Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal's report – Week 5

School Camp
What a wonderful time our year 5 & 6 students had at Action Challenge last week. All of the students faced challenges and fears as they took part in ropes courses, team building exercises and fun problem-solving activities.

It was an absolute pleasure to join the students on camp and they represented our school magnificently. I would like to thank Mr Kleise and Chappy Cam for their hard work and the enjoyment that they gave to the students on camp. I look forward to planning for a similar camping adventure in 2016.

School Sport
Our school captain, Dan Asuncion recently travelled to Townsville to compete at the Queensland Athletics Trials in the 100 & 200 metre events. It is an amazing achievement to just make it to this level. Dan has surpassed all expectations by coming 4th in his heats in both events and making the semi-finals which is an incredible result for him. On behalf of Mackay Central, I congratulate Dan on his wonderful achievement and commitment to his sport and schooling.

Bravehearts Visit
Next Wednesday we will be visited by representatives from Bravehearts to discuss personal safety for children. All students will be attending the visit which will take place in our school hall at 2.15pm on the 11th November. Parents are most welcome to join us for the session and extra information on the session has been included with the newsletter.

P&C Family Photo Fundraiser
Our P&C has organised a wonderful opportunity to not only raise much-needed funds for the school but also an excellent Pre-Christmas photo opportunity for families. A flier has been included with the newsletter and I encourage everyone to share the information with family and friends and to take up the offer wherever possible.

School Disco
We will be having our term 4 school disco next Friday 13th November from 5.30pm until 7.45pm. Being Friday 13th, children can dress up in a ‘Spooky’ theme. All students are welcome to attend but we do ask that only MCSS students attend.

Information regarding food and drink orders will be coming home by the end of the week.
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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 26/10/2015
PREP: Jhamaine Nicholls
Jhamaine has been trying hard to be a better learner by listening carefully and avoiding being distracted by others.

YEAR 1/2: Noah Namok
I am very proud of your efforts in the classroom Noah. You are setting a great example for everyone in the classroom to follow :)

YEAR 2: The Whole Class
Josiah Da Silva, Justine De Guzman, Catherine Doyle, Marsha Elpa, Aizy Gatchalian, Elijah Graffini, Kingston Grigg, Jakobi Holt, Andrei Jayma, Kidson Kusu, Amber Lafa, Chloe Salazar, Jayden Samson, Chad Stone, Bianca Wheatley, Gina Whitehouse & Xavier Whitehouse
For your wonderful performance in the Choral Speaking at the Mackay Eisteddfod!

YEAR 3/4: The Whole Class
Dillon Adams, Allanah Belonio, Raven Wayne Bunao, Michelle Butt, Janella Caldo, Denise Cotter, Hao Dong, Alex Doyle, Neah Garciano, Neysban Hall, Madison Hearne, Skye Miller, Jhoana Nicdao, Arya Patel, Jaylm Peepe, Chloe Pope, Oran Quagliata, Della Richter, Sybrain Sevalla, Jaymee Timbol, Lockie Turner & Jaymi Wanstall
I am so proud of your outstanding performance in the Choral Speaking at the Mackay Eisteddfod!

YEAR 4: Charlie Douglas
Showing great participation in class.

YEAR 5: Novella Koch
Fantastic effort with your school work!

YEAR 6: Marisse Javier
For being a responsible and active participant in all class activities. Congratulations on your positive attitude.

NOVEMBER
◆ Jhoana Nicdao
◆ Patrick Real
◆ Sophie Dunn
◆ Katherine Ganalon
◆ Ethan Douglas
◆ Jaziah Plant
◆ Corey Nixon
◆ Jayden Querro-Namok
◆ Eden Grigg

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 19/10/2015
YEAR 2: Jakobi Holt
For the effort that he puts into reading each week.

YEAR 3/4: Neyshan Hall
I am so proud of your published story with outstanding illustrations!

YEAR 4: Sam Gegremosa
Being very helpful when another teacher took the class.

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YEAR 5: Joseph Penola
I love the way you are always trying your best and using your initiative.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 02/11/2015
PREP: Kerry Anau
What a great improvement you have made in reading. Well done!

YEAR 1/2: Billie-Jade Douglas
Thank you for always doing your BEST! Mrs Lando is very lucky to have you as a student :)

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YEAR 2: Aizy Gatchalian
Always picking up papers without being asked!

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YEAR 3/4: Hao Dong
Keep up the inquisitive question's Hao as they help all of Year 3/4 learn!

YEAR 4: Chavarna Ellul
Always working to the best of her ability.

YEAR 5: Novella Koch
Thank you for painting my portrait. I felt very special at the art show!

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.

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.

5c CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER
This week is your last chance 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
Thank you to those families that collected Pie Orders. Pies should be available for collection next Monday 2nd November, a letter will go home Friday to those families with orders. Thank you for your support.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND RAFFLE**
Our Christmas Carols are fast approaching. 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.

**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.

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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

Thank you to students and parents for supporting our 2015 Book Fair Fundraiser. We reached our sale target of 100 books sold and commission earned from these sales totalled $654 value in purchases for the school library.

Congratulations to the First Place winners of the Book Fair Colouring Competition:
Prep  Megan Daniel-Anau
Year 1  Izekial Bickey
Year 2  Amber Lafu
Year 3  Denise Cotter
Year 5  Roxanne Dela Torre
Year 6  Kaiky Zabini, Russell Bellear & Alex Cuthbert