NEWSLETTER NO.4 – 18th February 2015

School wide Positive Behaviour Support
At Bucasia State School, staff and children are held to a high standard of behaviour. To assist students to achieve the beautiful behaviour they do have at this school, teacher actively teach the behaviours that should occur for a safe and enjoyable environment. Our school wide positive behaviour is based on STAR – safety, teamwork, attitude and respect. Each week the focus lesson/behaviour for the week will be published in the newsletter and introduced on parade. Teachers will then work with children on this concept. The focus for this week Attitude – High Five. This is the strategy teachers actively teach within the school so students learn to resolve playground issues easily, effectively and appropriately. I have included the poster for your reference:

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Road Safety – A message from a parent in the community:

A couple of times last year and just last week I noticed how dangerously some Bucasia kids travel the Waverley / Downie corner. Instead of getting up on the grass as they approach the corner, they are right in the corner on the road. Cars turning left there could easily take someone out, especially a careless driver hugging the corner.

I saw a child last week successfully and purposefully ‘slide out’ his green machine (not sure of its true name) as he went round the corner there. The kids are unaware of how vulnerable they are standing or riding right in the corner of a road. It only takes one distracted driver.

Vocabulary
One of the major predictors of success (adult employment and relationships) is the amount of words/vocabulary children and adults have to express themselves. A good vocabulary will enable children to have their needs met by expressing themselves better and more explicitly. Teachers at Bucasia actively teach vocabulary and encourage children to attempt to say and spell great words. One great site for learning new words is: http://www.wordthink.com/
My word of the week is

Canard
Canard n. A false or unfounded rumour or story. “The tabloid included some of Hollywood’s oldest canards.”

Facebook
Thank you to our techno savvy new deputy, Mr Neisler who has researched Education Queensland protocols and procedures and has organised Bucasia State School’s Facebook page. This page will not replace the website or Qschools— it is an additional communication device so you, the parent/caregiver are able to access school information. There is a link to our school website. You are able to comment and we invite you to like the page so the information goes into your newsfeed.

Please feel free to comment in person or on the page. If you have a complaint, the process is that you initiate contact with the person involved. Social media is not the forum for personal complaints. Later this year, Qparents is another app that will feature in our school’s communication devices. With this you will be able to access your child’s information regarding— attendance, academic achievement, behaviour awards and financial status. You will only be able to access your child’s information should you download the app. I will publish when this becomes available.

Have a great Week
Belinda Eckford

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers
Do you have three hours to spare — whether once a week, once a month or once a term, we want to hear from you! Our Tuckshop is now calling for volunteers to help out, so if you are available please see Marika in the tuckshop. And yes the tuckshop is air-conditioned for your comfort 😊.

P&C Notices

AGM and general meeting
Our first meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 25th February at 6.30pm in school library.
General meeting will follow at 7pm. All parents, carers and teachers are invited to attend. If you have a special interest in our school and would like to be part of our committee, whether in a formal capacity as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or as a committee member, please come along.
All positions will be vacant at the meeting and we are always looking for new members

Meet and Greet
A meet and greet will be held at school for all parents and carers, new and returning, TOMORROW Thursday 19th February at 9am, in the undercover area, straight after parade. Please bring a plate of food to share. This is a great place to meet other parents of the school and learn more of the roles of the P & C. Small children also welcome with accompanying parents.

School Uniforms Needed
Our stocks of second hand uniforms are just about depleted, if you have any that you wish to donate could you please send them to the 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. 2014 P & C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

From the Office

Life Education
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from March 19th – March 25th. All students from Prep – Year 6 are invited to attend with the cost being $6 per child. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. The Life Education Flyer with this newsletter outlines what each year level will be covering in their session.
Please return the permission form and money to the office by Friday the 13th of March.

Freaky Friday for Fridges
The student council is organising a free dress day on the 13th of March. Wear a freaky outfit to school and bring a gold coin donation to raise money to buy new classroom fridges.

School Captain badge Ceremony
The School Captain Badge Ceremony will be happening on Thursday March 12th at 8:50 as part of parade. This will then be followed by morning tea for school captains and their parents.

