Acting Principal's Message
On behalf of all teachers here at Bucasia I'd like to thank you, the parent body of the school, for your expressions of thanks and support provided last week on World Teachers Day. My observations are that your teachers are a very dedicated and professional group of people who, with the support of their aides and administrative staff, are doing an excellent job of preparing your children both for the years of schooling ahead, and for their citizenship roles beyond the school gates.

T for Teamwork is the STAR letter for this week, and this is a vital component in making any school successful in its endeavours. Bucasia's school motto 'Oceans of Success' could not be achieved without all stakeholders, ie; teachers, ancillary staff, and parents, working cooperatively for the good of the organisation and the best outcomes and opportunities for the students..... your students.

Thank you for your contributions towards making Bucasia State School a successful school..... a great school!!!!

Changes to this Thursday's regular routine
As a follow up to the notice sent home on Monday please be aware of the following:-
Count Us In is all about celebrating the value of music education to students' development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers – and often parents – from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.
This year Bucasia State School will take part for the first time. This is on tomorrow, Thursday 31st October, at 11.30am Qld time.
Parade will not happen tomorrow morning at the usual time. First lunch will be earlier than usual, from 10.30am until 11.10am, and then all students will gather at the hall. We will sing and dance together at 11.30, and then our regular parade activities will follow. Parents are encouraged to attend.
Students are invited to come in costume and bring a donation. The money raised will help fund the purchase of ukuleles for the music department next year.
Choir Success
Our choir performed very well indeed at the Eisteddfod last week with the junior choir awarded Bronze, and the whole school choir achieving Silver. What terrific achievements!! Congratulations to all members, and to their teacher Jenny Elliott, on a job well done!
I look forward to hearing these choirs in action tomorrow at our special parade time for the ‘Count Us In’ session.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
Our STAR letter for this week is T for Teamwork – being fair and cooperative.
As mentioned in my principal’s message, I believe this to be the key to a successful school from an adult/organisational perspective, and this also extends to the children in the school.
The old acrostic...
T - Together
E - Each
A - Achieves
M - More
remains just as important today as ever with students often required to work in groups and pairs for much of their school work. Groups like Opti-Minds, choirs and sporting teams also depend on each member pulling their weight in a co-operative manner.

Swimming
The Pioneer Pool staff were very co-operative in addressing my suggestions for improvements to the existing arrangements for Friday lessons. With the cooperation of our staff as well, I am now satisfied that these lessons are providing maximum benefits in a safe environment.

Howard Frost, Acting Principal

P&C Notices

The next P & C Meeting will be held Wednesday, 13th November 2013 in Library at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Tuckshop
Marika will be unavailable for work next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to personal reasons. If anyone is available on any of these days to assist Carol in the Tuckshop please let Marika or myself know ASAP, otherwise we may need to close the tuckshop on those days. Help is only required from 9am till 11.30am on those days.

Tuckshop Appreciation Day
This Friday is Tuckshop Appreciation Day, and I would like to invite everyone to thank Marika Kerr for her wonderful job she does as our Tuckshop Convenor and all our volunteers who provide our students with yummy lunches. Whether you have helped only once or every week – it is greatly appreciated. So thank-you to the following mothers (and Grandmothers): Sala Ripley, Carol Jeffels, Kerry Happgood-Strickland, Nikki Fry, Maria Potou, Megan Mills, Stacey Robertson, Sarah Medwell-Everett, Sally McGlashan, Annette Phillips, Shelley Statham, Charleen Caglaba. If I have omitted anyone I apologise.

World Teachers Day
To all the parents who supplied lunch for our awesome teachers on World Teachers Day last Thursday, thank-you very much. I am sure they felt the love.

Seniors Barbeque
Tomorrow, Thursday 31st October, the senior students will be holding a sausage sizzle to help raise more funds for their graduation. Orders needed to be by today (Wednesday) but if you have forgotten and you ask us nicely before school starts I am sure we can accommodate your order – if you do not have the order form just write it on paper with child name, class and number ordered. The cost is $1 per sausage, and is for a good cause. Please note there will be no brown paper bag ordering of hot food on Thursday – Tuckshop will only be open at lunchtime for the serving of drinks and snacks.

