NEWSLETTER NO. 23 – 20th August 2014

Tennis
Congratulations to the Bucasia team – they achieved a 4th place in the competition – see further into the newsletter for more details. Thank you to Mr O’Hara for being the supervising teacher and he informs me, our children were great school representatives – as usual!

Capricornia Sport
Congratulations Taylor-Jane – 4th place is a great achievement. Also to Lucas Ripley who threw the discus so far the officials needed to get extra measuring tape! See further into the newsletter for more details.

National Science Week
18-21/8/14

School Camps
25-29/8/14
Optiminds
Best wishes to our optiminds teams who are competing on Sunday at Pioneer State High School. Ms Elliott & Mrs Becker have worked with the teams all term and so we are looking at great productions that showcase our students talent. Thank you to those teachers for their efforts and good luck to everyone.

School Camps
Best wishes for campers, most of the students in years 3 - 6 are looking forward to next week as it should be the most exciting week of the year for them. It has been a huge organisational job for the teachers and they have done a magnificent effort in planning for the week. P - 3 classes will have the entire school to themselves and therefore there will be some rearrangement of play areas and specialist classes. I believe the prep students are also heading off to the beach on an excursion. There will be no newsletter next week, neither will there be parade given that half the school will be otherwise engaged.
For Parents of School Aged Children: The Queensland Government has launched a new website for the general community and parents.
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Lost Property
It's breeding - the trolley is overflowing! If you are missing lunch boxes, jumpers or water bottles in particular, please check out the trolley. They are much better with you than left at school.

STAR Rule
Our rule for the week focusses on safety - the school is once again looking at practising fire alarm and lockdown procedures. Please listen carefully to your teachers so it is clear what needs to occur. During these practice events, it is important to follow teacher directions so everyone is safe.

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

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.

K-1 E1 & 2 E2 NEW! M-1 E3 ANU E5 E6 T1 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 on 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:

Clandestine
Clandestine adj. 1. Kept or done in secret, often in order to conceal an illicit or improper purpose. "The CIA maintains clandestine operations in many countries." There should be nothing clandestine about happenings at school - they should be open and accountable!

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

Student of the Week – 14th August

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

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<tr>
<th>Prep B</th>
<th>Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Mackenzie</th>
<th>For &quot;Giving your best&quot; to everything you do. You are a superstar.</th>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Mrs McAuley</td>
<td>Corey</td>
<td>For settling well into Prep M. Welcome to Bucasia.</td>
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<td>Yr P1</td>
<td>Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Beau</td>
<td>For trying so hard in English this week.</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Ms Sweitenham</td>
<td>Keelan</td>
<td>For trying hard in maths with two digit number words.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2K</td>
<td>Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Salvino</td>
<td>For always participating and giving everything a go.</td>
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<td>Yr 2B</td>
<td>Mrs Berts</td>
<td>Rylan</td>
<td>For being a hard worker and great helper.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3BR</td>
<td>Mrs Tapp</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>For trying so hard in all areas this week.</td>
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<td>Yr 3P</td>
<td>Mrs Pettenen</td>
<td>Jacob</td>
<td>For an excellent poem presentation to the class.</td>
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<td>Yr 3/4W</td>
<td>Mr Wolfenden</td>
<td>Bronti</td>
<td>For a great start to her new school. Keep up the hard work!</td>
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<td>Yr 4A</td>
<td>Ms Armstrong</td>
<td>Kate</td>
<td>For being a terrific team member and ALWAYS helping others.</td>
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<td>Yr 4B</td>
<td>Mr Brandon &amp; Mrs Aldridge</td>
<td>Max</td>
<td>For his resilience in class.</td>
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<td>Yr 5O</td>
<td>Mr O'Hara &amp; Miss Finn</td>
<td>Jake</td>
<td>For trying so hard in your Poetry assessment. Great to see. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Candice</td>
<td>For working well with Zoe in your Health Presentation.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6S</td>
<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Ben</td>
<td>For always working well on classroom activities.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>Prep/1C</td>
<td>For great work listening and following instructions.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>4B</td>
<td>A great game of Tball. All hands on deck working together. Well done.</td>
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<td>SEP</td>
<td>Linda Higgs</td>
<td>Sherrie</td>
<td>For fantastic improvement with Sight Words.</td>
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Sports Notices

Mackay and District School Tennis Competition
On Sunday the 17th August, 10 students from Bucasia State School competed in a school tennis competition. The overall results were as follows:

1st - Whitsunday Anglican
2nd - West Mackay State School
3rd - St Mary's Catholic School
4th - Bucasia State School

Congratulations needs to go to the students on playing to the best of their ability and behaviour was outstanding. Bucasia was represented to a very high standard. A great day was had by all and a huge thanks needs to go to the parents for their support and help on the day.

