NEWSLETTER NO.22 – 13th August 2014

School Camps
3, 4, 5 & 6 school camps are rapidly approaching. Thanks to all the parents who are up to date with camp payments. The children are becoming very excited! (So are some of the teachers) The final payment is to be paid in full, by this Friday 15th August to enable your child to attend camp. Please ensure that the student levies are also paid. Children not attending camp will be expected to attend school as normal. Provisions will be made for their education to continue. More information regarding this as numbers for camp finalise.

Excursions
Many of our smaller students are going on excursions in the near future. Thanks to Mrs Becker for applying and BMA for sponsoring our prep students to go to Wombat Stew. Thanks to Mackay Regional Council for offering performance free of charge for schools at the libraries which some of our students are also attending. Sponsorship on this level makes excursions more affordable for families and are certainly enjoyed very much by students.

STAR Rule
Our rule for the week focusses on attitude – Accept responsibility for what you have done if it is the wrong thing. Everyone makes mistakes, own it and move on! Many children and adults make mistakes every day. It’s not making the mistake that is the issue sometimes, it is blaming someone else and thereby not realising what you are doing wrong. I’m happy to say many of the children in this school do know and accept when they do the wrong thing and work well and happily with teachers to put in place strategies so it doesn’t happen again. In this way real learning occurs.

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Health Day

Our Days of Excellence continue with the Health Day having been conducted this week. To use resources to the maximum ability there has not been a whole school day this week. Some classes have already conducted their health day and others are to be completed. I know that children and teachers both look forward to these days as a focus and a break from their ‘normal’ ongoing schoolwork.

Schools app

Having this very handy app on your iphone or android, ensures you are able to check the latest dates, newsletters and information from the school where ever, whenever. Please search the app store for it and download!

Discipline Audit

This has been postponed as one of the auditors had an accident, thankfully not a serious one. Watch this space for further information. If you have any suggestions regarding our behaviour management processes, I am more than happy to accept constructive feedback – in that way we can improve!

Prep-Program 2015

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2015 Prep child to meet our wonderful team of educators. You and your child will go on a tour of the school, listen to a story in the library, participate in some outside activities and eat lunch with the Prep children. Parents will be invited to join our P&C for an informal chat and morning tea while your child is eating lunch and having a play.

REGISTER NOW! MEET AND GREET MORNINGS
Tuesday 26th August from 9:30am to 11:00am
Friday 29th August from 9:30am to 11:00am
Thursday 18th September from 9:30am to 11:00am

Call the office to secure your preferred day at 49697888 or email kcarv3@eq.edu.au

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/ which focuses on words that can be used every day. My word of the week this week is: Nocturnal Nocturnal Nocturnal adj. Occurring or coming out at night: “A nocturnal lifestyle.” Many of the mums and dads at this school have a nocturnal lifestyle when they work nightshift.

Cobuild Dictionary website: http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

Student of the Week – 7th August

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

Prep B Mrs Becker Killarminie For your caring and kind nature. Thank you for filling prep B's bucket.
Prep M Mrs McCauley Amber For an improvement with effort in school work.
Yr P/1 Mrs Clarke Violet For fantastic work in Maths and Spelling. You ROCK!
Yr 1S Ms Swettenham Asher For improving on classroom behaviour. Keep it up!
Yr 1/2R Ms Kirkpatrick Maya For being a kind and well-mannered class member.
Yr 2B Mrs Berts Emma For helping peers and teacher.
Yr 2/3BR Mrs Tapp Roly For always doing your absolute best in every part of the school day.
Yr 3P Mrs Peltonen Jack For having a good attitude towards his school work.

Yr 3/4W Mr Wolfenden Matthew For being a hardworking member of 3/4W.
Yr 4A Ms Armstrong Callum For always striving to do your very best. You are a pleasure to teach!
Yr 4B Mr Brandon & Mrs Aldridge Heinrich For your classroom enthusiasm and sharing during Geography.
Yr 5O Mr O'Hara & Miss Finn Tiffany For putting 100% effort into following classroom procedures and rules.
Yr 5/6B Miss Brooks Zoe For always lending a helping hand. Thank you!
Yr 5/6S Mr Stafford Ariahn For a cheerful attitude towards school.

