Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 2

I would like to congratulate everyone on the smooth start to the new term. Our students have returned to school with energy and are performing very well in and out of the classroom. Our focus for the first half of this term will be on our years 3, 5 & 7 students sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN). The students will sit the tests on the 13th, 14th & 15th May and we are ensuring that students are ready for its requirements. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Our Prep teacher Mrs Burns has had to take leave for this term to assist with a family matter. We wish Cheryl well and look forward to her return next semester. We welcome Ms Erin McBride who will be teaching our prep class on Thursday, Fridays and alternate Mondays.

We also congratulate our other prep teacher Mrs Cassie Harding and her husband on the safe arrival of their new baby boy, Dominic Cruz, born on the 12th April.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the many students who joined us for the ANZAC Day march last Friday. We had a wonderful turn-out and our students did us proud. I would particularly like to thank Miss Benson for all of her organisation of our recorder band and for her assistance in the organisation of the wonderful ANZAC ceremony that was held at school last Tuesday. Our school ceremony was addressed by Mr Col Benson, Mackay RSL Vice President and Historian and our Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Clinton Skillington played the Last Post.

NEW SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

We would like to welcome Mr Cameron Quirk who will begin his role as our School Chaplain this week. Cameron is an experienced chaplain and will provide various services throughout the school aimed at student well-being.
MOBILE EDUCATION TRAILER
CQ University’s Mobile Education Trailer (MET) will be visiting Mackay Central State School on Thursday 29th May 2014. The MET is a classroom on wheels that travels to schools with the objective to raise awareness about the benefits of higher education and the multiple pathways to university as well as assist students to better understand a range of career opportunities through stories from high profile role models. It also aims to provide students with age-appropriate goal setting advice/resources. During the presentation, students explore a virtual university, investigate a typical day in the life of a university student and participate in a variety of other interactive, fun activities.

The program is delivered at no cost to schools or families by the Widening Participation Program at CQ University. It is aimed at students in Years 6 and 7. A special invitation is extended to you to accompany your child/children and be an active part of the whole MET experience. We ask that any parents wishing to attend to fill in the attached RSVP form and return it to the school office by Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Each session will take 1 hour and is scheduled to run as follows:

Year 6 = 9:00am – 10:00am
Year 7 = 10:00am – 11:00am

RSVP for Mobile Education Trailer (MET) visit to Mackay Central State School on Thursday 29th May 2014

I am interested and available to accompany my child/ren during the MET presentation:

Name/s:__________________________________________

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Child/ren:____________________________________

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Class/es:____________________________________

Relation to Child/ren (e.g. parent, carer, grandparent, aunty, etc.):____________________________________
ANZAC DAY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 31/03/2014
YEAR 1: Noah Namok
Noah you have been working very hard on 'sounding out' when reading a word. Well done!

YEAR 2/3: Skye Miller
For trying hard to complete all tasks independently.

YEAR 3: Della Richter
I'm so proud of your beautiful manners and your kindness you show other students.

YEAR 4: Anuksha Everest
Great manners and work ethic all term!

YEAR 5: Isabella Quagliata
Congratulations on being a conscientious student!

YEAR 6: Lazarus Seden
Great work at understanding percentages in Maths!!!

YEAR 7: Taffy Runganga
Taffy is a diligent student whose narrative writing skills are impressive!

WEEK BEGINNING 28/04/2014
PREP: Breath Canete
For being a courteous, cooperative, hard working student. Well done Breath!

YEAR 1: Zoran Krstic
Wow Zoran I am very impressed with your first week back at school. Keep it up!

YEAR 2/3: Denise Cotter
For completing her sensational sentences independently. Well Done!

YEAR 3: Patrick Real
Congratulations on a fantastic effort with reading, spelling and mathematics! Well done Patrick!

BIRTHDAY WISHES
APRIL
◆ Breath Canete
◆ Kidson Kusu
◆ Catherine Doyle
◆ Arya Patel
◆ Oran Quagliata
◆ Malakai Pai
◆ Neah Garciano
◆ Skye Miller
◆ Charlie Douglas
◆ Janella Caldo
◆ Kayna Wright
◆ Marques Soper
◆ Emily Hearne
◆ Faith Runganga
◆ Marisse Javier
◆ Felicity Miller
◆ Jasmin Bilton
◆ Marlon Zabini
◆ Lilly Ritter
◆ Taffy Runganga
YEAR 4: Joshua Bustillo
Joshua has settled into our Mackay Central State School easily and works as hard as he can.

YEAR 5: Laurence Cuasay
It is always a pleasure to read your wonderful writing. Well done!

YEAR 6: Gabriel Fahey
Congratulations on writing a great story in demand conditions.

YEAR 7: Ashley Gavarra
Ashley is well organised, attentive and keen to learn. Presentation skills great!

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 1:30pm in the tech room. P&C meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 1.30pm, in the school’s tech building behind the tuckshop, younger children are welcome to attend, please bring something to amuse them during the meeting such as colouring-in etc. I encourage you to attend our meeting with any ideas you have, every idea is considered.

CLASS DONATION PIZZA PARTY COMPETITION
12TH MARCH – 20TH MAY
To help with this year’s fundraising Mackay Central State School are holding a Class Competition. P&C encourage classes to challenge each other with the most Donations between 12th March continuing until the 20th May and the winning class will win a Pizza Party Lunch provided by the P&C. Some examples of items that will be beneficial to fundraising purposes are:
- Non Perishable Groceries,
- Arts & Craft Items handmade, coloured balls of wool, gift line items (Mother’s Day & Father’s Day).
Please send donations to school, every class will be provided with a donation box, items will be counted and the winning class will be announced this term on the 4th week of May. We are grateful for anything you can provide and thank you for supporting the P&C Association.

CRAFT GROUP
This Friday there will be a craft group to start at 9:30am, in the Tech Room. This is an opportunity for you to help your P&C by creating some beautiful gift ideas, for our Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas stalls. We would love to see you there.

EASTER RAFFLE
Congratulations to our Easter Raffle Winners; 1st Prize Gina Whitehouse and 2nd Prize Daryl Wright. Everything for our Easter Baskets was donated. Thank you to everyone who donated easter treats. Thank you for supporting your P&C Association.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
By now you should have received your Mother’s day raffle tickets, these are due back next Friday. 1st prize is a Pamper Pack, and 2nd Prize is a Mummy hamper pack. Tickets are $2 each and if you require more you can collect from the tuckshop.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Next Friday 9th May from 9am, we will be holding our annual Mother’s Day stall for students to buy, Mum, or Grandma a lovely gift. Prices will range from 50c to $5. Students will come in class groups to purchase gifts. At the end of the stall we will be drawing our Mother’s Day Raffle. Thank you for supporting your P&C Association.

STUDENT BANKING
The student banking co-ordinator Cassie Stone will be accepting deposits on Thursday Mornings from 8.25 to 8.55am in the school’s library. The rewards program is continuing, and there are a lot of students with only 1 or 2 more deposits to get their reward.

NOTICE BOARD
Please check our noticeboard for all the latest P&C news…

FACEBOOK PAGE
For those of you who have Facebook, we now have a Facebook page, please feel free to like our page. MACKAY CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL P&C, this page is updated regularly with things happening at school. This is the best way to stay up to date.