NEWSLETTER NO.11– 7th May 2014

From the Principal

**Naplan**
Next week years 3 & 5 will be undergoing NAPLAN, that is testing across Australia for all students in these year levels. Please ensure students have early nights and a good breakfast. The school will provide a healthy snack on the Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for those students this week as we know it is stressful and challenging for children. Teachers have focussed very hard on student’s learning and so we are very confident that the children are well prepared for the testing and I personally, wish them all the best for the tests.

**Arts Day**
We are looking forward to a great ‘Day of Excellence’ on Friday with Arts Day. I think this is the favourite day of all where there is going to be a lot of painting around the school and I know it is hugely enjoyed. Just the thing we need after all the formal testing.

**Cross Country**
I had a lovely morning last Wednesday when Ms Lloyd co-ordinated Cumberland Cross Country. Thanks to all the teachers who assisted with the training as it, along with student commitment resulted in 9 of our students able to represent our school at the next level. I was so proud of the behaviour of our students, the fact that they all competed well (regardless of whether they gained a spot at the next level or not) and enjoyed being with them. For those of you who thought I had personal slaves with the umbrella, they were really stealing my shade! Luckily we could all share and enjoy doing it.

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School Uniforms
There have been many of the senior students wearing alternate jumpers when their parents report that they do have the correct attire at home, they simply don’t want to wear the uniform. Therefore I have asked teachers to be vigilant in attending to school uniform details such as jumpers. It is only necessary that they be navy. One of the teachers checked – Best & Less has them currently for $7.50 a jumper or 2 for $12. The tuckshop is overflowing with navy jumpers that have been ‘lost’ and they are for sale for $5. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform. On that note, some students have ‘tracks’ in their hair. This is not part of the uniform policy and I have spoken with those children. The optimum time for tracks is the first day of the Christmas holidays as a reward for excellent work. At school, students have the opportunity to simply be a kid – uniforms and hair that will tolerate a hat remove any obstacle to them having the best time they can at school.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
This week’s focus is on safety. Lately the school has been having some issues with the toilets with graffiti on the walls and faeces on the floor in the senior toilets. Seniors have been spoken to by their teachers, however, the fact that human faeces has the potential to be walked out of the toilets by the shoes of children who have inadvertently stepped in it is a major concern. What is even more concerning is that this is the senior toilets. Hygiene is always a focus in primary schools and sickness can occur from this type of behaviour. Please speak with your child regarding use of the toilets AND the need to report when something inappropriate is occurring. It can then be dealt with.

I really, really thank you for your support with this.

Principal Word of the Week
A great predictor of success in literacy, particularly reading is a wide vocabulary. Most classes have instituted a ‘word of the week’ and to support this, I thought I also could have a word of the week. Many of these words will come from [http://www.wordthink.com/](http://www.wordthink.com/) which focuses on words that can be used every day. My word of the week for this week is:

**Pugnacious**

Pugnacious

1. Quarrelsome or combative in nature; belligerent. 2. Expressing an argument or opinion very forcefully. "Rather than maintaining a calm demeanour, his boss was quite pugnacious."


School Notices

National Sorry Day,

National Sorry Day is a significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and particularly for Stolen Generations survivors. The idea of holding a ‘Sorry Day’ was first mentioned as one of the 54 recommendations of the *Bringing them home report*, which was tabled in Parliament on 26 May 1997. This report was the result of a two year National Inquiry into the forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families, communities and cultural identity. On 26 May 1998 the first ‘Sorry Day’ was held in Sydney, it is now commemorated across Australia, with many thousands of people participating in memorials and commemorative events, in honour of the Stolen Generations.


National Reconciliation Week, 27 May – 3 June 2014

National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and reflect on shared histories, contributions and achievements. It is held annually from 27 May to 3 June and is a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Precended by National Sorry Day on 26 May, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation:

- 27 May 1967 – the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Indigenous people and recognise them in the census.
- 3 June 1992 – the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Indigenous people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights known as native title. Mabo Day is held 3 June to celebrate the life of Eddie Koiki Mabo.

Purple Day

Purple Day is Friday 16th May. The school community is encouraged to wear purple and donate a gold coin to Relay for Life. The money goes towards our Relay for Life team and to help people with cancer.

Chappy Day

On the 22nd students are encouraged to wear odd socks and give a gold coin donation. The money raised will go to support our chaplain, Nick with the work he does at our school.

