Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 9

This will be my last newsletter of the 2014 school year. 2014 has been a wonderful success for Mackay Central and I would like to thank students, staff, parents and our community for the support and kindness you have afforded me in my first year here.

The last 2 weeks of the school year is shaping up to being extremely busy and a whole lot of fun. Celebrations began last week with a lovely dinner and evening held for our Year 6 & 7 students. The night was a lovely opportunity to reflect with the students and their families on 7 & 8 years of learning. Thanks must go to Cassie Stone and Kirsty Grigg for the organisation of the event.

We will formally graduate years 6 & 7 students at our annual awards night to be held at school next Tuesday night 9th December. Our awards night is an important occasion for our students and we will be setting high presentation and behaviour standards for all students attending the evening.

Much will be said in coming days as our year 6 & 7 students exit primary school for the final time but on behalf of the staff and community of Mackay Central, we wish our graduating students the very best as they enter their next phase of life and education.

Christmas Carols

Our annual Christmas Carols and concert will be held this Thursday night from 5pm. Everyone is very excited about the activities and entertainment of the evening. While the children will be able to enjoy the company of their friends we will be asking that children remain in designated areas when the show is occurring and that students are in the correct areas when waiting to perform. Lions have kindly agreed to sell food and drinks at the carols and prices and information will be coming home.

Incentive Day & Year 6-7 Fun Day

All eligible students will be invited to our Incentive Day to be held at the Lagoon next Thursday 11th December. The lower and upper school students will attend the lagoon at separate times and more information will be sent home regarding this event.

The Year 6 & 7 students have the opportunity to spend a day together at City Beach Volleyball next Wednesday 10th. Information and permission notes are being sent home with this newsletter.

Please ensure that students have hats, sunscreen, shirts and water bottles for both events.

Orientation Days

Our year 6 & 7 students will spend a day at High School next week. Our year 6 students will attend on Monday and our year 7 students on Tuesday. Students are to be dropped off and collected from the high school. Please contact the school if you require alternative arrangements.

Marketing Central

We are always on the lookout for new students at our school and have been putting the Mackay Central name out into the community. Part of this marketing process is to ask every student to drop 1 flyer into the letterbox of a neighbour. Your children will each bring home a small flyer advertising our school and we ask that they drop it into the letter box of a neighbour.

If you know of any students looking for a school in 2015, please let them know that Mackay Central welcomes all new-comers.

On behalf of the staff of Mackay Central, I would like to extend to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 27th January for the start of the 2015 school year.
ICT NEWS from Mackay State High School
Year 6 and Year 7 students transitioning to Mackay State High School and wishing to use technology in their studies, the following dates and information is important.

1:1 eLearning Program (Year 7 students only)
This program gives students a school laptop which has all software installed including anti-virus software, is covered by Accidental Damage insurance (excesses do apply), and has extended warranty. If a laptop in this program has an issue, school technicians will assist to fix the problem. If a laptop is damaged, students may receive a loan device while third party technicians fix the damage.

The 1:1 eLearning Program has a fee of $200 per year. Parents wishing to access this program, can pay their $200 either at the beginning of the 2015 school year or those wishing to secure a deployment place in the first week can pay their fee by Friday, 5 December 2014.

BYOx Program (Year 6 students only)
This program is Bring Your Own Technology and it allows students to use their own technology devices in their studies. These devices must meet the Mackay State High School’s specifications (see school website for specifications).

Finalisation of software development at head office has delayed processes in this program. Therefore, all students wishing to participate in the BYOx Program will be advised when to bring their devices to ICT Services at the beginning of the 2015 school year to have connectivity software install. Students and parents will sign the BYOx Participation and Connectivity Request form at the beginning of 2015 school year.

Parents and students please do not hesitate to contact us via the email, BYOX@mackayshs.eq.edu.au, if you have any further queries on the BYOx Program or the 1:1 eLearning Program.

Christine Adams
HOD – Business and Information Technology

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
DECEMBER
◆ CJ Decano
◆ Dustin Santiago
◆ Ali Shukaib
◆ Jacobi Holt
◆ Allanah Belonio
◆ Troy Bentley
◆ La-Verne Bellear
◆ Roxanne Dela Torre
◆ Juliana Delmo
◆ Ivan Belarmino
◆ Sofia Bulaong
◆ Lauren Salazar
◆ Christopher Caldo
◆ Gabriel Fahey
◆ Ambrose Seden
◆ Lazarus Seden
◆ Chloe Douglas
◆ Nevada Blackman

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 17/11/2014
PREP: Jandee Ebreo
Jandee always completes her work to a high standard.

YEAR 1: Rebecca Daniel
Wow Rebecca! What a hard working student you are! We are very lucky to have you in our classroom.
YEAR 2: Allanah Belonio
For applying yourself in all areas of your school work. Well done!

YEAR 2: Sybrain Sevalla
For applying yourself in all areas of your school work. Well done!

YEAR 3: Patrick Real
Always having a fantastic attitude at school, towards your learning and helping out your buddies.

YEAR 4: Marques Soper
Growing in his own confidence in school activities.

YEAR 5: Madison Thomas
Great work with Mathletics.

YEAR 6: Dana Del Rosario
Fantastic plant observations in Science this term.

YEAR 6: Regine Dela Torre
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YEAR 6: Thanh Huynh
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 25/11/2014
PREP: Alexa Formeloza
Alexa is a co-operative and hard-working student.

YEAR 1: Sean Wicks
Welcome back! It is wonderful having such a hard worker return to our classroom. :)

YEAR 2: Jaymee Timbol
For helping others in class. Thank you.

YEAR 3: Jeanel Contreras
Outstanding effort in all handwriting and book work! You are a role model for all students Jeanel!

YEAR 4: Meg Dimaandal
Improved results in Maths Mentals.

YEAR 5: Pushti Shah
Let's cut to the chase. You know the ropes when it comes to idioms. You have them in the bag, without a doubt.

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 9th of February 2015 at 9:30am in the tech room this, P&C meetings will now be held the 2nd Monday of every month at 9:30am, with morning tea provided, 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.

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. The shorts and skorts have also arrived ready for the new year. 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
This year our Christmas Carols will be held on Thursday 4th December. The P&C will have a gift and Christmas goodies stall, along with raffle tickets. We have one of the local charities attending with their food van for the evening for you to purchase burgers etc. We are also going to have a Bake Stall, with lots of yummy treats for you to purchase.

MANGO MUTTERINGS 2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ON SALE NOW!!
I am pleased to announce that Mango Mutterings 2014, is now available for purchase from the Office at $8.00 each. All year 6 & 7 Students will be receiving a complimentary
copy as a departing gift in their final year. But please get in quick as there are limited copies, they will also be on sale at Awards night if there are any copies left. I hope you enjoy reading them, and look forward to creating next year’s one.

**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 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**

**CITY BROTHERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOCCER?**
COME AND JOIN OUR GREAT CLUB

**MINI ROOS – UNDER 5 - 11**

**JUNIOR COMPETITIVE COMPETITION – UNDER 12 - 16**

**SENIOR COMPETITIVE COMPETITION – MEN’S & WOMEN’S**

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS

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**2015 SIGN ON DAY**
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th from 10AM - 12PM

NITA FLEMING FIELDS: CORNER BRIDGE RD & JULIET ST

OR SELF REGISTER ONLINE
www.myfootballclub.com.au

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**SCHOOL P&C**

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