Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 6

Millard Fuller, the founder and former president of Habitat for Humanity International wisely stated that for a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other. Last week was particularly difficult for the students and staff of our school due to the passing of Jean Mateo. Fuller’s words prove the health of our school community and I would like to thank everyone for the way that they have supported Jean’s family and for the support and well-wishes that have been received at school. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Mateo family.

Queensland Road Safety Week

This week is Queensland Road Safety Week and we are encouraging students and parents to take particular notice of all aspects of road safety around our schools. The official launch of the campaign will be held on the front lawns of the school at 8.30am this Thursday and everyone is welcome to attend.

A new pedestrian safety campaign – ‘Hold My Hand: Let’s Go Places’ – will be launched at our school on the day and the ‘Safety Circus’ will be in action to entertain us … So, come along and join in the fun! As part of the fun and to add some colour and fun to the event, students are encouraged to wear “crazy socks” to show their support for the School Crossing Supervisors (Lollipops) that help keep their school zones safe.

NAPLAN Results

We are very proud of the achievements of our years 3 & 5 students in this year’s NAPLAN testing. Our students have ranked in line with the nation in all areas and our year 3 students have outperformed the nation in their writing skills.

These results have come about due to a lot of hard work and persistence on behalf of students and teachers and we look forward to continuing the success of MCSS for years to come.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

At last count we have had only 20 responses for our year 5 & 6 camp to Action Challenge in October. We will need at least 30 students to attend to make the camp go ahead. Last week we sent home a reminder to those students who had not responded. Could these responses please be returned to school before the end of this week so that a final decision can be made as to whether the camp will go ahead.

LEM Phonics

Did you know ‘sc’ is only a phogram if e, i or y follow it? Eg science, scenery, scythe

In any other position the c would have to say its first sound eg scallop, scatter
I enjoyed Matsuura Day because we played fun sports, spoke to each other about what we liked and we also had lunch together. We also spoke about Australian animals. I enjoyed when we were playing cricket and t-ball because they’re good players. We also iced some lamingtons, painted wooden boomerangs. We made origami and constructed kokeshi doll bookmark. The sad part is when we had to say goodbye, but we did have lots of fun. I loved Matsuura Day!

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 10/08/2015
PREP: Raykwan Morseu
You have made improvements in both your work and behaviour. Keep up the good work.

YEAR 1/2: Amos Grigg
Amos you really are a ‘Super Dooper’ speller. Thank you for always listening carefully :)

YEAR 2: Kidson Kusu
For the super effort that you always put into your school work!

YEAR 3/4: Jaymee Timbol
A fantastic effort in Maths money activities! Well done Jaymee!

YEAR 4: Eli Quagliata
Improved efforts in written work.

YEAR 5: Martchie Clemente
You were a sensational host during the Matsuura visit!

YEAR 6: Ivan Belarmino
Good listening skills shown in class. Well done!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 17/08/2015
PREP: Essyvera Andal
Essy writes neatly and has been making great progress with learning her sounds.

YEAR 1/2: Isaiah Bell
Wow Isaiah I am very impressed with the way you have worked in the classroom this week.

YEAR 2: Jakobi Holt
Excellent attitude towards Reading!

YEAR 3/4: Neah Garciano
WOW! Your art work is outstanding Neah!

YEAR 4: Sophie Dunn
Sophie has settled in to our school. She will be an asset to our school.

YEAR 5: Joseph Penola
You wrote a wonderful thank you letter. Thank you!

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 14th September, 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 Tuckshops 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. Raffle tickets are available from the tuckshop and we still have lots of tickets to sell so please head to the tuckshop to collect your tickets. Thank you for your support.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
Next Monday, you will receive an order form for our sausage sizzle and can of drink. We will be holding this on Monday 31st August, 1st break. Sausages in bread will be $2 each and a can of soft drink will be $2. So please look for this note in your student’s bag.

**5c CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER**
Starting Monday 24th August, we are challenging all the classes to collect as many 5c pieces as they can. There will be jars in each classroom for your child to donate their 5c pieces. The class with the most raised will win a prize. The final count will be made on Friday 30th October. So you have a little over 2 months to collect. This will be explained a little more to students next Monday on parade. We thank you for your support.

**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.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**
Once again Woolworths are running their Earn and Learn Program. If you shop at Woolworths for the next 6 weeks or so, for every $10 you spend you earn a sticker, you can also earn bonus stickers by buying different specials each week. You can return your stickers on or off a sticker sheet, in the Earn & Learn box outside the tuckshop Tuesday – Friday. Please help us collect stickers, the more we have the more items we can get for our school. Thank you for your support.

**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
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

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES
The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who may be eligible?
To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE
Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of the school bus.
There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.
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