P&C Notices

Next general meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Amanda Upton

Come see Amanda Upton after Parades on Thursday at the tables situated outside the library if you would like any school uniform embroidery done. Her email address if you need to contact her is justforkeepsembroidery@gmail.com or visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/justforkeepsembroidery](http://www.facebook.com/justforkeepsembroidery).

5 Cent Challenge for an End of Term Pizza Party

5 cent challenge tally from LAST WEEK is as follows.

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Stacie Forbes will collect again today and I will announce the new leader board on Parade tomorrow, so every week the newsletter will be one week behind.

Mother’s Day Stall

This stall will be held on Friday 9th May in the MIDDLE SESSION – between first break and second break due to School Athletics training. Order forms needed to be returned to the school by today Wednesday 7th May. No late orders will be taken as gifts are pre-packaged. $5 per gift and siblings can order too however it is the student who will choose the gift, not the sibling so please keep this in mind. Volunteers for the Stall on Friday 9th May will also be needed.

Mother’s Day Raffle

We will also be holding a raffle this year in conjunction with the stall. The prize is a beautifully embroidered towel set donated from Just for Keeps, and a gift voucher from Northern Beaches Day Spa. Tickets will be $1 for one or $2 for three. These will be on sale outside the library before school until Mother’s Day. The winner will be drawn on Friday 9th May and so not to spoil the announcement for the winning Mum, we will notify everyone else on Wednesday 14th May in the newsletter.
Coat Hangers
Uniforms shop is currently short on coat hangers for student’s uniform (shorts/skirts). If you happen to have extra coat hangers at home, our tuckshop lady would be more than happy to collect it from you. Thank you.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Marika, our tuckshop convenor is always happy to see new and returning volunteers for our school tuckshop. So if you are able to assist, please contact Marika during opening hours. 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.
P&C President, Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

**Student of the Week – 7th May**

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

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<th>Prep B</th>
<th>Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>For always doing his best effort in all his work. Well done Champ!</th>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Mrs McAuley</td>
<td>Aemon</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in reading.</td>
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<td>Yr 7/1</td>
<td>Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Bella (Prep 1)</td>
<td>For using your letter and sound knowledge to spell unfamiliar words. I am impressed. For working like a SUPER STAR in all subject areas.</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Ms Swettenham</td>
<td>Lilee (Yr 1)</td>
<td>For being a super STAR student and always trying her best.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2K</td>
<td>Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Katherine</td>
<td>For always contributing to classroom discussions. You’re a star!</td>
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<td>Yr 2B</td>
<td>Mrs Berts</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>For excellent work on developing character profiles.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3BR</td>
<td>Mrs Buetel &amp; Mrs Redman</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>For thoughtful contributions in English.</td>
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<td>Yr 3P</td>
<td>Mrs Peltonen</td>
<td>Warresha</td>
<td>For excellent descriptive narrative writing!</td>
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<td>Yr 3/4W</td>
<td>Mrs Williams</td>
<td>Charlise</td>
<td>For excellent work in the ‘Healthy Lifestyle Plan’. Well done.</td>
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<td>Yr 4A</td>
<td>Ms Armstrong</td>
<td>Charlie</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort when crafting power sentences!</td>
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<td>Yr 4B</td>
<td>Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Molly</td>
<td>For making a great start to the term.</td>
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<td>Yr 5O</td>
<td>Mr O’Hara</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>For a fantastic technology assessment. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Brilee-Ann</td>
<td>For settling in well at her new school. Welcome to Bucasia!</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6S</td>
<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Caria</td>
<td>For always being ready for work.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>5/6B</td>
<td>For displaying positive attitude and great teamwork in music class. For a fantastic performance of the Last Post at our school ANZAC Day ceremony.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>5/6S</td>
<td>A Great attitude and teamwork. Awesome effort everyone.</td>
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**Library Notices**

Book Club
Book Club has now been distributed to all classes. Orders and money is due on Friday 9th May. Please drop off your order to Mrs Drew in the Library. Thank you.

**Community Notices**

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.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk 2014

**Sunday 18th May 2014**
Gooseponds, Pioneer Pool Entrance
Malcolmson Street, Mackay
Registration from 7.30am
Walk starts at 9am
For more information please visits http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/Queensland/Walk_locations/Mackay.htm