NEWSLETTER NO.5 – 25th February 2015

Term 1 is already half way through and the start of the year has been a very busy time for both students and teachers. As a new staff member to the school I am very impressed with the school as a whole, in particular the general behaviour and manners of students. I have witnessed many students using correct manners and showing respect when talking with staff and each other, and it is also wonderful to see them supporting their peers during their learning time. Students are also to be commended on their respect for school equipment and the grounds. It makes for a pleasant learning environment. It also demonstrates that our School Positive Behaviour and S.T.A.R. (Safety, Teamwork, Attitude and Respect) are creating positive outcomes.

Car Parking

2015 has seen continuing growth in student numbers at Bucasia SS and as we grow as a community and a school, this will obviously place additional pressure on car parking availability. We are aware of the situation and are looking into ways of improving parking for employees and parents. We ask that you be patient while this is occurring. Please be aware that the staff car park is for EQ employees ONLY and is not to be used by the public unless approved by the Principal. When using the ‘STOP, DROP and GO’ at the front of the school, please ensure that you keep moving towards the front of the queue when waiting for your child. This will allow as many people as possible to utilise the zone, thus reducing the number of cars waiting.

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From the Principal cont.../

Parental Concerns
We understand that from time to time, parents may have questions or concerns about activities that are occurring in their child’s class. The start of each day is a very busy time for teachers and teacher aides and it is important that this time is utilised for preparation of learning activities and materials. The hushed pace of the classroom at this time day often makes it difficult to have a clear and uninterrupted conversation. Hence, if you have a question or concern, please request a meeting with your child’s teacher and they will arrange a suitable time where they can devote their full attention to you. If that matter requires additional discussion with either Belinda or myself, we ask that you ring administration and we can organise a suitable time to address your concerns.

Badge Ceremony
Next week as part of our parade, we will be conducting a badge ceremony to acknowledge our student leaders for 2015. This will be followed by a morning tea for the leaders and their parents.

Principal Word of the Week
The ability to increase your own and your child’s knowledge of words have a direct link to improving literacy skills. My word for the week is:

Derisive (de-riv-iv) adj. Expressing contempt or ridicule; mocking or scornful. "A derisive laugh." As the team leader I am acutely aware of not using a derisive laugh or chuckle at someone else’s expense. Though I tell the children ‘I make mistakes but what is important is ‘how you fix them’?

Once again it is a pleasure being here and I look forward to meeting you at some stage in my short stay.

Have a great week
Rob Neisler
Deputy Principal

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.

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.

From the Office

Position Vacant

We currently have a cleaning position vacant within the school. The position would involve 30hrs a week with split shifts between the hours of 5am – 8am & 3pm – 6pm Monday – Friday. Please contact the office for an application package.

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.

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

Japanese Excursion
Year 5 & 6 Japanese excursion money is due by March 10th. Please pay to the office as soon as possible.

School Sores
Please ensure all sores are covered as it appears there may be an outbreak of school sores happening. To reduce the risk of cross infection, covering is necessary.

Plastic bottle caps needed!

Year 4 desperately need plastic bottle caps for their recyclable art project. Please collect all of your plastic bottle caps and send them to school with your child. The class with the most plastic bottle caps will win a prize! We are looking to collect 24000 bottle caps so please tell your family and friends to save their caps! We can’t wait to show you what we create this year!

Plastic bottle caps include: drink bottles, laundry detergent bottles, glue stick lids, spray paint lids; as long as it’s plastic, we will happily take it off your hands!

Please see Miss Armstrong or Mr Brandon for more information

Students of the Week

<p>| Prep B Mrs Becker | For using your creativity to make a brilliant Gruffalo poster. | Levi |
| Prep C Mrs Clarke | For always giving 100% effort to all tasks. You are a star! | Axell |
| Prep M Mrs McAuley | For a fantastic effort with letters and sounds. | Ryan |</p>
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<td>Amazing sight. Words results! Well done!</td>
<td>Mia</td>
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<td>1W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>For super sentence writing.</td>
<td>Beau</td>
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<td>1/2S Miss Swettenham</td>
<td>For excellent and creative writing.</td>
<td>Lily</td>
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<td>2BG Mrs Berts &amp; Ms Goodes</td>
<td>For coming to school each day with a happy and positive attitude!</td>
<td>Julian</td>
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<td>2K Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>For beautifully presented bookwork, well done.</td>
<td>Lily</td>
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<td>3AM Mrs Aldridge &amp; Ms McLean</td>
<td>For working harder and quieter than ever before.</td>
<td>Jake</td>
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<td>3P Mrs Pettonen</td>
<td>For writing an amazing persuasive plan. Great job!</td>
<td>Sydney</td>
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<td>4A Miss Armstrong</td>
<td>For always striving to be the best you can be, keep it up!</td>
<td>Warresha</td>
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<td>4B Mr Brandon</td>
<td>For displaying excellence in their classroom work and attitude.</td>
<td>Destiny &amp; Isaac</td>
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<td>5S Mrs Storys</td>
<td>For his fantastic effort in math. Well done!</td>
<td>Aidan</td>
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<td>5O Mr O’Hara</td>
<td>For always giving 100% and being a great class participant.</td>
<td>Charlie</td>
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<td>6M Mrs Miller</td>
<td>For showing a mature attitude towards schoolwork! Well done!</td>
<td>Oscar</td>
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<td>6S Mr Stafford</td>
<td>For working well in class.</td>
<td>Peta</td>
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<td>PE Mr Hamilton-Smith</td>
<td>For trying really hard in P.E.</td>
<td>Prep B</td>
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<td>Music Ms Elliot</td>
<td>For awesome teamwork and participation in Geography and Music.</td>
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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  
M: 0408 007 324  
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.

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### MIFNQ Workshops