Office Notices

Personal Detail
Have your Personal details changed? Don't forget to update any new phone numbers at the office so we can reach you in an emergency.

Library Notices

BOOK FAIR 2014
Our School has once again been host to a very successful Book Fair with sales in excess of $4,600.00. Commission from these sales will allow us to acquire a wide range of Fiction, Junior Fiction, Non Fiction, and Teacher Reference resources to support both recreational reading and Curriculum requirements.

THANK YOU to the Bucasia State School Community for showing such wonderful support!

Sue Drew - Teacher Librarian

School Notices

Fight Animal Cruelty with Cupcakes!
Prep B is hosting ‘CUPCAKE DAY for the RSPCA’ on Friday 22nd August. We will be selling our cupcakes in the undercover area at second break for a gold coin donation.

Money raised will:
- Provide shelter for neglected animals
- Desex kittens awaiting adoption
- Provide vaccinations and micro-chipping
- Keep RSPCA inspectors on the road

We hope everyone will support this fundraiser.

Recipe ideas

Pupcake recipe (for your four-legged friends)

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 cups wholemeal flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 12 small dog biscuits

Method:
- In a large bowl, blend all ingredients, except for dog biscuits, thoroughly.
- Grease a muffin tin or use cupcake liners and fill each 2/3 full. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C for 10 minutes or until a thin basted layer forms on top.
- Remove from the oven and firmly press one dog biscuit into each pupcake.
- Return to the oven and continue baking for 10 minutes or until a footprints forms on the surface when inverted in the middle of a pupcake.
- Cool completely and store in the refrigerator.
- Remove lines from pupcakes before serving to your dog.

Please remember, this recipe is for your four-legged friends. They're sure to find them tasty, but you may not!
P&C Notices

Our next meeting will be TONIGHT, 13th August at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Our P&C are looking for individuals to fill the following vacancies:
Fundraising Co-ordinator – Whose job it will be to organise events within and around our school, purchase items for the event and co-ordinate our volunteers.

The government is offering Certificate III qualifications for persons interested in learning new skills, through the P&C. This may suit some parents who have been out of the workforce and would like to update their skills to show future employers. If you are interested please see Kylie West for further details.

Father’s Day Stall

As our Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday 5th September (week 8) and school camp is week 7, we are putting out the Father’s Day order forms early so everyone has plenty of time to get the orders in. If you missed out on an order form, please see the office. Orders will be due back no later than Wednesday 3rd September. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. As always each gift is $5 each and we will be looking for volunteers to help wrap the gifts during week 7 whilst the students are at camp.

Northern Beaches Community Day

Will be held on Sunday 7th September (Father’s Day) down at the Bucasia Esplanade. If you are available on this day to help out with an hour of your day to supervise children make their own FREE fairy bread please let a P&C executive member or Mrs Eckford know. There will be no handling of money or food at this stall, it is purely to ensure children do not make too much mess.

On a personal note

Thank-you to all the students who came down on different afternoons to help Taylah-Jayne train for long jump for Emerald CQ Trails next week it has been lots of fun. Also thank-you to all the teachers, support staff and Mrs Eckford for their words of encouragement to Taylah-Jayne. All of your support is really amazing.

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.

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.

Mackay Northern Beaches SHS Final Enrolment Information Night

This is the final Information night for this year for potential students to MNBHS in 2015. It is on Wednesday 20th from 5:30-6:30pm in Lecture Theatre. It is aimed at Yr 6 students, however, families wanting information on the other year levels are welcome to attend. Enrolment Packs are available now from either the MNBHS Office or website, or on the evening. ALL Year 6 Enrolment forms should be submitted by end of this term! Scholarship information will also be available at this information night as well.

Please register your intention to attend by phoning: 4842 1333 or emailing: enrolments@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au
See MNBHS website for any additional information: www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au