Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 2

Term 3 has started wonderfully well for our school and our students. Everyone has come back to school refreshed and eager to continue their learning. I would very much like to thank Mrs Hatfield for her organisation of the very successful Whitsunday Voices with over 50 students experiencing the expertise of world class authors, sportsmen and women and story-tellers. The enthusiasm and genuine interest of the students in response to the excursion made it all the more obvious that it is important for students to experience arts and cultural events as they grow and learn.

Equally important is the role of music in our curriculum and it is heartening to hear our recorder band at work on parades and in our community. The large amount of practice and performance has paid off and reminded me of a quote that I came across:

"Music is a secret exercise in arithmetic of the soul, unaware of its act of counting."

(Gottfried Leibniz 1646-1716 co-inventor of Calculus)

Given the obvious value in the process of practice and performance, why then more generally, is Music and the Arts education struggling to secure a place in schooling with what appears to be a diminishing appreciation of its value?

The first of a number of weaknesses would have to be the result of groupthink. This results in the consensus that more of something will by necessity produce a better result. This of course does not work with medications, exercise, leisure or work so you think the educationalists would appreciate the limitations imposed by engagement, motivation and boredom. Literacy and Numeracy are crucial priorities best served by a whole of curriculum approach, not more and more Maths and English classes. As my quote amply illustrates, Music is Maths and the love of the Art can be supported with a study that enhances numeracy and expands student horizons.

CUA Community Care Program - Stage one

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School

At Mackay Central we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to reinvigorate and beautify our Prep and year 1 play area and gardens.

We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Mackay branch located at Shop 16, Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre, Phillip St, in Mackay.

Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! > To Mackay Sand & Gravel Sales - Mitchell, Rod & Team for the supply and delivery of 10m of sand – free to the school. We are very grateful for the above donation which has helped level our front yard making this a safe area for our students to play.
The annual School Opinion Survey starts this week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are asked to complete their survey online - these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
JULY
◆ Nicholas Allgeier
◆ Josiah Da Silva
◆ Rhianna Mestidio
◆ Chloe Salazar
◆ Yang Yang Li
◆ Janah Dela Cruz
◆ Summa Garner
◆ Jael Contreras
◆ Isabella Quagliata
◆ Matthew Munokoa
◆ Thanh Huynh
◆ Jake Jones

Chappy Chat,
Hey everyone, I just want to remind the year 6 & 7 that camp eagle is on this term & that you need to get your forms in asap. Camp is from 12th to 14th Sept, $40, food provided. See Chappy Cam for more information & forms.

Something to help your kids at home:
Listen to children’s concerns Having a caring adult to turn to when they are troubled, someone who will listen, understand without judging, and help them solve problems, is a critical protective factor for children’s mental health. Listening to children and understanding their concerns lets them know they are important to you. Remember, however, that children may not always be able to explain how they feel. By observing their behaviour and gently inquiring about it you can often get a clearer picture of how they are feeling.

Have a great week
Chappy Cam

CHAPPYSTICKS – all natural products from the Whitsunday/Mackay Region. These chapsticks come in 9 different flavours and are only $4. See Chappy Cam at school.

NAIDOC PARADE
ALL WELCOME
9.00am Friday 25th July
We are holding a short assembly to announce a few winners of competitions held prior to NAIDOC Week.
Melanie Kemp to ‘Welcome to Country’
Frank Cook: Speaking on the Topic of NAIDOC 2014
Presenting winners:
Julie Bishop (Education Officer) Mackay Regional Office. ‘Every Day Counts’ Bumper Sticker Competition
Sharon White: Colouring Competition Tackling Smoking
Judi Fahey (Indigenous Education Worker) Mackay Central State School.

SPORT'S DAY
Towards the end of Term 2 the school held their Annual Sports Day Carnival. It was great to see our students participate in the events, as well as acknowledging their great sportsmanship. Well done students.
I would also like to thank all those parents that were able to come along to the day and support their children.
Also thanks to the staff for their assistance in the preparation and running of the carnival.
Thank you!

Sport’s Day Aged Champions are:
Boys & Girls 10 Years: Ethan Douglas / Kaiky Zabini / Tihema Goodwin
Boys & Girls 11 Years: Arthur Miller- Stephen / Janelle Ramos
Boys & Girls 12 Years: Rainier Mestidio / Kamiah Grigg
Boys & Girls 13 Years: Zhyrelle Cabesas / Marcelo Meneses / Cleve Den Asuncion

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 16/06/2014
PREP: Amish Sood
For his responsible, considerate behaviour in the playground and the great work he does in class. Well done Amish!

YEAR 1: Kaiyana Pai
Woo Hoo Miss Kaiyana! You have been working so hard lately. I am very proud of your efforts :)

YEAR 2: Neyshan Hall
For making huge improvements in your reading. Well done!

