Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 2

ANZAC Day Commemorations

Our school commemorated the centenary of ANZAC Day with a special ANZAC Day parade last Monday. The parade was attended by special guests Mr Col Benson of the Mackay RSL and Constable Clinton Skillington.

Mr Benson addressed the parade on some interesting facts about the diggers and how some of our ‘Aussie’ language, including the word ‘Furphy’ came to be, while Constable Skillington played a wonderful rendition of The Last Post. Congratulations to our school captains for leading this special parade.

A large group of Mackay Central students and teachers also attended the ANZAC Day march on Saturday. It was lovely to see a large turnout of our students for this event and many thanks to all parents who assisted by making their children available.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

After a busy and successful first term, our student attendance rate this year currently stands at an impressive 92.7% for all year levels. This is a reflection of our school community’s understanding that “Every day counts.” Special mention must be made of our Year 4 cohort, who has the highest attendance rate for a year level so far this year at 94.2%. Well done students, parents and teachers!

Our Semester 2 attendance target is 93%, so keep working hard to ensure your child is at school every day. At Mackay Central State School, our aim is to maximise student achievement and one way to achieve this is through attendance and participation. If your child is absent, there are a number of ways you can let us know – you only need to communicate using ONE of these:

• Telephone the school on 49693111
• Email the school (admin@mackcentss.eq.edu.au),
• Speak to a staff member (office or class teacher),
• Send a note with your child on the day they return

Student absences can also be advised in advance where known (eg. medical appointments, holidays). We will follow up any student absences without a reason. You will get a call from the school requiring an explanation for your child’s absence if we have not been supplied with a reason. Thank you for assistance.

Sports Day

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th June. Students will begin practicing their athletics this Friday and will continue every Friday up until the carnival. We ask that students be in their house colours. Wattle – Yellow, Hibiscus – Red, Orchid- Blue for these practices. It is essential that students have a hat at school for this practice.
ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

ANZAC DAY PARADE

ICT LEVY
Each year we ask that parents contribute a modest fee of $20 per student to cover the cost of 2 important programs that assist student reading and mathematics skills.

The Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs are individualised for every student and can be accessed at home as well as at school.

We ask that if you haven’t already done so, please bring the levy to school as soon as possible so that we can ensure every child has access to these important programs.

Students will be invoiced in Term 2 for outstanding fees.

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.

APRIL
◆ Sophia Decano
◆ Teisha Pope
◆ Izekial Bickey
◆ Breath Canete
◆ Rebecca Daniel
◆ Kidson Kusu
◆ Catherine Doyle
◆ Raven Wayne Bunao
◆ Arya Patel
◆ Oran Quagliata
◆ Neah Garciano
◆ Skye Miller
◆ Janella Caldo
◆ Charlie Douglas
◆ Malakai Pai
◆ Leah Whale
◆ Kayna Wright
◆ Emily Hearne
◆ Marisse Javier
◆ Felicity Miller

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 23/03/2015
PREP: Mac Jiro Cheng
You are super-duper at hearing and making up rhyming words! Well done.

YEAR 1/2: Alexa Formeloza
Wow Alexa! What a fantastic week you have had! Keep up the great work :)
YEAR 2: James Wylie-Polson
For trying hard to participate in tasks. Well done James!
YEAR 3/4: Janella Caldo
I am so proud of the way you are a kind friend and helper towards your class mates! Well done Janella!

YEAR 5: Novella Koch
I'm impressed by your dedication and effort! Well done!

YEAR 6: Sujal Patel
Well done on your hugely improved diary last week. Keep it up!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 30/03/2015
PREP: Amelia Tetley
You are an enthusiastic learner and a great role model for the other students.

YEAR 1/2: Arriana Peepe
Yippee! What a super hard worker you are! I am very proud of your efforts. Keep it up!

YEAR 2: Jakobi Holt
For trying very hard in writing a detailed recipe. Well done!

