to be able for them to buy some handcrafted gifts as well as the other great gifts that we have planned!
If you are crafty, and would like to donate some items to the store for sale, please contact Amy Bradford and advise what you would like to contribute. This will help us plan what other items we will need for the stall.
Items you might like to contribute are: crotched/knitted/sewed items, cards, bookmarks etc.
Items would be offered for sale between $1 - $10.
All proceeds will go towards the P & C fundraising efforts for 2016.
Your imagination is the only limit!

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