Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 10

We have come to the end of yet another term. We will be celebrating the good work and excellent behaviour of our students with our Incentive Day beach activities tomorrow. We will be starting the day at 9am with presentation on a parade of our Model Behaviour Awards before taking the bus to the beach at 9.30am. Children will be treated to a BBQ lunch and fresh fruit and lots of fun with their teachers and friends. Students not attending the incentive day will be supervised at school. Please ensure that children have hats and water bottles.

On Friday we will be celebrating our students who have ensured that EVERY DAY COUNTS and have been at school over 95% of days this term. Students who have achieved this will be treated with a pizza party lunch. What has been so pleasing is the amount of students with 100% attendance this term. Congratulations and thank you to them and their families for this achievement.

Prep will be compulsory from 2017

We have already begun our planning for 2017 and encourage all parents with Prep-age children to enrol their children as soon as possible. Our Prep information day will be held on October 20th and we encourage everyone to invite other families to join us at Mackay Central and be part of our wonderful school.

The Queensland Parliament recently made important changes to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. From next year, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Preparatory (Prep) Year, prior to entering Year 1. The legislation identifies specific exceptions that can be determined by principals on a case-by-case basis. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. We have seen such positive learning outcomes since the introduction of Prep and I am pleased all children will now enjoy this important start to their learning.

Mackay Eisteddfod

All of our classes are working hard on practicing for the upcoming Mackay Eisteddfod. Our students are performing in the Choral Presentation section at the MECC on 18th, 19th and 20th October. We encourage parents who wish to watch the performances to book tickets early.

I would like to thank Mrs Lando for her hard work in organising and rehearsing with our students. It looks to be a great success yet again and we look forward to the performances.

Teacher Aide Day 6 September

Last week we celebrated Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers.

The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day.

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.

SEPTEMBER
◆ Etucas Alfereti
◆ Landon Doyle
◆ Amelia Tetley
◆ Mark Rose
◆ Jayden Samson
◆ Olivia Bradford
◆ Ryan Atkinson
◆ Rafael Decano
◆ John Santiago
◆ Michelle Butt
◆ Chavarna Ellul
◆ John Nicdao

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 05/09/2016
PREP: Kenji Pangilinan
Kenji is an excellent student who puts in his best effort at all times.
YEAR 1: Mikaylah Black
I am very happy with the way you have worked in the classroom this week! Keep up the great work! :)  
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YEAR 2: Miguel Cheng
For the effort you put into your LEM Phonics section test.
YEAR 3: Zane Cavanagh
For always working so hard. Keep up the good work!

YEAR 3: Mark Rose
For working so hard and writing a great story. Keep up the good work!
YEAR 4/5: Madison Hearne
Showing improved attitude towards her school work and getting on with others.
YEAR 5: Lockie Turner
For eagerly applying newly-learned Math strategies. Fantastic effort, Lockie!
YEAR 6: Kianna Nelson
For trying to do her best in all subjects.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 12/09/2016
PREP: Asher Grigg
You have been doing your reading homework every night and have made improvements in all learning areas this term.
PREP: T'Sharn Wilson
You have worked hard to improve the neatness of your work.
YEAR 1: Helena Lai
What an impressive week you have had in the classroom. You always try your best and you are wonderful example to others. Thank you.
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YEAR 2: CJ Decano
For always having a cheerful and positive outlook towards your schoolwork.
YEAR 3: Chad Stone
An excellent effort in all story writing! Keep up the great work!
YEAR 4/5: Dillon Adams
Improved efforts in behaviour and work in the classroom. Also, some good writing in the Write On task.
YEAR 5: Malakai Pai
For your improved attitude towards completing your weekly homework. Great organisation, Malakai!
YEAR 6: Dylan Kilshaw
For an improved effort in your attitude to attempting tasks and participating appropriately in class.