Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal's report – Week 4

Many thanks to staff, parents and students for their wonderful support over the last three weeks and I am very blessed to be a member of Mackay Central State School. We must say a big thank you to Kathryn Cook who has done a wonderful job in the Year One classroom and we hope you will come back soon.

As you are aware we asking the children to be picked up from Mackay Central State School by 3:10pm. Our school bell rings at 2:55pm and for safety reasons we would like our students to exit the school as soon as possible. A staff member will remain on duty until 3:15pm and then students will be sent to the office and parents called. Parents will then be asked to come into the office area to collect their child or children. Macalister Street is a very busy street for traffic and it is unsafe for students to be left outside and unsupervised. Obviously there are times when we are running late. If this is so, please contact the school on 49693111.

The new Behaviour Management system is going well and the staff would like to thank the Mackay Central State School parents for their ongoing support of this new system.

Constable Clinton will be visiting our Year 6 classroom on Friday to talk about social media, peer pressure, inappropriate behaviours and misuse of technology. As our Year 6 students are moving to high school next year we felt that this was an important conversation to have and the best person to do it was Constable Clinton.

TUCKSHOP

Please order tuckshop before school to ensure that your child receives their order. The tuckshop only operates until 11am Wednesday – Friday and it is essential that all orders are placed before 9am.

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.
Year 3/4 and Year 10 Memorial Mural Project

During Week 2 the Year 10 Art students once again met with our students and collaborated on some final ideas & designs for the mural. The Year 10 Art students will send their design proposal to the Year 3/4’s so they can choose the final design.

Also we would like to say a big thank you to the "P and C" who painted the undercoat on the wall ready for the mural. What a big job and we greatly appreciate your efforts!

AUGUST
- Altamash Alam
- Salena Ellis
- Olivia Luxton
- Marika McBrown
- Adeeba Shaakira
- Kingston Grigg
- Buddy Lindsey
- Xavier Whitehouse
- Jorja Dunn
- Jargo Thompson
- Della Richter
- Corry Cook
- Preston Glenbar
- Benica Solicar
- Russell Deveraux

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 18/07/2016
PREP: Clark Real
Clark is a good listener and he works to the best of his ability. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 1: Indiana Lampton
Welcome back! It is wonderful to see your happy smiling face back in our classroom :)

YEAR 4/5: Dillon Adams
Great effort in completing work to the best of his ability this week.

YEAR 5: Lindsay Pangilinan
For your ongoing enthusiastic and responsible attitude to all aspects of school life. Fine effort, Lindsay!

YEAR 6: John Nicdao
For demonstrating excellent leadership and being a role model for your class.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 25/07/2016
PREP: Sarah Horne
Sarah is always a wonderful helper in prep. Well done, Sarah!

YEAR 1: Olivia Luxton
For injecting personality, tone and voice into her letter writing. Well done!
YEAR 2: Logan Cavanagh
For remaining on task and completing your work independently. Well done!

YEAR 3: Catherine Doyle
Keep up the excellent effort with your Home Reading! Well done Cathy!

YEAR 4/5: Jacob Looman
Jacob shown an improvement in his attitude towards written work this week.

YEAR 5: Katie Chiu
For your increasing involvement in class activities; good on you for having-a-go, Katie. Keep up the great effort!

YEAR 6: Novella Koch
For being a supportive and caring student and always trying to improve in all areas of her schooling.

YEAR 6: Joshua Bustillo
For an excellent start to term 3 and trying to produce his best.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 01/08/2016
PREP: Jesse Coomer
You have been doing an amazing job of writing independently.

PREP: Jack Hingston
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YEAR 1: Megan Daniel-Anau
Megan for always being organised and ready for the lesson! Well done :)

YEAR 2: Benji Javier
For your attentive listening and readiness to learn.

YEAR 3: Zane Cavanagh
An excellent start to Mackay Central SS with fantastic effort in all work activities! Well done!

YEAR 4/5: Merlita Richardson
Improved attendance at school this term already and attending the whole week last week.

YEAR 5: Summa Garner
For your hard work towards improving your personal record in number facts. Great attitude, Summa - well done!

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES
The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who may be eligible?
To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads at Level 3, 44 Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.