WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CENTRAL!

SEPTEMBER
Monday 7th
P&C MEETING
@9.30AM

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th
PRIMARY CAMP
EAGLE - YEAR 6

Thursday 17th
INCENTIVE DAY

Friday 18th
LAST DAY OF TERM3

OCTOBER
Monday 5th
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 6th
SCHOOL RESUMES
TERM4

Monday 19th
PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Parents/Carers,
Principal’s report – Week 8

Twilight Festival
Congratulations to everyone who was involved in last weekend’s Twilight Festival. The event was a colourful celebration made all the more spectacular by the work of our students who constructed the giant fish and their lanterns. Thanks to all staff, students and parents who made the time to show off the skills of our students and school community.

School Camp
We have had just over 20 students from years 5 & 6 indicate that they will be attending this year’s school camp to Action Challenge. The camp will go ahead with these numbers and more information will arrive home early in term 4 regarding requirements and arrangements.

Chicken Pox
Two of our students have recently been diagnosed with chicken pox. While both students had been previously immunised and only received mild symptoms, we ask that parents be on the lookout for anything that may resemble chicken pox.

Chicken pox is easily spread by having either direct contact with an infected person or from fluid droplets in the air when an infected person coughs. Fever and rash are the most common symptoms and persons are infectious to others from 1-2 days before the rash first appears until the last blisters have dried up.

The Infectious Disease Register advice is to exclude children suffering from chicken pox from school until fully recovered or at least 5 days after the eruption first appears.

Have you read to your child last night?
Did you listen to your child read this week? Did you ask your child what they were reading about? Some of our students are simply not getting enough reading practice. To be successful, every child needs to spend at least 10 mins each evening practicing the skill of reading.

Reading to your child
Particularly important from age 0 -10

Reading with your child.
Sit with your child and take turns reading or listen to your child read and help them “sound out” difficult words (Particularly important from age 4 -12)

Reading by your child.
Your child reads on their own (either in their head or out loud). When they have finished reading, ask your child to “retell” what they have just read. Ask questions about characters, setting etc. (Particularly important from age 8 -18) Reading with your child not only helps them to learn to read but it helps build a connection between you and your child.
TWILIGHT LANTERN PARADE

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.

SEPTEMBER
◆ Amelia Ttetley
◆ Jayden Samson
◆ Michelle Butt
◆ Rafael Decano
◆ John Santiago
◆ Chavarna Ellul
◆ John Nicdao

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 24/08/2015
PREP: Jhamaine Nicholls
Jhamaine has been working hard and has made improvements in his writing. Well done!

YEAR 1/2: Rhianna Mestidio
Rhianna, what a fabulous 'Brain Day' you had! Keep up the great work!

YEAR 3/4: Sybrain Sevalla
Fantastic story writing Sybrain! I always look forward to reading your stories.

YEAR 4: Alexander Wright
Continues to work to the best of his ability ALWAYS.

YEAR 5: Meg Dimaandal
You are such a well mannered and diligent student! You are an absolute pleasure to teach.

YEAR 6: Pushti Shah
Pushti shows great enthusiasm towards her learning. She is a great example for others to follow.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 31/08/2015
PREP: Latissa Hamilton
Latissa has been a good helper and has been trying harder with her class work.

YEAR 1/2: Kendal Quinn
Welcome to our classroom! What a fantastic student you are! :)

YEAR 2: Aizy Gatchalian
For your responsible attitude towards your school work!

YEAR 2: Andrei Jayma
For your cheerful personality in class!

YEAR 2: Amber Lafu
For your cheerful, happy attitude in class!

YEAR 3/4: Allanah Belonio
Keep up the outstanding work in reading and comprehension! Well done!

YEAR 4: Jacob Looman
Great effort in trying to complete work.

YEAR 5: Juliana Delmo
Heel and toe, heel and toe! Congratulations on your fabulous bush dancing!

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Heel and toe, heel and toe! Congratulations on your fabulous bush dancing!

YEAR 6: Alex Cuthbert
Alex has improved his diary writing immensely! Keep it up!!
**P&C NEWS**

**P&C MEETING**
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 7th 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 Tuckshop’s are funded by the School P&C Association?**
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**
You should have already received your notes asking if you wish to receive raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are available from the tuckshop, we still have lots of tickets to sell so please head to the tuckshop to collect your tickets. Raffle tickets are due back this Friday 4th August, and will be drawn around 9:30am. Thank you for your support.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
Yesterday, we had our Sausage sizzle, the students loved it. Thank you all for your support. We raised over $300, that will be going back into the school.

**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. Some classes have nearly filled their containers already, and are onto their 2nd container. Well done to everyone. We thank you for your support.

**PIE DRIVE**
We will be running a Pie Drive over the school holidays. Students should receive their order forms by the end of next week, so they can start collecting orders. They will be due back on Friday 16th October this will give students a little over 4 weeks to collect orders and money. Thank you.

**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

ADHD RESEARCH INFORMATION
An international research team, including researchers from The University of Queensland and Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital, is undertaking a study to look at the effectiveness of Melatonin in helping children who have a diagnosis of ADHD, are currently treated with stimulant medication, and are experiencing sleep difficulties, particularly getting to sleep.

This study is designed in a way that it can help provide information for individuals, and also group information. This information will be useful in determining if melatonin has a significant effect on sleep for your child. Every child will receive both melatonin and placebo (identical dummy tablets) so that we can compare their response to melatonin with their response to the dummy tablet, and decide if melatonin works for them or not. It is not the usual trial where some people get active and some people get dummy tablets. This is an individual medication effectiveness test, where each child and family and their doctor will get a report at the end of the trial about whether melatonin works for them. Results from this study can be given to your doctor to help in treatment planning for your child.

Here are two links that give further information about the study.


You can access further information via the website http://mbs.uq.edu.au/mynap-study or you can contact our team directly on 07 3381 1597 or via mynap@uq.edu.au.

Kind regards
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