Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 4

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but …

In recent times we have noted a lot of students arriving at school significantly after the normal starting time. I have spoken with all students regarding the need to be at school on time and that every minute of learning time is precious for them.

I would like to remind everyone that bells ring at 8.50am for school to start and it is vitally important that students are here.

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NAPLAN Reports
Years 3 and 5 students will be receiving their reports on their NAPLAN testing today. We are very proud of the achievements of the students and the efforts of their teachers to ensure their success. I look forward to sharing the whole school data with you as it comes to hand.

If you would like any further information on your child’s NAPLAN results, please come and see us at school and we will be happy to take you through the results.

Mackay District Athletics
Congratulations to Dan Asuncion on his outstanding achievement at last week’s Mackay District Athletics carnival. Dan blitzed the field in both 100m and 200m events. Dan is now part of the Mackay team to compete in Rockhampton at the Capricornia Athletics trials.
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.

AUGUST
◆ Altamash Alam
◆ Salena Ellis
◆ Marika McBrown
◆ Adeeba Shaakira
◆ Kingston Grigg
◆ Xavier Whitehouse
◆ Della Richter
◆ Corry Cook
◆ Benica Solicar
◆ Russell Deveraux

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 27/07/2015
PREP: Rain Axcel Bunao
Well done for working harder and completing all tasks this week!

PREP: Emil Hembra
What a great worker you have been! Keep trying hard.

YEAR 1/2: Rebecca Daniel
Thank you Rebecca for being a wonderful member of our classroom. I am very lucky to have you as a student. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 2: Jakobi Holt
For using LEM Phonics in his reading to sound out words. Well done!

YEAR 3/4: Raven Wayne Bunao
I am so proud of you! We like the way you care for others’ and always use kind words!

YEAR 4: Summa Garner
Working to the best of her ability in all areas!

YEAR 5: Andrei Mariano
Your lovely greetings always put a smile on my face and make my day special. Thank you!

YEAR 6: Russell Bellear
Russell has made a fantastic start to his learning this semester. Keep it up!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 03/08/2015
PREP: Sophia Decano
Thank you for being a happy, kind, hard-working student, Sophia.

YEAR 1: Izekial Bickey
What a SUPER DOOPER Reader you have been all week! Keep up the great work Izekial!

YEAR 2: Justine De Guzman
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.

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YEAR 2: Aizhel Gatchalian
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.

YEAR 2: Elijah Graffini
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.

YEAR 2: Kingston Grigg
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.

YEAR 2: Jayden Samson
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.

YEAR 2: Chad Stone
For consistently being prompt and punctual to class this term.
YEAR 3/4: Madison Hearne
I am so proud of your Super Reading! Excellent work Super Reader!

YEAR 4: Alexander Wright
Always doing his best in all school activities.

YEAR 5: Cory Samson
Great work with LEM phonics!

YEAR 6: Dan Kevin Asuncion
Congratulations on your success at Mackay and District Sports!!

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 17th August, 2015 at 9:30am. 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 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.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE
You should have already received your notes asking if you wish to receive Raffle tickets. Please return them ASAP, so we can start selling. Thank you for your support.

PIZZA LUNCH
In about 3 weeks we will be holding a fundraiser, Pizza Lunch. The Pizzas 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.
**Woolworths Earn & Learn:**

Woolworths Earn and Learn is starting on Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths, you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker and you need to put them on a sticker sheet. There are Sticker Sheets available from the office or at any Woolworths. There is also a box at the tuckshop (Tuesday-Friday) and at Woolworths Mt Pleasant and Canelands to put your completed sticker sheets in. When the program ends, the school then hands in the sheets and is redeemed for education resources. It’s easy to earn valuable resources for our school so please start collecting your stickers today.

Don’t forget to let family members to collect for our school.

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**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

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**Date Claimer**

**Animating Spaces Mackay UP**

Up River Twilight Lantern Parade, Saturday 29th of August, Arrive 5.30 pm for a 6.10 pm Start.

This term Year 5 & 6 students have been working with local artists to create beautiful individual and giant lanterns for the Animating Spaces Up River Lantern Parade. Participating students and an accompanying parent/guardian are to arrive at 5.30 pm at Caneland Park (near the Bluewater Lagoon) and assemble in their allocated school area. All battery operated candles will be fitted into lanterns on arrival and the parade will start just after sunset at 6.10 pm making its way along the Pioneer Promenade to Forgan Bridge Park. (Please note: toilet facilities are not available in Caneland Park but will be available at the end of the parade on River Street, within the ‘Twilight City Street Party’ site. There are also toilets located in Caneland Shopping Centre.) Spectators will be able to watch the parade arrive in Forgan Bridge park (near the ‘YUWI’ artwork) and also along the road entrances to the Promenade along River Street. This is a great opportunity to showcase our school to the wider community so please come along and support the event.

The event is part of Animating Spaces Mackay UP! A joint venture between the Mackay Regional Council and Artslink Qld. The event is also part of the Mackay Regional Council ‘Twilight City Street Party’ event and following the parade there will be a full program of free family entertainment. A full program of entertainment and site map will be provided to participating students prior to the event. For more information visit: [www.mackay.qld.gov.au/mackayup](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/mackayup)