Preprep Playdate
Yesterday we had a playdate with some of our 2014 prep students. Everyone had a wonderful time and the feedback from the parents was we have a wonderful school here – so you should all be very proud. The next playdate is scheduled for November 26th so if you have a child destined for prep next year please contact the office to reserve your place. Also thanks to the mums who supplied morning tea for the children and parents.

Barbeques coming up
Please keep the following days free and help out where you can. Only an hour of your weekend requested as these are all day events.
- Saturday 16th November - Caltex Rural View - Sausage sizzle, car window washing and raffles. All proceeds go to the school.
- Saturday 30th November - Bunnings Warehouse - Sausage sizzle. Proceeds go to air-conditioning our school tuckshop.
As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Inserts
- Back our Chappies – Statement of Support (return to the office).
- Positions Vacant Flyer – for Mackay Northern Beaches SHS.

Pre-Prep Program 2013

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2014 Prep child to orientate them to our wonderful school.

Ready for Prep Play Dates:
- Tuesday 26th November

Pre-prep Orientation Classroom Visits:
- Monday 25th November 9.30am-11.30am
- Tuesday 26th November 9.30am – 11.30am
You can register for any of the above at the school office. Please pass this information on to anyone that you know that may have a child starting Prep next year.

Student of the Week – 24th October

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

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For using all your reading strategies in Mrs Clarke’s Reading Groups.
For being a consistent, dedicated hard worker.
For outstanding improvement in writing. You are a star!
For fighting up our classroom with your bright personality.
For continuing to practise his sight words and showing a huge improvement.
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<th>Yr 2L</th>
<th>Jake</th>
<th>For working amazingly with their partner during maths. Well done.</th>
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<td>Miss Lorenz</td>
<td>Dylan</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3P</td>
<td>Aiden</td>
<td>For trying his best and finishing his work in class.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Peltonen</td>
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<td>Yr 3O</td>
<td>Charli</td>
<td>For being an excellent role model and great class member.</td>
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<td>Yr 3S</td>
<td>Molly</td>
<td>For being a caring class mate. Your dedication to making the thousand paper cranes was amazing!</td>
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<td>Yr 4M</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>For settling into his new classroom with ease.</td>
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<td>Miss Armstrong &amp;</td>
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<td>Mrs Wicks</td>
<td>Oliver</td>
<td>For having an excellent start to the term and being an awesome learner.</td>
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<td>Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Katie</td>
<td>For always completing homework to a high standard. Well done!</td>
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<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Reilly</td>
<td>For always helping to set up for parade.</td>
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<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Nathaniel</td>
<td>For excellent cooperation and participation in our music lesson this week.</td>
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<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>Ava</td>
<td>For excellent listening, trying 100% and being a great helper.</td>
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**Sausage Sizzle at Caltex Starmart Rural View**

The Caltex Starmart at Rural View is having a fundraiser sausage sizzle, windscreen washing and raffles on Saturday 16th November. All money raised will be donated back to Bucasia State School. Please come along to support the day.

Thank you, Leah.

**Positions Vacant**

Mackay Northern Beaches Senior High School has positions vacant for 2014. One is a Schools Officer: Grounds and Facilities, and the other a Science Operations Officer. A Position Description and further details are available on the school's website [www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au); Facebook; phoning the school on 49421333 or details provided in the flyer included in today's newsletter.

**Community Notices**

Salvation Army Christmas Cheer
With Christmas fast approaching The Mackay Salvation Army has already begun collecting food and gifts for the many families in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember we accept all non-perishable food, no alcohol or chocolate, and all food must be in date. Lots of people give toys but please don't forget that these families need food as well. These donations can be dropped off at 48 Gregory Street. The smallest donation can mean so much to someone who really needs it. For more details please phone our office on (07) 4957 3576.