Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal's report – Week 4

Eisteddfod Success

Congratulation to all of students and staff for the almighty effort that was put into last week’s Eisteddfod activities. An enormous amount of preparation, planning and rehearsal ensured that all of our competitors received glowing feedback.

Our very clever year 1 students (and their clever conductor) achieved first place in their Choral Speaking section and our choir students worked extremely hard for their second place. A big thankyou must go to Mrs Solicar who stepped in to conduct our choir and share her many skills with the students.

School Concert

To celebrate and share the achievements of our award-winning students, a school concert is being held this Thursday 30th October from 5.50pm – 6.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity for all parents and family to see our students’ eisteddfod performance and share in their success.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is running this week and students will be given the opportunity to browse the lovely setting that has been prepared by Mr Baynton and our wonderful teacher aides. Students will be able to visit during their lunch breaks and will also be able to put together their ‘wish list’ for parents to view. Parents are very welcome to come and browse our Book Fair. We have a target of selling 200 books this year which will assist in providing extra books for our school library.

New Uniforms

Our new school uniform is currently on sale at Lowes in Canelands and it is heartening to see a lot of students already wearing them at this time. The embroidered shorts and skorts are not yet on sale as we have requested a change to the embroidery although they will be on sale before the end of the school year. As I have already stated, it will be preferable for all students to be in the new uniform in 2015 but not compulsory. The new uniform will be compulsory for all students by 2016.

Sporty Schools

Our Year 3 & 4 students will all start the AFL Auskick program this Friday afternoon as part of their school sport. The program will run for 6 Friday afternoons until the end of the school year and is fully funded by the Sporty Schools Program.

Writing for life

Writing is an important part of our daily lives. It is, however, a difficult skill to learn and master. By getting a head start with some simple activities, you can help your child begin to develop her writing skills at an early age. By doing so you will be contributing to her future success as a student and as an adult while teaching her how to express herself.

Writing activities for young children

Encourage the child to draw and to discuss her drawings

Ask your child questions about her drawings such as:
"What is the boy doing?"
"Does the house look like ours?"
"Can you tell a story about this picture?"

Show an interest in, and ask questions about, the things your child says, draws, and may try to write.

Ask your child to tell you simple stories as you write them down

Copy the story as your child tells it, without making changes. Ask them to clarify anything you don't understand.

Encourage your child to write their name

Practice writing their name with her, and point out the letters in her name when you see them in other places (on signs, in stores, etc.). They may start by only writing the first few letters of their name, but soon the rest will follow.
Thank you to everyone from Mackay Central State School for your kind support and your participation of fundraising efforts to send Year Six student Arthur Miller - Stephen to Brisbane for the QLD state trials. He arrived in Brisbane on the 12th October and representing the Capricornia team for 100 and 200 metres sprint and relay. Being the second year in a row to represent the Capricornia region at the State trials, Arthur is familiar with the fierce and competitive competition he was up against. Prior to leaving Arthur struggled with muscular strain and a cold but ran hard and to the best of his ability but was unable to qualify for the finals in his events. Arthur is very proud of his achievements to get to this level and attending all the carnivals from representing his school in Slade Point, then Southern Suburbs at Pioneer High School, Mackay in Emerald and Capricornia in Brisbane. Special thanks to the teachers and the P&C for their financial support as well.

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
OCTOBER

◆ Benjamin Javier
◆ Alexa Formeloza
◆ Andrei Jayma
◆ Jiah Mallie
◆ Chad Stone
◆ Rhyza Cabesas
◆ Jeanel Contreras
◆ Jaimie Stevenson
◆ William Lunar
◆ Kristine Ganalon
◆ Joe O’Brien
◆ Lawren Samson
◆ Matthew Heath
◆ Danica Belonio

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 27/10/2014
PREP: Alexa Formeloza
For trying really hard & doing great work in her story writing!

YEAR 1: The Whole Class
You were AMAZING on stage. Thank you for all of your hard work. I am very proud of you :)

YEAR 2: Denise Cotter
For trying her hardest to write a narrative.
YEAR 3: The Whole Class
An outstanding effort at the Mackay Eisteddfod representing MCSS in the Speech and Choral Choir!

YEAR 4: Russell Deveraux
Showing big improvements in projecting his voice in his solo lines for the Eisteddfod.

YEAR 4: Emily Hearne
Doing her best in all areas of school.

YEAR 4: Joseph Penola
Showing big improvements in projecting his voice in his solo lines for the Eisteddfod.

YEAR 5: Alex Cuthbert
Wonderful performing! You are a star!

YEAR 6: Libby Baird
Thank you for being a dedicated and conscientious citizen.

YEAR 6: Regine Dela Torre
Thank you for being a dedicated and conscientious citizen.

YEAR 6: Jessica Tenchavez
Thank you for being a dedicated and conscientious citizen.

YEAR 7: Matthew Heath
For being a wonderful learner and achieving excellent results in Maths and English.

UNIFORMS
Our new uniforms have finally arrived at Lowes Canelands (Big W Entrance), and they look fantastic. They are available to purchase now, and range from size 4 to 16. We are also expecting the shorts and skorts to arrive soon. At Lowes you have the option to layby, paying by eftpos or cash, and also the convenience of purchasing your uniforms while you are shopping 7 days a week. Shirts are $30.00, but our Hats will still be available to purchase from the Tuckshop. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a P&C member.

GRANDPARENTS DAY OCTOBER
It was so WONDERFUL to have a great turn-out of grandparents to school last Friday, celebrating the important part they play in the lives of our children. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their day visiting classrooms, sharing activities, talking with many other children and the morning tea was a place all abuzz with tales being told of their delightful morning. I truly think this will be on the agenda again next year.

MANGO MUTTERINGS
We are pleased to announce that this year we are currently creating our 2014 Edition of Mango Mutterings. Students have until next Tuesday 21st October, to submit their Cover page submissions. The requirements are: A4 page, 1cm border around page, Must have Mango Mutterings 2014, School logo, and End of an Era Last Ever Year 7’s. Please remember to write names on the back of the entry. Along with Year 7, we are also running a Teacher of the Year Competition. Voting started Monday and will run until 27th October. Students just need to write their favourite teachers name on a piece of paper and the reason why they think they deserve to win. The winning Teacher will be announced on Parade in a few weeks.

PHOTOS – If you have any copies of photo’s you would like to possibly see in our magazine, we would appreciate them. Any event from throughout the year it can be from a Class excursion or a whole school event, some photo’s we are trying to find are Anzac Day March, Fun Run, Sporting events.

Thank you
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.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.
We are calling on your help, for our Christmas Raffle. We would like to have a wheelbarrow of goodies.
Some of the items we are asking for are: non perishable food items, (please check the use by date on these items) new gifts, (please no secondhand) items such as toys, kitchenware, Christmas gifts for mum or dad.
Thank you for supporting your P&C Association.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOOKFAIR & CONCERT
COME WATCH OUR EISTEDDFOD PERFORMANCE AND BUY A BOOK AT OUR BOOKFAIR TOO

EISTEDDOD CONCERT:
5:30pm – 6.30pm Thursday 30th October in Multipurpose Hall

BOOKFAIR:
First break every day during Week 4
Wednesday 29th October from 3 – 3:30pm
Thursday 30th October from 3 – 5pm in Multimedia Room