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

Message to Mackay Central State School Community,
From week 2, I will be taking leave for the remainder of the year. Over the holidays I was diagnosed with breast cancer and so I will now be commencing the treatment to recover from it. This has been a great shock and I am sad that I won’t be able to teach year 6 for the remainder of the year. I thank you in advance for your kind thoughts and well wishes. I hope to be able to pop in as often as possible to keep in touch with everything that is happening in our great school.

Much love
Mrs Wendy Baynton

Staffing Changes
It was with great sadness last week that we farewelled Mrs Wendy Baynton for an extended period of time. Wendy has taken extended leave to undergo treatment for breast cancer. She has received tremendous support from our school community and has a wonderful group of friends and colleagues to support her during this time. On behalf of the Mackay Central community, we wish Wendy the speediest of recoveries and look forward to her returning to us. For the next 2 weeks, Ms Janine Bella will be teaching our year 6 class. At the beginning of week 4, Mr Greg Kliese will take over the year 6 role and will remain there for the remainder of the semester.

In other sad news for our school, Mrs Kylie Hatfield has been successful in receiving a transfer to Brisbane as of 2016. Kylie has been an important part of our school community for many years and we wish her and her family the very best as they embark on the next phase in their lives.

We are blessed that Janine Bella will take the position of year 5 teacher as of 2016. Janine is an experienced teacher who has a passion for our Mackay Central students and will ensure the continued success of our year 5 students.

2016 Classes
Mrs Cheryl Burns will teach our prep on a full time basis as of the start of next year. Mrs Cassie Harding has agreed to take the position of Literacy Support Teacher and will be working throughout the school to assist teachers to deliver quality literacy programs.

Due to class numbers, there will be a need for a multi age (composite) year 4 & 5 class in 2016. Mr Greg Born will be teaching that class and parents of year 5 students going into that class will be informed before the end of the term.

Year 5 & 6 Camp
Our year 5 & 6 camp to Action Challenge is quickly coming around. I would like to remind parents who expressed an interest that full payment is made no later than Monday 18th October. Further information and reminders regarding the camp will come home next week but we would like to remind parents that students are being dropped to and picked up from camp by parents, except where car-pooling arrangements have been made. For any parent in a car pooling arrangement, it is imperative that the driver have comprehensive insurance.

Queensland Athletics – Free Dress Day
Good luck to our school captain, Dan Asuncion who travels to Townsville this weekend to compete at the Queensland Primary Athletics Carnival. This is an extraordinary achievement and also a very expensive one. For that reason we are having a FREE DRESS DAY this Friday with the aim of raising some money to assist Dan and his family.

Students are requested to bring a gold coin donation on Friday if they are in free dress.
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.

OCTOBER
◆ Miguel Cheng
◆ Benji Javier
◆ Alexa Formeloza
◆ Justine De Guzman
◆ Andrei Jayma
◆ Chad Stone
◆ Jaimie Stevenson
◆ William Lunar
◆ Kristine Ganalon

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 12/10/2015
PREP: Indiana Lampton
Indiana has settled into our classroom very well.

YEAR 1/2: Breath Canete
Always ready to listen and learn!

YEAR 1/2: Reyshan Dela Cruz
Always ready to listen and learn!

YEAR 2: Andrei Jayma
For your participation in lessons and always trying your best!

YEAR 3/4: Chloe Pope
An excellent effort in publishing your story book and drawing images with outstanding facial expression and body gestures!

YEAR 4: Patrick Real
Attentively paying attention in class and picking up on Mr Born's mistakes.

YEAR 5: Anuksha Everest
Thank you for your fantastic peer tutoring!

YEAR 5: John Laurence Nicdao
Thank you for your fantastic peer tutoring!

YEAR 5: Chonteal Stone
Thank you for your fantastic peer tutoring!

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 9th November, 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS MEETING
On Monday 26th October, at 9:00am we will be holding a meeting to finalise our plans for Christmas Carols. If you have any ideas please attend this meeting.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TREASURER POSITION FOR 2016
Due to other commitments our current Treasurer Charmaine, has decided as of the end of this year, she will be stepping down. We would like to thank her for her dedication to this position over the last several years. If you would be interested in joining our team, and are excellent with budgeting please see one of our members or leave your details at the office to be forwarded on to the executive. Thank you.

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.

FREE DRESS DAY
On Friday 16th October, we would like to hold a Free Dress Day to raise some funds to help Dan in Grade 6, for his trip to Townsville this weekend to compete in the State Athletics Trials. For a gold coin Donation, students can come dressed in their favourite sporting team colours. Please remember to be sun safe, no singlets and wear enclosed shoes. 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
The pies will be purchased from Bushman’s Bakery. Money and Orders are due back no later than this Friday 16th October, with Delivery on Monday 2nd November. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND RAFFLE
Our Christmas Carols are fast approaching. We have decided to have a Mega Christmas Raffle and 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.

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.
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

The Mackay West Rotary Club Annual Christmas Fair is on Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st October at Col Story Rotary Park, the City Gates starting at 6 pm.
This is the first Fair of the Christmas season and a fun night out for the whole family.
The Club has been running the Christmas Fair for over 37 years.
Attractions include Ham Wheel (full size hams), Meat Tray Wheel, Cent Sale, Pick of the Shelf, Bottle stall, Lucky Dip and lots more.
The kids will love the merry-go-round, steam train ride, jumping castle, animal petting farm, giant slide and face painting.
Santa will give away a bike each night to some lucky child. Entry forms available at the Fair or in The Daily Mercury on Friday and Saturday of the Fair.
Food and drinks available and a Cake Stall as well. The Mercy College Band will perform on Friday night and The Mackay City Band on Saturday night.

Rotary is a community service organisation and all proceeds go to local charities.
Rotarians work on a voluntary basis. This is the largest fund raising event for the Rotary Club.
Come and join the festivities and support your local community by supporting the Christmas Fair.
See you there.

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.

Foster CARER could you be one?
Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform
Chances of Christ Care Pathways support their careers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.
Contact us for a foster care information pack.
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