YEAR 3/4: Jaymi Wanstall
I am so proud of your excellent reading during WAVE! Keep trying your best Jaymi!

YEAR 4: Chavarna Ellul
Always working to the best of her ability and being courteous to others.

YEAR 5: Roxanne Dela Torre
You are a sensational worker! How lucky we are to have you in our class!

YEAR 6: Tihema Goodwin
Tihema always has a smile on her face and is ready to learn.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 27/04/2015
PREP: Yuan Ruska
Yuan is an attentive listener who always tries to do his best.

YEAR 1/2: Tahana Peepe
Tahana you are AMAZING! I am very proud of the effort you are putting into your spelling :)
YEAR 2: Georgina Whitehouse
For writing clear sentences about a traditional and non-traditional princess for homework.

Well done Georgina!
YEAR 3/4: Jhoana Nicdao
Congratulations on outstanding success in learning your times table! Excellent work Jhoana!

YEAR 4: Eli Quagliata
Eli has shown an improved attitude towards completing his work. Good on you Eli!

YEAR 5: Joseph Penola
I love your enthusiasm and big smile. You brighten our class!

YEAR 6: Corey Nixon
Congratulations on a positive start to Term 2. Keep it up!!

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st of May 2015 at 7:00pm. We are trialing a night meeting so we hope to see more of you there. 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.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Due to a lot of tickets not being sold and coming back, for Mother’s day we have sent home a note for you to mark whether you would like to receive Raffle tickets. Please return them ASAP as we only have limited tickets, and we will be selling them at Nick’s IGA on Bridge road over the weekend. Thank you for everyone for your support. The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th May. Thank you to Tina and her team at Hair Asylum on Victoria Street, for their donation of 1st prize.
**MOTHERS DAY STALL**
Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Friday 8th May from 9am, there are lots of lovely gift items for mum and Nana’s. Nothing is over $5 and we have things for as little as 20c.

**Did you know that most School Tuckshop’s are funded by the School P&C Association?**

Yes, your P&C fund the Tuckshop, without funds, our tuckshop would cease to exist. We pay wages, insurances, superannuation as well as the daily tuckshop expenses.

**We are calling on you all to help! Teachers, parents and students alike.** Due to losing a whole grade of students our Tuckshop has suffered. We are calling on everyone to please try and support our tuckshop a little more. We are currently looking at other menu options, chosen by our students. Please bear with us as this Term we are going to trial a few things, to work out our best options where the Tuckshop is concerned. If sales don’t improve this Term, we may have to look at more permanent changes. We understand that times are tough for many families, and this is your own choice, however, we need to do what is right for our P&C, as some of our fundraising profits, go back into the Tuckshop to allow it to keep running instead of back into the school community where it should be going. So please keep this in mind, and we do hope that you will all start and continue to support us.

**STUDENT BANKING**

**This year’s theme is outerspace…..**

Students are to drop their deposit books and money into Miss Debbie in the office, between Monday and Thursday Morning. 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. Reward counts continue from last year, so if you were up to 9 deposits then your first deposit this year will earn you a 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. We encourage you to join our page, as it is here you will get lots of important information that’s happening at our school. Search **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.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
As from Monday 4th May 2015 there are changes to the menu price list. Please get a new menu from the tuckshop.

Tuckshop Convenor
Lyn

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**LET’S READ PRE-PREP PROGRAM**
Promoting reading with children
This program helps with:
- Listening
- Following instructions
- Taking turns
- Social skills
- A love for books and reading
- Join fun activities
- Develop ‘fine motor skills’

Come and join the fun at Mackay Central State School on Thursday the 30th April 2015 and every Thursday during the school term
For children 0-5 years
Time: 9:00am 10:00am
Where: Central School Library
For more information please contact Marlene at Shakespeare Child and Family Centre on Ph. 49 577 222
Or Email on: marlenes@georgestreetnc.org.au