Students of the Week

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Prep C
Mrs Clarke
Outstanding work in English this week. YOU ROCK!
Maya

Prep M
Mrs McAuley
For recognising all the letters and the sounds they make.
Angel

1Z
Miss Zaghoress
For always being an active class member and trying her best!
Caprie

1W
Mrs Wilson
For excellent contributions to class discussions.
Jedd

1/2S
Miss Swettenham
For fantastic spelling results and her efforts in writing every day.
Molly

2BG
Mrs Berts & Ms Goodes
For consistently being an extraordinary worker all day, every day!
Blake

2K
Ms Kirkpatrick
For always trying his best and having a positive attitude towards learning.
Taj

3AM
Mrs Aldridge & Ms McLean
For a positive attitude and working very hard.
Alex

3P
Mrs Pettonen
For having such a positive attitude towards learning.
Rhys

For being a S.T.A.R. student.
Tylee

4A
Miss Armstrong
For working conscientiously and consistently. Fantastic effort!
Bailey

4B
Mr Brandon
For displaying excellence in her schoolwork and classroom attitude, well done.
Sally

5S
Mrs Stoney
For always trying really hard every day.
Michael

5O
Mr O'Hara
For being a fantastic and happy class member.
Montana

6M
Mrs Miller
For always following the school STAR rules! You are a fabulous role model!
Finn

6S
Mr Stafford
For always being ready to work.
Tahlia

PE
MR Hamilton-Smith
For fantastic work in P.E.
4B

Music
Ms Elliot
For awesome work in music.
4A

Service opening hours: Before School: 6:30am – 8:50am, After School: 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Vacation Care 6:30am – 6:00pm

We currently have vacancies for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care. For more information, enrolments and bookings contact Amy on 0427 007 113.

Existing and New enrolments are welcome. To attend the Helping Hands Vacation Care program your child must be enrolled (free).

For all bookings, enrolments & enquiries phone Amy Heath on 0427 007 113

Community

Northern Beaches Community Network
Northern Beaches Community Network meets bi-monthly to discuss all aspects of your Northern Beaches community.
Next meeting scheduled for the 1st April 6-7:30pm
If you are community minded and interested in being part of this community focused group please feel free to contact Cara Gjuzi for further details on 4961 9655

Tennis Lessons at your school
Mr Harris will be conducting tennis lessons starting the third and sixth of February. Tennis money is to be handed to Mr Harris at the start of the first tennis lesson. Prep, 1 & 2: Tuesday Morning 7:45am – 8:45am
3, 4, 5 & 6: Friday Morning 7:45am – 8:45am
Contact Alan Harris on 04 0329 0444

Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club SIGN ON
'Come and Try Day' on the field at Mackay Norths Leagues Club on 28/2/14 (10am-2pm). Trish Tait.

North Mackay Little Athletics
Ages 3 – 16yrs Track & Field
Sign On Day
Sunday, 1st March. 9-12pm
Pioneer State High School – On the Oval
Come and join the family fun & fitness where your personal best comes first!
Find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/northmackaylittleathletics

*For more details call us on 0428 213 293
MIFNQ invites carers, families and friends of people with a mental illness to the "Assisting Families" workshops. This FREE program will provide education around mental illness, diagnosis, treatment and strategies to assist the family. The weekly workshops run over three months. Attend only the sessions that are relevant to you. Please contact us for details.

Comminging: Tuesday 10th of March 2015
Time: 5.30pm-9.00pm (Light dinner provided)
Where: MIFNQ 14-16 Wood St Mackay
RSVP Essential for numbers:
Sheree Hollywood or Deb Parker
P: 4951 2973
M: 0408 007 324
E: shollywood@mfnq.org.au

Please RSVP by Wed. 5/03/15.

Helping Hands Before and After School Care
Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child’s “home away from home”
Helping Hands Bucasia provides quality childcare for school aged children. Located on school site guarantees safety and convenience for children and their families. We offer a pick-up and delivery service to Prep and Year One classrooms so you have peace of mind that your little ones are safe at all times. Our qualified staff ensure your children are fully supervised at all times.