NEWSLETTER NO.14 – 20th May 2015

Acting Principal & Deputy Principal
In my absence over the coming term and a half, Rebekkah Pollard will be acting Principal. The acting Deputy Principal has yet to be advised.

School Hours
School hours are 8:50 – 3 pm. Please be advised that no children should be on the school grounds prior to 8 am. Teachers are not rostered onto playground duty in the mornings and children must come straight to the Undercover Area in the centre of the school. P-2 students are allowed to be in the courtyard area with their parents. If children are walking past their classroom, they may place their bags in their rack otherwise their bags should remain with them. This is for their safety. Handball and ball games have been banned in the undercover area before school as there are too many children in the confined space for the games to be safely conducted. This is a message that has been delivered to the children, and it would be very much appreciated if parents could also reinforce this. 8:30 is the optimal time to arrive at school as this is when teachers very generously open their classrooms (this is not rostered duty time for them, and sometimes they have meetings to attend) and children are able to prepare for the day. If the classroom is not open, children may wait outside the classroom after 8:30 or return to UCA as individual teacher instructions.

Attendance and absences:
Congratulations – students at this school attended for 95.2% of the time in term 1. Great job to everyone! For your convenience, I have added a form to the first page of the school website where you are able to email absence details to the school office. This ensures that all absences are explained and there are lots of parents using it. The website address: www.bucasiass.eq.edu.au

Quicklinks
Student absences
Kids Matter

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Qschools & Qparents
Many parents now have Qschools and it is a great communication device. Please remember to allow notifications in Qschools if you haven't already – it lets the message 'pop up' on your phone. Qparents will be initialised in the school in the next few weeks. For this to occur for the individual parent, the school needs a current email address. Your invitation to participate will be sent to this email address. Information that is able to be accessed via Qparents is: attendance, financial, behaviour and achievement. This means the information will be at your fingertips, so please, update your email!

Walk Safely to School Day — 22nd May
This Friday students are encouraged to take part in Walk Safely to School Day. Walking or taking public transport to school promotes a healthy lifestyle and responsible behavior around our streets, while also reducing traffic around our school. It would be great to see parents joining in as well.

Student Learning Goals
This may be an excellent time for children to review the learning goals discussed at parent/teacher interviews – how is progress going? Are children focussing on the couple of goals each individual had and is it time to review them because of excellent progress?
If it is, please remember to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and possible re-evaluation because in every classroom every child should be learning every day.

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, teachers actively teach the behaviours that should occur for a safe and enjoyable environment. Our schoolwide 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 teamwork aspect of STAR that is being focussed on this week is: Teamwork—wait your turn and use quiet voices. This is really important in the build up to our annual sports day where there is a lot of turn taking in the field events. Children manage this really well and everyone does get a turn. Using quiet voices is not so important on sports day (cheer as loudly as possible!), however, in the classroom, it is very important to use quiet voices in the confined space.

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

Sports Day for 2015

Junior Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June (9am - 1pm)
Senior Sports Day - Thursday 18th June (9am - 3pm)
We are giving families plenty of notice to ensure everyone knows the new format and can make arrangements with work if they want to attend the days. More details will follow on the facebook page as well as in weekly newsletters.

School Houses
Brampton – Red
Carlisle – Yellow
Keswick – Blue
Please see your class teacher if you are unsure of your sports house.

Tuckshop News
The Tuckshop is asking for a couple of volunteers for 25th & 26th May 2015 to help in the tuckshop while our convenor attends Menu Management training. Our Tuckshop Convenor will also be absent from 1/6/2015 until 14/6/2015. We are seeking volunteers to assist during this period to keep the tuckshop running. If you are able to assist from 8:30 am until around 11am on any of the above days please see Mariika at the tuckshop or call Stacie (P & C president) on 0408181221. Your help is greatly appreciated.

P&C Notices
What an amazing effort you are all putting in!!! In just 4 weeks you have raised an amazing $397.75 that is 7955 5c pieces!!
Our top 5 fundraisers are:
- 4A- $57.25
- PC-$54.75
- 1B - $45.30
- 2BG - $34.40
- 4B - $33.50
For your chance to win a class PIZZA party please keep collecting your 5c pieces.

