Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 7

I would like to extend warm thanks to everyone who joined us for our ‘Spooky Disco’ last Friday night. It was lovely to enjoy an evening of fun, dancing and games and we had a large number of students attend from all ages. It was wonderful to see the effort that the students went to in dressing up and adding to the fun. I would like to thank everyone who helped organise the disco, including student councillors, staff and parents. Without their help, the disco could not go ahead as successfully as it did.

Swimming Lessons

Our annual swimming lessons have begun smoothly and will continue this term. New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

The Queensland Government has announced a new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year that will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become a flexible professional development day for staff.

Advancing Education Forum

Next Monday, our school will play host to the Director General of Education, Dr Jim Watten and Minister for Education Kate Jones as they continue their tour of the consultation period on the Advancing Education Action Plan. Forums are being conducted around the state to discuss the Plan and invite feedback on how to proceed with it. The forum will be held in the hall from 7am to 8.30am.

QParents

In coming months we will be rolling out the QParents application for Mackay Central parents. QParents has been created by the Department of Education and Training to provide parents of Queensland state school students with secure online access to their child’s information.

QParents allows you to securely access information about your child and to communicate directly with your child’s school. QParents provides secure, online access to student information such as:

- Attendance details
- Timetables
- Invoices
- Payment history
- Behaviour
- Report cards
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You are also able to update your child’s details including address and medical conditions, submit reasons for unexplained absences and make online payments against school invoices.

More information will be sent home as we get closer to the roll out of the application.

QParents

In the meantime, should you wish to contact the school about your child, please telephone the school on 07 4967 0811.

Best Regards,

[Signature]

Principal

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Chappy Chat
It is easy to be critical of our kids, especially when we are busy or distracted. Be aware, though, that constant criticism can undermine children’s initiative, self-confidence and sense of purpose, and can encourage them to become defiant or resentful. Criticism should be vastly outweighed by praise in communicating with your children (that is not just vocalised criticism but also non-verbal cues such as folded arms, frowns, or leaving the room) – try a ratio of at least 5 praises to 1 criticism. Praise all aspects of your children’s lives – e.g. how they behave, how they approach issues and decisions they make. The praise must be genuine – kids will see through empty comments.

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.

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 09/11/2015
PREP: Teisha Pope
Wow! You are amazing at remembering LEMphonics rules!

YEAR 1/2: Kaiyana Pai
Kaiyana what a wonderful student you are! You are always trying and doing your best :)

YEAR 2: Elijah Graffini
For solving playground problems maturely.

YEAR 3/4: Jaymee Timbol
An excellent start to your Poetry writing! Well done Jaymee!

YEAR 4: Leah Whale
Always having a smiling face.

YEAR 5: Emily Hearne
I love your thinking during science lessons!

YEAR 6: Corey Nixon
For an improvement in behaviour and attitude to classwork.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 16/11/2015
PREP: Megan Daniel-Anau
Megan, you are a wonderful student and a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work!

YEAR 1/2: Sunny Harris
Welcome to our school :) I am very proud of the way you have been working in our class. Good girl.

YEAR 2: Xavier Whitehouse
For always trying your hardest to improve your work.

YEAR 3/4: Arya Patel
For your helpfulness, enthusiasm and hard work when Mrs Doyle came to visit!

YEAR 3/4: Oran Quagliata
For your helpfulness, enthusiasm and hard work when Mrs Doyle came to visit!

YEAR 4: Sean Munokoa
Always trying his best and showing improvements all the time.

YEAR 5: William Lunar
You are a fabulous student, always organising yourself and working to the best of your ability! Well done.
**P&C NEWS**

**P&C MEETING**
Our next Meeting will be held on Monday 7th December, 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 23rd November 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.

**5c CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER**
This week we will be collecting the 5c challenge tins. Congratulations to all classes a lot of you have filled or close to filled your tins. Winning class will be announced next Monday on Parade. Well done to everyone. We thank you for your support.

**FREE DRESS DAY**
This Friday 20th November, we are having a Free Dress Day, Christmas themed. For a gold coin donation students can come dressed in their favourite Christmas costume, or wear Christmas colours (Green, Red, White, Silver, Gold). Please remember to be sunsafe, and no singlets, and wear closed in shoes. Thank you for your support.

**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.

Raffle prizes include: 1st Prize State of Origin Supporter pack for Adult and child. 2nd Femnasium 1 month full access pass valued at $199. 3rd Prize Scotch Gift pack valued at $50.
4th to 10th prizes are Hampers (adult colouring, Toys, crafts, nibbles, for her, for him) and vouchers donated by Harrup Park and Mackay Reef Fish Supplies.
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 outer space…..
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.

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

LET'S READ!