Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal's Report – Week 7

We have had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks here at school. Our hard-working P&C and parent body have been working extremely hard preparing the extraordinary Christmas decorations that will light up the front lawns of our school in coming weeks. It is so refreshing to have our parents working so closely and passionately for our school and lovely to have them here with us. It is very exciting watching their art work and decorations take shape. Our Students, Teachers and Staff have also been busy contributing to this Energy Efficient and Recycled Christmas Display, and I want to send out sincere thanks to all for the work they are doing and the care they have for our school. We are all very excited as we get closer to lighting up Central!

Grandparents Day

We had a wonderful group of grandparents join us last Friday to celebrate Grandparents Day. The grandparents joined students in class and then came to a special Grandparents presentation and Remembrance Day ceremony. On behalf of our students and community I would like to thank all of the grandparents who made our day so special.

Halloween Disco

Friday was a very busy day as we also held our annual Halloween Disco on Friday night. We had excellent attendance at the disco and as always, our students had a wonderful time and did themselves proud. The students love the opportunity to dress up and enjoy each other’s company. I would like to thank Glenda and Florina Whitehouse, Cassie Stone and Aunty Carmel for the hard work they put in to preparing our hall and making it as spooky as possible.

Volunteers’ Morning Tea

We have always had a wonderful group of volunteers who give enormous amounts of time and energy to our school. Next Wednesday 23rd November we would like to say thank you to our parents and friends. We will be holding a morning tea and small ceremony in our school hall from 10.00am in honour of our volunteers. Please watch out for the invitation and return the rsvp by this Friday so that catering can be organised.
PAST STUDENTS SUCCESS
Mackay State High School held their 2016 Awards Night last week. A number of our past students have gone from Mackay Central to Mackay State High and continued to excel receiving Academic Awards, Leadership Awards and School Achievement Awards. We congratulate all!
Special congratulations to two of our past students who have been selected as MSHS School Captains for 2017 – Thrisha Bajamundi and Haard Shah and 2017 Prefect Siobhan Healy.

JEAN’S GARDEN
A garden to remember Jean Miguel Mateo was dedicated in her honour last week. Heartfelt thanks to Mrs Stevenson for her and students involved for their commitment all year to see this garden realised. We are sure this will be a peaceful place for her parents and sisters as well as her friends here at Mackay Central to spend time remembering her.

SCHOOL FINISH TIME
Parents are reminded that school finishes at 2.55pm and children need to collected at that time. Of late a number of our students have been left in the school grounds until 4pm without administration being aware that they are still here. This is a safety concern and they are without supervision and are at risk. If you are going to be late to collect your child/children please advise the school office so that provision can be made.

SWIM LESSONS
Lessons commence 28 Nov. Students who have not paid swim fees before their lesson will not be taking part in the program. Swimming Lessons are a compulsory curriculum activity and notes were sent home early to allow families time to pay. Payment may be made for the 2 week program in full, or individually on the day. Yrs P-1&2 $40 Yrs 3-5 $40 Yr6 $32.
*** Change of venue – Mon 28 Nov ***
The Mackay Memorial Swim Centre has advised that the pool is now not available on the day and have transferred our lessons for this day only to Pioneer Swim Centre. The bus will have to leave school 15 minutes earlier on this day and will depart at 9.00am.

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.

NOVEMBER
◆ Jermaine Pitt
◆ Sarah Horne
◆ Jhoana Nicdao
◆ Lilli Povey-Jahnke
◆ Sophie Dunn
◆ Patrick Real
◆ Katherine Ganalon
◆ Ethan Douglas
◆ Vicky Chiu

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 31/10/2016

PREP: Etycas Alfereti
Etycas, thank you for working very well in reading and writing lessons.

YEAR 1: Kitana Blanco
Welcome to our school! Thank you for being a wonderful addition to our class. ☺

YEAR 1: Marika McBrown
Marika you did a FANTASTIC job with your Mogari story! I am very proud of you. 😊

YEAR 2: Hannah Burrage
For the effort that you continually put into your mathematics.

YEAR 3: Billie-Jade Douglas
Keep up the excellent effort in WAVE Reading activities! Well done BJ!
YEAR 1: Rain Axcel Bunao
Rain I am very proud of your efforts both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 2: Logan Cavanagh
For your responsible behaviour in class.

YEAR 3: Jakobi Holt
An outstanding effort in all WAVE Reading/Comprehension activities! Great work Jakobi!

YEAR 4/5: James Attard
For bringing joy and eagerness to everything you do. What a wonderful attitude, Izza!

YEAR 5: Benica Solicar
For their outstanding efforts in working in Jeans Garden with weeding, watering and planting! I am so proud of you all!!

YEAR 5: Izza Rohail
For bringing joy and eagerness to everything you do. What a wonderful attitude, Izza!

YEAR 6: Anuksha Everest
For outstanding leadership on the student council and application to her school work.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 07/11/2016

PREP: Amelia Ganalon
Thanks for being an enthusiastic, polite and diligent student!

YEAR 1: Helena Lai
Not only are you a television super star! but you are an amazing author and illustrator - WOW!

YEAR 1: Lance Valle
Congratulations Lance on the amazing narrative you have written and illustrated! It is brilliant!

YEAR 2: Kaiden Astridge
For your willingness to forgo neatness when drafting.

YEAR 3: The Whole Year 3 Class
For their outstanding efforts in working in Jeans Garden with weeding, watering and planting! I am so proud of you all!!

YEAR 4: Anzy Penola
Being on time all week and making a big effort to complete homework.

YEAR 6: Joshua Abela
For being a model student and always demonstrating outstanding behaviour.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 14/11/2016
PREP: Clark Real
Thank you for always being kind and for being a good friend to your classmates.

YEAR 1: Mikaylah Black
Mikaylah what amazing work you are doing! It is great to see your happy face at school each and every day. 😊

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.
**Mackay Central State School’s Christmas Carols**

**Location:** Alfred and Macalister Street entrances (opposite the MECC)  
**Date:** Thursday 1st December, 2016.  
**Time:** 5 - 8pm.

Mackay Central State School is holding its annual “Carols by Candlelight” night on Thursday 1st December, from 5-8pm.

Food will be available to purchase on the night catered by our wonderful P&C Parents. Our Filipino families will be cooking the usual Tuckshop specials as well as extras > Filipino style charcoal barbequed chicken and pork > Halo-halo – sweetened fruit with iced milk.

The Tuckshop will be selling drinks.

There will a christmas raffle and our beautiful recycled christmas lights will be on display. All classes and musical groups will also be performing Christmas songs commencing at 5.30pm.

(I heard a whisper that SANTA may pop in also….!)

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**UNIT TO LET**  
OPEN FOR INSPECTION  
1A/61 MILTON ST, 4/61 MILTON ST & 6/61 MILTON ST!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26th  
FROM 9AM – 9:30AM

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