Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 10

Unbelievably it is the end of term 3 and a great time to celebrate what has been an extremely successful term for our school and our students. Academically we have seen Mackay Central students competing with and beating national averages in NAPLAN for the first time. This achievement cannot be overstated and comes down to excellent teaching and strong focus on providing a positive learning culture for all students. We would also like to congratulate all of the students who have participated in the University of New South Wales competitions that are designed to test students on their extensions skills in reading, writing, mathematics and spelling. Congratulations to 2 of our students, Benica Solicar and John Nicdao who recently were awarded Distinctions for their writing work with another 5 receiving Credits.

Adopt-A-Cop Ceremony

This week also saw the formal adoption of Constable Clinton Skillington as our school’s Adopt-a Cop. Clinton has been a regular member of our school community for a number of years and has been a great supporter, helper and advocate of our community in that time. It was a pleasure to have Acting Inspector Emma Novosel and Senior Sergeant Jeremy Novosel at the ceremony to officially adopt Clinton into our school.

Incentive Day

Today we also have over 95% of our students involved in our Incentive Day activities at the beach. This is an excellent indication of the excellent levels of respect and behaviour that are making our school such a wonderful place to be. Congratulations to all of our students who achieved their Incentive Day goals.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Last week information was sent home to all year 5 & 6 students and parents who had expressed interest in attending our year 5/6 camp to Action Challenge in week 4 of next term. The camp promises to be a wonderful experience for students. For any students who would still like to attend camp but have not yet expressed an interest, please let us know as soon as possible.

For all students who have received the information packs, we have asked that all payments be finalised by no later than Monday 18th October.

Sun Safety

Our school is a sun safe school and we have a rule that all students must be wearing a BROAD BRIMMED HAT, preferably a school hat at any time away from their classroom. We also have a ‘no hat, no play’ philosophy and policy. From the beginning of Term 4 this means for students that exact message - ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY.’

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2016?

Our school wants to ensure your child and family enjoy a warm welcome to our community and a positive start to school. A successful transition to school is more than a great first day. It is your child feeling welcome, safe and confident in their new school environment. Please contact us to discuss how we can support your child’s transition to school.
Up River Lantern Parade
By Meg Francine Dimaandal
On Saturday 29th of August a lantern parade was held. We walked from Caneland Park to the Forgan Smith Bridge while carrying our own lanterns. We also saw the beautiful lorikeets hanging up in an alley in Wood St. Furthermore, at the end of the night we also heard the great crackling fireworks in the sky.

Up River Lantern Parade
On Saturday 29th of August, there was a Twilight City Festival with an Up River Parade. The school participated in this event by the help of Wanda Bennett, Pam and Year 5 and 6. Saturday night was FANTASTIC! My favourite part of the whole parade was the fireworks. Mackay Central School really stood out!
Emily Jade Hearne

Up River Lantern Parade
On Saturday evening, the year 5 and 6’s participated on the ‘Up River Lantern Parade!’ It was so much fun. We saw other schools as well, with their wonderful lanterns too! We walked all the way from the Blue Water Lagoon to Forgan Smith Bridge. This is one of the days I will never forget!

By: John Nicdao

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 Tetley
◆ Jayden Samson
◆ Michelle Butt
◆ Rafael Decano
◆ John Santiago
◆ Chavarna Ellul
◆ John Nicdao

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 07/09/2015
PREP: Alyssa Benson
Alyssa is a hard worker and has been reading well.

YEAR 1/2: Kaiden Astridge
What a ‘space fact wizard’ you are! Thank you for sharing your love of space with me :)

YEAR 2: Gina Whitehouse
For constantly trying to improve her sentence writing.

YEAR 3/4: Chloe Pope
WOW! I am so proud of your outstanding story writing Chloe!

YEAR 4: Rafael Decano
Rafael has shown some very important improvements because of his consistent hard work.

YEAR 5: William Lunar
You are a quiet worker with a positive attitude. We are lucky to have you in our class!

YEAR 6: Weverton Delbone
Showing great improvements in his school work!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 14/09/2015
PREP: Raykwan Morseu
You have been a great helper and have had good behaviour. Keep it up!

YEAR 1/2: Adeeba Shaakira
Wow! What a ‘Super Dooper’ Oral Presentation you did! It was simple amazing :)

YEAR 2: Justine De Guzman
For asking questions to clarify your understanding. Well done!

YEAR 3/4: Jaylm Peepe
A fantastic effort in writing your story about overcoming a fear. Well done Jaylm!

YEAR 4: James Attard
Improved behaviour throughout the term.

YEAR 5: Lain Hansen
Watch out Mr Malone, Lain is the up and coming computer teacher! Great work Lain!

YEAR 6: Kaiky Zabini
Great effort and illustration of his letter to the future!!

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 12th October, 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 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**

Congratulations to our lucky winners: 1st Prize B. Chapman, 2nd Prize Michelle Butt, 3rd Prize Col Benson. We hope you all enjoy your prizes. Thank you for your support.

**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**

Pie Drive order forms went home last week. The pies will be purchased from Bushman’s Bakery. Money and orders are due back no later than Friday 16th October, with delivery on Monday 2nd November. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND RAFFLE**

As the final term of 2015 is fast approaching so is our annual Christmas Carols. At our October meeting we will be making some final decisions. We have decided to have a Mega Christmas raffle. We hope to have at least 10 prizes. We would like to say thank you to those businesses who have donated so far, Harrup Park Country Club, Mackay Reef Fish Supplies, & Femnasium. If you own or know someone that owns a business that may wish to donate please feel free to contact Cassie Stone on 0438111940.

We would also like your ideas as to what stalls or activities you’d like to see at our Carols. If you have any ideas you can hand them into the office.

**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**

Woolworths Earn and Learn has now officially finished. If you have any stickers still lying around in your wallets or at home, please return them no later than Thursday, for counting.

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

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