

NEWSLETTER NO.5 –25th February 2015

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Cyclone Marcia

Thankfully this did not hit our school, and I for one am extremely grateful it missed Mackay altogether. Thank you to everyone who had the Qschools app as I was able to send out the notification regarding the school being open. This creates a lot of clarity for everyone and now I know that if we do indeed have an emergency, I am able to send out reliable, up to date information quickly to everyone. Currently we have 320 users of Qschools and I am confident that most parents now use the app. Please spread the news to partners, grandparents, anyone who has a part in your child/ren's life and they too are able to access news.

Student Resource Fee

Thank you to parents who have paid the student resource fee. This enables us to purchase resources for your child to use both at school and at home. Raz Kids & Mathletics are two computer programs that can be used at home to support student learning and logons/passwords will be supplied when the levy is paid. If you are having difficulty paying the fee, please see the ladies at admin and they will be happy to organise a payment plan.

Qparents

Our school is certainly embracing the cyber environment in an effort to provide you, our clients with the best options in communication. The Qparents app will become available in term 2 (at this stage) and will enable parents to access information about their child/ren only

From the Principal cont.../.

Information that is available includes: attendance, enrolment, behaviour, academic report cards, timetables and financial information. As the time for 'going live' comes closer, more information will be available. The entire school community will be able to have input about what information they would like to see available from the options in the app. This will be via P & C and information meetings. In the meantime, if you are interested in availing yourself of this wonderful opportunity, could you please ensure your email address is current at Admin? The invitations to participate will be emailed initially.

Schoolwide 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:

Ignore	Speak nicely: Stop I don't like that
Walk away	Speak firmly: STOP I DON'T L
Report	Doing the HIGH 5

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:

Machinate

Machinate v. Engage in plots and intrigues; scheming. "To machinate the overthrow of the government."

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 TONIGHT 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.

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.

Resource Fees

Resource fees are now due. Please hand them in to the office as soon as possible.

Students of the Week

Prep B Mrs Becker	For always participating in every classroom activity like a superstar.	Amy
Prep C Mrs Clarke	For being an enthusiastic class member. We love your happy approach to all tasks.	Alex
Prep M Mrs McAuley	For always trying your hardest	Jack

1Z Miss Zaghoreos	For being a superstar learner and always trying his best!	Troy
1W Mrs Wilson	For being an excellent class helper	Mackenzie
1/2S Miss Swettenham	For always putting in 100% effort in all areas of school.	Salvino
2BG Mrs Berts & Ms Goodes	For being a "MATH WIZARD"	Sam
2K Ms Kirkpatrick	For always contributing to classroom discussions and having a go	Ellie
3AM Mrs Aldridge & Ms McLean	For great effort with her book work.	Emily
3P Mrs Peltonen	For being extremely helpful towards his class mates.	Macen
4A Miss Armstrong	For being an encouraging team member. You brighten everyone's week.	Emiley
4B Mr Brandon	For excellence in her school work and classroom attitude.	Sally
5S Mrs Stoneys	For always following instructions and staying on task all the time	Bella
5O Mr O'Hara	For your fantastic help with fellow classmates. It is really appreciated.	Holly & Lara
6M Mrs Miller	For beautiful bookwork! Your work is always a pleasure to mark!	Mercedes
6S Mr Stafford	For working well in class.	Daffa.
PE MR Hamilton-Smith	For working extremely hard in P.E.	2K
Music Ms Elliot	For excellent singing and awesome Ukulele playing.	1/2S

Year 3 Safety Circus

Yesterday the year 3 students enjoyed a performance by the Safety Circus. This initiative between the QLD police and CQU seeks to educate students about safety around the home, on the street, and while riding bikes.

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.

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 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!

MIFNQ Workshops

MIFNQ invites carers, families and friends of people with a mental illness to the FREE "Assisting Families" workshops please contact us for details.

Commencing: Tuesday 10th of March 2015

Time: 5.30pm–9.00pm (Light dinner provided)

Where: MIFNQ 14-16 Wood St Mackay

Sheree Hollywood or Deb Parker

P: 4951 2973

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E: shollywood@mifnq.org.au

Please RSVP by Wed. 5/03/15.

Take a Child Fishing Day

Mackay Recreational Fishers Alliance Inc. in partnership with Tackle World Mackay will be conducting its 16th Annual FREE to the community TAKE A KID FISHING DAY at Shoal Point on Sunday the 8th of March 2015 commencing at 9 am. For further information please contact

Russell Manley on 4942 6822 or Lance Murray 0411 550 684.