Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 10

Thank you to everyone who attended our School Disco last Friday night. Everyone had a wonderful time and had the chance to relax with their friends and enjoy some music, dancing and crazy games. Thanks to all of the staff, parents and students who assisted in putting the evening together and helping it to run smoothly.

Please ensure that you have returned your updated phone and address details to the school as soon as possible. This is important so that we can contact parents promptly when needed.

ICT Levy

Thank you to the families who have responded to our request in the last newsletter to pay their child’s ICT Levy. Levies outstanding at the end of the term will be invoiced individually through our school accounting system with payment terms attached.

Southern Suburbs Athletics

Our Mackay Central athletes will be attending the annual Southern Suburbs athletics Carnival next Wednesday 22nd June. Information for attending students has been sent home and students will receive a copy of the carnival program at a meeting before the carnival.

Report Cards and Parent Interviews

Report Cards will be sent home with students next Wednesday. This year, parent teacher interviews will be held on the one day for all teachers. Bookings will be made online. All details as to how to make interview appointments will be sent home with report cards next week. Interview day is Monday, 18th July. Please mark your diaries with this information and keep an eye out for further details with your child's report card.

University of New South Wales Competitions

Each year, children from Mackay Central State School enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), which are competitions run by the University of New South Wales for school children. ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It also provides parents, students and teachers with comprehensive reporting of the test results.

Entries for the English and Mathematics competitions for Years 2 to 6 are now being taken. Each competition will cost $8.80 to enter and will be run during class time during August. If you would like your child to compete in one or both of these competitions this year, please fill in the details below and return to the school office in an envelope with the correct payment by Friday, 17th June. If you would like any more details about this competition, please contact your child’s class teacher.

I would like my child, ____________________________ in Year _______ to be entered in the ICAS competitions for ______________

Payment of $_________________ is enclosed.

Signed ____________________________________________
You can make a difference though in your child’s life by training your child’s brain so that your child will successfully function on social, emotional, and academic levels. Here is how:

1. Limit technology, and instead re-connect with your kids emotionally

   • Surprise them with flowers, share a smile, tickle them, put a love note in backpack or under their pillow, surprise them by taking them out for lunch on a school day, dance together, crawl together, have pillow fights

   • Have family dinners, board game nights (see the list of my favourite board games in my previous blog post), go biking, go to outdoor walks with flashlight in the evening

2. Train delay gratification

   • Make them wait!!! It is ok to have “I am bored time” – this is the first step to creativity

   • Gradually increase the waiting time between “I want” and “I get”

   • Avoid technology use in cars and restaurants, and instead teach them waiting while talking and playing games

   • Limit constant snacking

3. Don’t be afraid to set the limits. Kids need limits to grow happy and healthy!!

   • Make a schedule for meal times, sleep times, technology time

   • Think of what is GOOD for them- not what they WANT/DON’T WANT. They are going to thank you for that later on in life. Parenting is a hard job. You need to be creative to make them do what is good for them because most of the time that is the exact opposite of what they want

   • Kids need breakfast and nutritious food. They need to spend time outdoor and go to bed at consistent time in order to come to school available for learning the next day!

   • Convert things that they don’t like doing/trying into fun, emotionally stimulating games

4. Teach your child to do monotonous work from early years as it is the foundation for future “workability”

   • Folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table, making lunch, unpacking their lunch box, making their bed

   • Be creative. Initially make it stimulating and fun so that their brain associates it with something positive.

5. Teach social skills

   • Teach them turn taking, sharing, losing/winning, compromising, complimenting others, using “please and thank you”

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.

JUNE
◆ James Bozier
◆ Kenji Pangilinan
◆ Kerry Anau
◆ Megan Daniel-Anau
◆ Kaiden Astridge
◆ Lachlan Bozier
◆ Noah Namok
◆ Jacob Holloway
◆ Sia Chuenjaidee
◆ Ceah Attard
◆ Ruby Cahill
◆ Kianna Nelson
◆ Chonteal Stone
STUDENT OF THE WEEK  
WEEK BEGINNING 30/05/2016  
PREP: Euan Roxas  
You are always an attentive student. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 1: Emil Hembra  
Emil (JR) I have been very impressed with the way you are working in the classroom. You are always trying your best!

YEAR 3: Kingston Grigg  
An outstanding effort in being a Reef Guardian!

YEAR 4/5: Della Richter  
Persevering with her work when not feeling the best.

YEAR 5: Sean Munokoa  
For your consistent enthusiastic and thoughtful approach to all areas of school life. You are a fantastic example, Sean!

YEAR 6: Joseph Penola  
For consistently demonstrating that he is a responsible and respectful learner.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK  
WEEK BEGINNING 06/06/2016  
PREP: Umer Shukaib  
Umer always follows the class and school rules. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 1: Mac Jiro Cheng  
Congratulations on being a wonderful role model in our classroom! You are always doing your best :) I am very proud of you.

YEAR 2: Tahana Peepe  
For the brilliant effort that you put into your Lucy Goosey Biography.

YEAR 3: Buddy Lindsey  
I am so proud of your fantastic effort in all bookwork activities!

YEAR 4/5: Raven Wayne Bunao  
Ignoring others to complete his work to the best of his ability.

YEAR 5: Janelle Caldo  
For your ideal attitude - responsible, respectful and enthusiastic. Fantastic effort and greatly appreciated, Janelle!

YEAR 6: Anuksha Everest  
For outstanding behaviour and participation during all class activities.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK  
WEEK BEGINNING 13/06/2016  
PREP: James Bozier  
James, you have been doing a wonderful job of completing writing tasks independently.

YEAR 1: Michele Lindsey  
Yay! I have loved having you at school this week! You have worked very hard! Thank you ;)

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YEAR 2: Dwayne Bayao  
For your hard work in class last week. Congratulations!

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YEAR 3: Kidson Kusu  
For outstanding effort and achievement in Reading Comprehension! Well done Kidson!

YEAR 4/5: Sophie Dunn  
Continually, doing her best in all school activities since the beginning of the year.

YEAR 5: Sha-Niece Bozier  
For your increased involvement in all school activities. Thank you for sharing your ideas and striving to do your best, Sha-Niece!

YEAR 6: Chontal Stone  
For always demonstrating respectful and responsible behaviour in class and being a helpful student.