Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 4

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents for your support of our students’ participation in the Mackay Eisteddfod this week. All students represented our school with great pride this week, performing to the best of their ability and they are to be commended for their efforts. Very big congratulations to our year 2 students for achieving first place in their section of the choral verse speaking section. Our Recorder Band, under the tuition of Miss Benson performed very well against stiff opposition and are to be commended for their efforts.

EISTEDDFOD RESULTS:
Prep Second Place
Year 1 Second Place
Year 2 First Place
Year 3 Third Place
Year 4 Highly Commended
Year 5 Highly Commended
Year 6 Third Place

I would like to give particular thanks to Mrs Tammy Lando for her leadership, organisation and passion in the lead up to this Eisteddfod. Tammy has been working towards this event for over 12 months and has invested significant time and energy into making our Eisteddfod experience highly successful and enjoyable.

World Teachers Day

It was lovely to celebrate on parade this week the hard work and dedication of the teachers at Mackay Central and across the globe. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October.

2017 Book Lists

Very shortly all families will be receiving booklists for 2017. This year we have partnered with MBM Office Supplies who are offering the opportunity to pre order book lists and have them delivered to the school before the end of the year. Please keep an eye out for this information and the key dates that will sit around it.

Halloween Disco & Grandparents Day

Our traditional Halloween Disco will be held in week 6 (Friday 11th November 5pm-7pm) The disco will be a fun opportunity to dress up and enjoy some games and each other’s company.

On the same day we will host a Grandparents Morning. Grandparents will be invited to our school from 10.15am-11:40am. They will visit classrooms for 30 minutes and then we have a special parade where we acknowledge them and also acknowledge 1 minute of silence as it will be Remembrance Day. Once the parade is done the children can take their grandparents for a ‘picnic’ lunch in the school grounds before going to normal play time.
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.

OCTOBER
◆ Asher Grigg
◆ Matthew Freeman
◆ Logan Cavanagh
◆ Miguel Cheng
◆ Benji Javier
◆ Savannah McCarthy
◆ Zane Cavanagh
◆ Justine De Guzman
◆ Andrei Jayma
◆ Scott Horsfall
◆ Chad Stone
◆ Liteeana Larry-Wilson
◆ Jaimie Stevenson
◆ William Lunar
◆ Akshaal Nath
◆ Kristine Ganalon
◆ Merissa Luxton

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 24/10/2016
PREP: Jenny Ugle-Bligh
You always work hard and have a smile on your face! Well done.

YEAR 1: Salena Ellis
Salena what a wonderful student you have been in and out of the classroom. Thank you, thank you and thank you :)  

YEAR 2: Kaiden Astridge
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Dwayne Bayao
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Lachlan Bozier
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Sarah Bradford
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Ruby Cahill
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Breath Canete
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Logan Cavanagh
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Miguel Cheng
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Leana Cuasay
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Jay Culling-Pike
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: CJ Decano
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Reyshan Dela Cruz
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Nailah Garciano
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Amos Grigg
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.
YEAR 2: Benji Javier
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Arriana Peepe
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Tahana Peepe
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Dustin Santiago
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 2: Adeeba Shaakira
For your exemplary behaviour both on and off the stage.

YEAR 3: Catherine Doyle
An outstanding effort at being a Reef Guardian and cleaning up our school! Thank you!

YEAR 3: Kingston Grigg
An outstanding effort at being a Reef Guardian and cleaning up our school! Thank you!

YEAR 4/5: Neyshan Hall
Arriving to school on time consistently all week.

YEAR 5: Leah Whale
For your consistent thoughtful and responsible attitude in everything that you do. Thank you for your efforts, Leah!

YEAR 6: Hayley McCarthy
For displaying model behaviour and working hard to become a valuable member of the year 6 class.

P&C NEWS

Help us build our Eco-friendly giant Christmas tree!

P&C is collecting empty softdrink/water bottles (Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Pepsi, Mountain Dew and any 1 litre or 1.5 litre bottle). A drop box will be placed at the school's foyer starting today. The more bottles we collect the bigger our Christmas tree will be so start bringing in your bottles now.

The Mackay West Rotary Club Annual Christmas Fair is on Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th October at Col Story Rotary Park, the City Gates starting at 6 pm.

This is the first Fair of the Christmas season and a fun night out for the whole family.

The Club has been running the Christmas Fair for over 40 years.

Attractions include Ham Wheel (full size hams), Meat Tray Wheel, Cent Sale, Pick of the Shelf, Bottle stall, Lucky Dip and lots more.

The kids will love the merry-go-round, steam train ride, jumping castle, animal petting farm, giant slide and face painting.

Santa will give away a bike each night to some lucky child. Entry forms available at the Fair or in The Daily Mercury on Friday and Saturday.

Food and drinks available and a Cake Stall as well.

The Mercy College Band will perform on Friday night and The Mackay City Band on Saturday night.

Rotary is a community service organisation and all proceeds go to local charities. Rotarians work on a voluntary basis. This is the largest fund raising event for the Rotary Club.

Come and join the festivities and support your local community by supporting the Christmas Fair.

See you there.