Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 6

NAPLAN Thanks
With the year 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing complete for another year, I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped ensure that our students achieved the very best that they could.

In particular, a very special thanks must go to Mrs Stevenson for her efforts in organizing the wonderful BBQ breakfasts that were available each morning of the testing. As well as a very special treat, the breakfasts ensured that our students were at their best. Thanks must also go to Helen Richter who assisted with the cooking and preparation each morning and also to Mrs Hatfield for her beautiful poached eggs.

We would also like to acknowledge our local IGA for their wonderful support and sponsorship of our NAPLAN breakfasts. IGA supplied all of the bacon, eggs and fruit that made the mornings a great success.

Athletics Carnival
Our students continue to prepare for our annual athletics carnival which is to be held on Tuesday 9th June. Students are being prepared during their PE lessons as well as at whole-school practices every Friday afternoon. We ask that students be in their house colours on Fridays and that hats be at school every day.

School Disco
We will be holding a whole-school disco at school on Friday 19th June. Our student council will be preparing a theme for the disco and more information will be coming home in coming weeks. The disco will run from 5.30pm until 7pm and food and drinks will be available for pre order before the night. Please look out for further disco information as we get closer to the date.

Influenza (flu) season
Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health’s influenza page, [www.qld.gov.au/flu](http://www.qld.gov.au/flu), covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment. Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.
THE BEAUTY & THE BEAST

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.

CHAPPY CHAT
The past week has been chaplaincy week. This is a week of making people more aware of chaplains & their roles in school plus letting your chappy know they are loved. Today I want you to be more aware of cultures within in our community. Being part of many cultures can get complicated at times. Children may find there are differences in values and expectations. Sometimes there might be difficult choices. When different sets of expectations don’t match, it can make it hard for children to feel like they belong. When cultural differences are respected and a sense of belonging develops, there are many benefits to mental health and wellbeing for children, families and schools. By working together, schools and families can help children from all cultural backgrounds to understand, respect and appreciate diversity in others. Helping children to understand difference encourages them to feel good about themselves, understand where they fit in the world, and appreciate diversity in others. When adults behave in ways that are open and accepting it can help to teach children to respect diversity and embrace individual differences. Everybody needs to feel accepted, respected and included. Feeling welcome and at home in both cultures is very important for positive mental health and wellbeing. Australia is home to people from many different cultural backgrounds. Creating a positive sense of community for everyone involves learning to understand and appreciate others’ values, experiences and beliefs so that together we can build a caring and accepting society that supports mental health and wellbeing.

Parenting is rarely easy. Being a parent in a new country has added challenges. Just as it can be difficult for children to learn to be part of two cultures, learning to parent ‘between’ cultures can be stressful for families too. Being open to adapt your parenting to suit your child’s individual needs, and your own, can be beneficial for all families.

What can you do as a parent/carer?
Tell your children stories to help them to develop a strong cultural identity and share a sense of pride in your culture. Talk to children about the Australian cultural values you appreciate. This will help them see how they can be part of both cultures.
Seek support and advice from people you trust. Talking with relatives and friends who understand your values can help you think through the different problems you might face as a parent.
You can contact your child’s school if you have any questions about your child or their
education. Schools welcome questions from parents and carers. 
Take an active interest in activities at your child’s school. Get to know your child’s teacher and look for ways to get involved at school, for example, by helping in the classroom or by joining parent working groups.
If children complain of being teased or bullied, be sure to tell your child’s teacher so the school can take action to stop it.
Have a great week!
See you around the school. ☺
Chappy Cam

MAY
◆ Jah-marie Bickey
◆ Michelle Phiri
◆ Amos Grigg
◆ Judah McKenzie-Savage
◆ Billie-Jade Douglas
◆ Elijah Graffini
◆ Chloe Pope
◆ Jayme Timbol
◆ Jaymi Wanstall
◆ Denise Cotter
◆ Sam Gegremosa
◆ Izza Rohail
◆ Hayley Morris
◆ Laurence Cuasay
◆ Alex Cuthbert
◆ Nathan Morris

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 18/05/2015
PREP: Kharyll Cabesas
Kharyll is a good listener and she works well in class. Keep up the good work!
PREP: Salena Ellis
Salena has been a kind and caring classmate. Well done, Salena!
YEAR 1/2: Rebecca Daniel
Rebecca what a wonderful member of our class you are :) You are ALWAYS doing your BEST!
YEAR 2: Chloe Salazar
For picking up papers without being asked.
YEAR 3/4: Sybrain Sevalla
Congratulations on an outstanding effort in Narrative writing! Excellent complication idea!
YEAR 4: Louise Nicholls
Working to the best of her ability all the time.
YEAR 5: John Nicdao
You are a math’s champion! I love your enthusiasm and drive to succeed!
YEAR 6: Marisse Javier
Marisse has lovely manners and always has a smile in her voice when saying good morning each day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 25/05/2015
PREP: Eddie Whitehouse
What a super sentence maker you are! Keep up the great work!
YEAR 1/2: Adeeba Shaakira
Adeeba what a wonderful student you are :) We are so very lucky to have in our classroom.
YEAR 2: Marsha Elpa
For beginning to independently participate in class discussions!
YEAR 3/4: Arya Patel
Fantastic effort in planning and writing your Narrative. Well done!
YEAR 4: Pannau Anau
Great efforts in everything she has done in the last week and coming to school on time.
YEAR 5: Martchie Clemente
You are a cleaning and organising whiz! We would be lost without you!
YEAR 6: Sofia Bulaong
Sofia is always well organised and ready to learn.

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th of June 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 colour-in ect. I encourage you to attend our meeting with any ideas you have, every idea is considered.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Congratulations to our winners 1st Prize Gail Ross, 2nd Prize Chloe Salazar, 3rd Prize Tammy Lando. We hope they all enjoy their prizes.
Thank you for your support.

SPORTS DAY STALL
On Sports Day, the P&C will be holding a stall, we will have, tea, coffee and Milo for sale, as well as soup and plates of Morning tea. We will also be selling Pom Poms, and doing
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 bare 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 your 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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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