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

What a wonderful start to the new semester we have had! Our students have come back refreshed and eager to learn and have already been treated to a fantastic learning experience at last week’s Whitsunday Voices excursion. It has been wonderful to hear the excitement and enjoyment that the students have taken from meeting with world-class authors and story-tellers.

In other exciting news for our school, the preliminary results from the 2015 NAPLAN tests have arrived and it is indicating that Mackay Central has achieved exceptionally strong results that are in line with other state and national schools and have gained the highest results ever for our school. These results are the fruits of hard work from students and teachers and consistent best practice occurring every day throughout the whole school. Official student results and reports will be issued later in term 3.

Parent Opinion Surveys
It is very important that we get as many responses to our parent opinion surveys. Information regarding the survey was sent home late last term which can be completed online with a special code. If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until 31 July 2015. This is your opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

If you haven’t received any survey access details yet, please contact us on telephone 07 49693111 or email the.principal@mackcentss.eq.edu.au.

If you require the use of a computer to complete your survey, please feel free to ask to use a computer at school and we will ensure your access to the survey.
**Get Started**

*Get Started* is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. *Get Started* assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or recreation club.

**Important dates**

The following dates apply for round 4 and 5 of the program.

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**What funding is available?**

A maximum of $150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees.

**Who can apply?**

Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children or young people identified by two

For more information please contact the school.

**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. 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* have been sent home with students.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Miss Debbie on telephone 07 4969 3111.

**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.

**JULY**

- Rain Axcel Bunao
- Raykwan Morseu
- Alyssa Benson
- Lovely Callos
- Latissa Hamilton
- Imaya Mohotti
- Rhianna Mestidio
- Josiah Da Silva
- Chloe Salazar
- Bianca Wheatley
- Janah Dela Cruz
- Summa Garner
- Isabella Quagliata
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 22/06/2015
PREP: Lovely Callos
Lovely is becoming more confident and participating more in lessons. Well done!

YEAR 2: Catherine Doyle
For trying really hard with her written homework. A great effort!

YEAR 2: Andrei Jayma
For working really hard upon returning to school. A sensational effort!

YEAR 4: Izza Rohail
"Striving to Excel" in the face of adversity.

YEAR 5: Novella Koch
You are a good friend and support others with enthusiasm! It's a pleasure to have you in our class.

YEAR 6: Tim Ritter
Tim has shown great improvements in his diary writing this semester. Keep it up!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 20/07/2015
PREP: Imaya Mohotti
Imaya is a wonderful student who always works to the best of her ability.

YEAR 1/2: Judah McKenzie-Savage
Wow Judah! What a super 'Brain Day' you had! Keep up the great work!

YEAR 2: Josiah Da Silva
Thank you, Josiah, for eagerly sharing the snake skin with the class to enhance our discussion on snakes.

YEAR 3/4: Janella Caldo
Outstanding achievement in Reading Comprehension during reading groups! Well done Janella!

YEAR 4: Summa Garner
Always organising bins at the beginning of and the end of lunch.

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Your behaviour and manners at Whitsunday Voices were impressive! I was very proud of you.

YEAR 6: Alex Cuthbert
Alex has made a great start to Term 3. Keep it up!!

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd of July 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.

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.

**FATHERS DAY RAFFLE**
This week you should receive a note asking if you would like Father’s Day Raffle tickets to sell. Please circle whether you wish to receive raffle tickets or not. If you wish to receive tickets, they will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your support.

**PIZZA LUNCH**
In about 3 weeks we will be holding a fundraiser, Pizza Lunch. The Pizza’s will be purchased from Pizza hut. This will be held on a Monday, a letter with order form will be going home shortly.

**SCHOOL FAIR FOR 2016**
We are currently in the planning stages of organising a School Fair for the middle of next year, as this is still under planning, we would love some of your ideas. If you have any ideas, please attend a monthly Meeting specifically for the Fair (this will be held on a Monday afternoon). Otherwise you can pass your ideas onto a P&C Member.

**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.

**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

**DATE CLAIMER**
Mackay SHS Arts Faculty invites you to join us in a celebration of the fantastic outcomes of our Visual Art, Film, Drama & Music Programs.

**ARTS UNDER THE STARS: ADRIFT**
Where: Mackay State High School
When: 6:00pm – 9:00pm Friday 21st August 2015

For more information please contact
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Or Phone 4957 9123