Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 6

Last Wednesday was yet another proud moment for the Mackay Central Community as our year 5 students hosted visitors from our Japanese sister city, Matsuura. It was a wonderful day of activities and insight into Australian culture for the visitors.

The most wonderful part of the day was seeing the special connections be formed between the students as well as the wonderful hospitality shown by every year 5 student. Congratulations must go to Miss Bella for the superb organisation and smooth running of the event.

Mini Olympics

We are all very excited about this Friday’s Mini Olympics. It promises to be a fun-filled day for all. Information has been coming home recently in a series of notes. The parade of nations will be a very special way to start the event. Please ensure that students wear sun-safe clothing including hat and shirt with sleeves as they will be spending part of the day in the sun. It is fine for students who are wearing special costumes/dress to bring a shirt for after the parade of nations to ensure sun safety.

I would like to give a very special thanks to the hard working P&C members who have organised this event and gone above and beyond in getting community sponsorship and interest for our school.

NAPLAN Results

Once again our students have performed admirably in this year’s NAPLAN testing. These results are testament to the hard work of our students, the excellent teaching practices of our staff and the care given by our parents. Individual reporting for NAPLAN in years 3 & 5 were sent home last week. If you require any clarification of your students’ results, please contact the school.

The Benefits of Parent Involvement in Education

It takes a community to educate a child! Education starts at home from birth and continues through the school years and into adulthood. Starting school is just one step along the journey. It’s not a time for parents to handover the responsibility for education on to teachers. Teachers and schools are just part of the picture. Parents need to be heavily involved in the school to gain the most benefit for their children. “Heavily involved in school” is not talking about P and C Committees, tuckshop helpers or other school roles. It’s talking about engaging with your child’s learning on a daily basis.

It’s doing the:
1) home readers nightly
2) talking about children’s daily learning
3) ensuring assessment tasks are completed
4) keeping regular contact with your child’s teachers to discuss any areas to assist with your child’s growth, development and academic journey
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.

Chappy Chat
G'day Everyone,
Can you believe that we are halfway through the 3rd term? Time is flying.
Primary Camp Eagle is coming up in a couple of months so if Year 6 students are interested you better get registered as places will be limited. Parents follow the url link to the camp home page & click book now.
Parenting is wonderful but not necessarily a smooth process. I hope the tips that I have been putting in the newsletters has been a help to some of you. I hope this one is of benefit too.
U = Unconditional love: Letting your kids know that your love is unconditional
BUST is an acronym that describes the four key ways to actively engage with your kids: Being there, Unconditional love, Spending time together and Teamwork. This week we take a look at U - Unconditional love. Here are some ways to let your kids know that you love them unconditionally:
• Tell your kids that your love does not depend upon their performance at school or sport
• Tell them too that it doesn't depend on their music, friends, beliefs or behaviour
• Make a clear distinction between not loving what they say or do versus not loving them
Have a great time at school & home
Chappy Cam

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 08/08/2016
PREP: Leslie Volker
For being kind, caring and helpful towards other class members.

YEAR 2: Adeeba Shaakira
For your very persuasive defence of the Big Bad Wolf.

YEAR 3: Elijah Graffini
An outstanding effort in general knowledge quiz and sharing interesting facts with the class.

YEAR 4/5: Hao Dong
Hao performed an excellent rendition of "Happy Birthday" in Chinese for the class.

YEAR 4/5: Jaymi Wanstall
For becoming more confident in class discussions.

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

YEAR 6: Ceah Attard
For always being a respectful, safe and co-operative learner.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 15/08/2016
PREP: Nicole Hembra
Well done. You have made great improvement in LEMphonics.

YEAR 1: Yvonne Solis
Woo Hoo Yvonne! What a fabulous week you had :) Keep up the great work!

YEAR 2: Hannah Burrage
For her attentiveness during lessons.

YEAR 3: Kaiyana Pai
Keep up the great effort with your Home Reading! Well done!

YEAR 4/5: Sophie Dunn
Doing her best in any school activity with politeness.

YEAR 5: Year 5 Cohort
For your fantastic efforts in preparing for and hosting the 2016 Matsura Student Visit.
You all represented our school with pride and joy. Congratulations, everyone!

YEAR 6: Vicky Chiu
For demonstrating an improvement in language and an increased confidence to attempt new work.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Don’t miss Mackay City Centre’s Spooktacular
The Twilight City Street Party
From 4pm to 9pm on Saturday August 20

The event will host food, kids craft, an outdoor cinema, fireworks, loads of fun, and family entertainment for all ages. There is also a free Bus Service into and out of the City Centre for those wishing to avoid using the car. The Bus Timetable and further information on the event can be found at http://mackaycitycentre.com.au/event/twilight-spooktacular-2016/
So dress up spooky and join the party!