YEAR 2: Anzy Penola
For making huge improvements in your reading. Well done!

YEAR 3: Rhyza Cabesas
Congratulations on your outstanding art work for the Mackay Show School Art Competition!

YEAR 4: Hermaine Hirao
Showing fantastic efforts all term. You will be missed.

YEAR 5: Emily Garner
You make a great personal assistant. Where would I be without you?

YEAR 5: Isabella Quagliata
Fabulous work this week! You are so reliable!

YEAR 6: Jessica Tenchavez
Jessica is a conscientious student who works so well at all times.

YEAR 7: Kirra Knight
Kirra's efforts in Morning Session were very pleasing - filling in at short notice was impressive!

WEEK BEGINNING 23/06/2014
PREP: Izekial Bickey
For his hard work in class and beautiful manners. Well done Izekial!

YEAR 1: Jayden Samson
Jayden what a fantastic term you have had! I am very proud of your efforts :)

YEAR 2: Malakai Pai
For showing super sporting spirit on Sports Day!

YEAR 3: La-Verne Bellear
WOW! I'm so proud of the way you like to help your buddies in Year 3. Well done La-Verne!

YEAR 4: Ethan Douglas
Great Effort on Sport's Day!! Great Effort in class!!

YEAR 5: Dan Asuncion
Congratulations on your fabulous bush dancing!

YEAR 5: Weverton Delbone
Congratulations on your fabulous bush dancing!
YEAR 6: Glaiza Micke
Glaiza is a beautiful student in every way. We wish you the best in the future. We will miss you.

YEAR 7: Teigan Rowe
Teigan has worked well in History and is a cheerful, helpful classmate.

WEEK BEGINNING 14/07/2014
PREP: Dustin Santiago
For working hard in class and learning to get along with others in the playground.

YEAR 1: Chad Stone
Chad I am very proud of the way you have started Term 3. Keep up the great work :)

YEAR 2: Yang Yang Li
For working really hard in all areas. Welcome to our school!

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YEAR 3: Janah Dela Cruz
You are a star! Congratulations on being a fantastic participant at Whitsunday Voices!

YEAR 4: Kahleel Mallie
Great start to the term!!

YEAR 5: Jayden Querro-Namok
Congratulations on your enthusiasm at Whitsundasy Voices! Enjoy reading your Morris Gleitzman books!

YEAR 6: Matthew Munokoa
It is a pleasure to have Matthew in the classroom. He is always organised and eager to learn. Keep it up!

YEAR 7: Jackson Stone
For applying himself to all of his work.

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Friday 25th July, 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. We encourage you to attend our meeting with any ideas you have, every idea is considered.

UNIFORMS
We have been in discussions with Lowes Australia (located Big W entrance Canelands) about the possibility of them selling our School uniforms. This will give parents the options, of layby, paying by eftpos or cash, and also the convenience of purchasing your uniforms while you are shopping 7 days a week. The shirts would not be much of an increase in what you currently pay now. We will send out a survey for families to fill out, to have your say in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated as things progress, and would appreciate your patience until a final decision is made. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a P&C member.

We will be holding an adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on 22nd of August 2014 within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase to beautify of Prep Area. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!
Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school on 22nd of August 2014 to help cheer on the students. If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 4969 3111.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

STUDENT BANKING CHANGES
As of this week, students are to drop their deposit books and money into Miss Debbie in the office, by Thursday Mornings. From here your student banking co-ordinator Cassie Stone will collect them, and finalise deposits and return the deposit books to school. This is the only way I can guarantee that banking can happen every week. I am very sorry if this is of any inconvenience to anyone, but as I no longer have another co-ordinator, and my work commitments, this is the only fair way to continue. If you student is due for a reward I will put a slip in their deposit book and they can choose their reward. Thank you.

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.

Year 8 2015 at Mackay State High School

Roadshow
Our annual visit to each feeder primary school will begin the week starting August 4th. During the roadshow students will receive an enrolment package and will meet key staff including: Mr Paulger - Principal, Mr Brunetto - Deputy Principal, Ms Kate Leon-Mason - Year level Co-ordinator for Year 8 2015.

Parent Information Evening
The parent information evening for Year 7 students transitioning into Year 8 in 2015 will be held on the 13th August. This night will provide our new school community members an opportunity to discover the excellent learning opportunities that Mackay State High School provides for its students. It will also provide parents an opportunity to meet staff and have questions answered. At the end of the night parents will be able to make bookings for the upcoming Enrolment Interviews.

Year 7 into 8 Enrolment Interviews
Interviews will be held from Tuesday 19th August to Thursday 21st August. These meetings enable parents to ask any further questions and for our new students to get to know our administration team and staff on a more personal level.

Frank Brunetto
Deputy Principal