Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal’s report – Week 9

We are all very excited at the prospect of a busy and fun 2 weeks to end the school year. I reminded all students on parade that we have done an exceptional job in 2015 to ensure that our attendance levels have remained high and that EVERY DAY COUNTS. Students will be learning all the way up to Friday 11th December (with a lot of fun and excitement mixed in) and the expectation is that students are at school unless they have a valid reason for being absent. As this is our final newsletter for the year I would very much like to thank our whole school community for what has been a wonderful 2015. In every way Mackay Central has showcased itself as being a high-performing school community that is achieving great results for students in a safe and supportive environment.

The end of the year will also be tinged with sadness as we farewell Mrs Kylie Hatfield who will leave us to begin the next phase of life at Manly State School in Brisbane. Kylie has been at Mackay Central for 10 years and has been a key part of the success and growth of our school. Kylie’s genuine love for her role and the students that she teaches is on show every day. We know that Kylie will always be part of the Mackay Central family and we all wish her and her family the very best as they begin the next exciting stage of their lives.

Christmas Carols

We are very much looking forward to tomorrow evening’s Christmas Carols event which will begin on the front lawns at 5.15pm. Information was sent home with students yesterday outlining what is available and when. I would very much like to thank our parent body and P&C who have worked very hard to ensure our night is a success.

Awards Night & Year 6 Graduation

Next Tuesday night will see our Awards Night and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony held here at school from 5.30pm. The evening is for all students and parents and students will be made aware before the evening if they are receiving an award. All students are welcome to the evening. Following our awards evening, our year 6 students will be heading to their graduation dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel. I remind parents of year 6 students that there is no cost for students but all other guests are required to pay $25 for the buffet dinner (babies and toddlers no cost).

2016 Staffing Arrangements

Teaching staff for 2016 has been arranged and students will be informed of their class teacher shortly.

- Prep Mrs Cheryl Burns
- Year 1/2 Mrs Tammy Lando
- Year 2 Mrs Tina Connors
- Year 3 Mrs Wendy Stevenson
- Year 4/5 Mr Greg Born
- Year 5 Miss Janine Bella
- Year 6 Mr Greg Kliese (Mrs Wendy Baynton on leave)

Support Teacher Mrs Cassie Harding

Thanks again to everyone who has made 2015 such a successful and rewarding year. I wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas!
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.

DECEMBER
◆ Ali Shukaib
◆ Yvonnie Solis
◆ CJ Decano
◆ Dustin Santiago
◆ Kylie Broderick
◆ Jakobi Holt
◆ Allanah Belonio
◆ Troy Bentley
◆ La-Verne Bellear
◆ Juliana Delmo
◆ Ivan Belarmino
◆ Sofia Bulaong
◆ Lauren Salazar

JANUARY
◆ Emil Hembra
◆ Mikaylah Black
◆ Leana Cuasay
◆ Nailah Garciano
◆ Arriana Peepe
◆ Tahana Peepe
◆ Aizy Gatchalian
◆ Kaiyana Pai
◆ Hao Dong
◆ Sybrain Sevalla
◆ Jacob Looman
◆ Sean Munokoa
◆ Alexander Wright
◆ Pannau Anau
◆ Katy Chiu
◆ Andrei Mariano

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 23/11/2015
YEAR 1/2: Billie-Jade Douglas
I have been very impressed with the way you are working in the classroom. You are setting a wonderful example for others to follow :)
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I have been very impressed with the way you are working in the classroom. You are setting a wonderful example for others to follow :)
YEAR 3/4: Chloe Pope
For hard work and supporting your peers' when they need a helping hand. Well done Chloe!
YEAR 4: Lindsay Pangilinan
Always doing her best in all activities with a smiling face.
YEAR 5: Ceah Attard
You are a fantastic Central student! I love the way you welcomed and cared our new class member.
YEAR 5: Ethan Douglas
You are a fantastic Central student! I love the way you welcomed and cared our new class member.
YEAR 6: Eden Grigg
For successfully completing all assessment tasks and demonstrating great organisational skills.
YEAR 6: Pushti Shah
For demonstrating persistence to improve the quality of all set tasks.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK BEGINNING 30/11/2015
PREP: Lance Valle
Lance always completes work to the best of his ability and is a wonderful role model to his classmates.
YEAR 1/2: Kylie Broderick
Wow! What a fantastic Brain Day you had! Your results were AMAZING :) 
YEAR 1/2: Breath Canete
Wow! What a fantastic Brain Day you had! Your results were AMAZING :)
YEAR 1/2: Reyshan Dela Cruz
Wow! What a fantastic Brain Day you had! Your results were AMAZING :) 
YEAR 3/4: Maria Mitchell
YEAR 4: Janah Dela Cruz
Always showing a mature attitude towards everything.
YEAR 5: Joshua Bustillo
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Martchie Clemente
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Anuksha Everest
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Emily Hearne
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Novella Koch
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Joseph Penola
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

YEAR 5: Cory Samson
Thanks for putting on your Rock 'n' Roll feet.
You look fabulous!

**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.

**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**
Last week we counted each class’s tin. Well done to every class. As every class had more than 5cent pieces we had 2 winners. The highest fundraising class was Year 5 with $193.50 raised, 2nd Place went to Year 2 with $111.90 and 3rd Place was Year 3/4 with $98.90. The most 5 cent pieces winner was Year 3/4 with 1284 5 cent pieces, 2nd was Year 6 with 1283 5 cent pieces and 3rd place was Year 5 with 1046 5 cent pieces. Each of these classes received a certificate and the 2 winning classes will receive a sausage sizzle lunch next Monday. Well done to everyone. We thank you for your support.

**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.
Raffle prizes include: 1st Prize State of Origin Supporter pack for Adult and child. 2nd Prize 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. There will not be any stalls this year as we are concentrating on Food and Raffles.

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.

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

Mackay Sewing Centre
Cnr Juliet & Evan St South Mackay
Phone: 49 57 7706

To whom it may concern,
It’s Rebecca here, the new owner of Mackay sewing centre,

We are now offering Kids learn to sew classes
Our first school holiday kids class is on Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st January from 9.00am – 11.00am. The kids will be making a bag. We supply the sewing machines (Unless they have their own, which we do encourage).we also supply all their fabric to make the bag. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Class cost is $55.00 for the 2 days.

We will be starting a series of kids classes either on a Monday afternoon from 3.30pm – 5pm or a Saturday morning from 10.30 – 12pm running weekly in a 6 block course. We take all kids from age 8 up. We will supply the sewing machines and all the materials for class, all they need to do is come along! Starting Monday 15th February from 3.30pm or Saturday 20th February from 10.30am – 12pm. Class cost is $180.00 for the set of 6 classes including all fabrics and use of a sewing machine. Bookings are essential.

Please note that all our staff have up to date Blue cards.