Angela Tindall
Co-ordinator

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015
Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!
JOIN US on our WALK!!
Meet: IGA Bucasia Carpark at 8 am on Friday 22nd May 2015
Walk: to Bucasia State School
Breakfast: Gold coin donation for breakfast upon arrival at school (approx. 8:30 am)

Stacie Forbes
P & C President

Students of the Week for 13th May 2015

<p>| Prep B Mrs Becker | Izack | For the impressive improvement in all your school work. Well done! |
| Prep C Mrs Clarke | Ruby | For doing an amazing re-tell of the story &quot;Biddy's Fishing Line&quot;. Well done! |
| Prep M Mrs McAuley | Kane | A fantastic effort learning the sounds the diagrams make. |</p>
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<td>1B Miss Born</td>
<td>Mia</td>
<td>Always participating and trying your best for your learning.</td>
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<td>1W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Ethan</td>
<td>For always working hard and getting some great results in reading, writing and maths.</td>
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<td>1/2S Miss Swettenham</td>
<td>Jai</td>
<td>For a huge effort in maths lessons.</td>
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<td>2B Mrs Berts &amp; Ms Goodes</td>
<td>Ava</td>
<td>For having a fantastic attitude and positive behaviour.</td>
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<td>2K Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Kristianna</td>
<td>For being a problem solving superstar. Well done!</td>
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<td>3AM Mrs Aldridge &amp; Ms McLean</td>
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<td>3P Mrs Pettonen</td>
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<td>4A Miss Armstrong</td>
<td>Leilani</td>
<td>For making such a great start at your new school.</td>
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<td>4B Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Leah</td>
<td>For excellent classroom work and attitude.</td>
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<td>5S Mrs Stonys</td>
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<td>5O Mr O’Hara</td>
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<td>6M Mrs Miller</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>Beautiful, neat work! The pride you have is evident in your books. Also for being a caring class member!</td>
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<td>6S Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Luke</td>
<td>A good attitude towards work.</td>
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<td>PE Mr Hamilton-Smith</td>
<td>1W</td>
<td>For awesome work in P.E.</td>
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<td>Music Ms Elliott</td>
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<td>For awesome teamwork in Music.</td>
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**Community Notices**

**Eimeo State School Fair** All great schools have a great school up the road. Please support Eimeo Road State school at their fair on Sunday 24th May.

**Amusement Rides:**
- Cent Sale! Cake Stall! Devonshire Tea!
- Motor Display! BBQ! Hot Dogs!
- Drink it! Donuts! Popcorn!
- Fairy Floss! Plant Stall! Face Painting!
- Punt Putt Golf! Show Bags! Lucky Dips!
- Choc Toss! Playful! Bracelets!
- Dart & Dunk the Teacher! Bottle Stall!
- PVYC Trailer! Mackay Cutters NRI!
- Police, Fire & SES Displays! Little Squirt!

Come along to our fun-filled family day!

**Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club**

On the 18th October 2015 Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club intends to break the current world record of the Largest Game of Beach Flags at Eimeo Beach. This will involve 500 participants and we need you and your school to take part; you can join individually or as a group or as a family. It's open to 5 year olds to 69 year olds. More details to follow. For more details please phone: 4969 6680, or email eimeoslsclub@bigpond.com

**National Day of Thanksgiving Community Festival** will be held on Saturday 30th May at Jubilee Park (cnr Wellington & Alfred sts Mackay) from 10am - 36pm. Everything is free. For details contact M. Mahler 0410 251 956 or www.mackay.thanksgiving.org.au

**Mackay Northern Beaches State High School News**

Mackay Northern Beaches State High school is looking forward to welcoming their fourth cohort of Year 7 students into the school in 2016. If you would like to know more information about the school and the excellent facilities and programs on offer, please attend the Enrolment Information Evening on Wednesday 27 May at 5.30pm in the MNBSHS Lecture Theatre. After the presentation, you will be able to go on a tour of the school. Please register your interest in attending this evening by phoning 4842 1333 or emailing enrolments@macknorthbeachsshs.eq.edu.au. The MNBSHS FaceBook page provides up-to-date information of what is occurring at the school, including links to our website and enrolment information. The first round of enrolment forms are due by the end of this term.

**Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care**
- Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Homework
- Exploratory Learning
- Life skills developmental learning

Providing a Quality Care environment for your children during
- Before & After School Care, Vacation Care & Pupil Free Days

Located on School Site - Convenient & Safe!