Mr O'Hara
**Music Notices**

Opera Queensland is bringing "La Boheme" to Mackay, for one performance on Wednesday 27th August at the MECC. The professional cast will be augmented by a chorus of local singers, including Ms Elliott and her three daughters. Tickets are on sale at the MECC. Don't miss out!

All students from Prep to year 4 have been invited to participate in performance groups: A Prep choir, a Year One and Two choir and a Year Four verse speaking choir, all entered in the Mackay Eisteddfod, and another Verse speaking choir for students in 2/3, 3P and 3/4. All of these groups are invited to perform at the Northern Beaches Community Day on Sunday 7th September and at a Twilight Concert in the school hall on Tuesday 16th September.

The school instrumental band will also be performing at the Eisteddfod, the Community Day and the Twilight Concert. Students in years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a Novelty Chorus for the Eisteddfod and possibly for the Twilight Concert as well. More details about the Twilight Concert will come in a future newsletter.

**Planet Rhythm**

Planet Rhythm, the percussion workshop that was postponed from term 2, will now be happening on Thursday 16th October, which is in week 2 of term 4. If you have not yet paid to attend this activity, please contact the school office.

_Jeany Elliott – Music Teacher_

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**School Notices**

**CUPCAKE DAY for the RSPCA**

Please support this worthy cause by buying a cupcake from Prep B this Friday. Your gold coin donation will help many animals.

**Prep Geography Excursion**

Next week while the older students are at camp, the students in Prep B, Prep M and Prep 1C will have a short excursion to explore the local area as part of their geography studies. The students will walk from school to the beach and back on Thursday. More details will be sent home to parents of the students in these classes.

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**P&C Notices**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 10th September 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.

*Bookkeeper* – full training offered for persons with skills or experience in this area. Knowledge of computer program Excel is essential. Please drop your resume into the office. Or contact one of the P&C executives for more details.

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**

Reminder Father's Day stall orders need to be in by Wednesday 3rd September. Gifts are $5 each and NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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**On a personal note**

For everyone's support and encouragement recently of Taylah-Jayne, we would like to say thank-you. She jumped a competition personal best of 3.49 metres and came fourth at the CQ trials in Emerald this week.

Former Bucasia SS student Lucas Ripley once again broke the discus record for his age group (Under 12s). The record had stood at 39.92mtrs since 2011 and he threw 52.72mtrs, which caused quite a stir when they required a longer tape to measure the throw.

I am sure everyone will extend their best wishes to Lucas as he continues onto State trials in October.

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.

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**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.

**Car Boot Sale (Saturday 23rd August from 8am-12pm)**

The Car Boot Sale market has been initiated by the Local Chaplains Committee and has recently started at Mackay Central State School. They are hugely popular in other towns. Please support this one to get off the ground to help LCC fundraising to support our kids!!

For more info or enquiries, please contact Sarah-Jane Scott 0432543172 (after school hour) or email s.scott2012@gmail.com Thank-you.

**Maths and English tuition** - Boost your child's confidence and education with NumberWorks'n'Words specialist after-school tuition. We provide individualised instruction in maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up and those bursting to race ahead. Phone now for a free assessment and introductory lesson. Phone 49426615 or visit www.numbersworksnwords.com.au for more information.

**Northern Beaches State High School Scholarship**

We would like to remind Parents that Mackay Northern Beaches State High School Scholarship applications are due to us on Friday, 12 September. Scholarships will be offered to seven students moving into Year 7 and four students from each of the other year levels. There will be one Academic, one Cultural and one Sporting Scholarship, with the additional scholarships awarded, according to the strengths of the applicants.

The Scholarships are to the value of $350 and will be used to pay resource fees, to provide uniforms and to cover other costs specific to the awarded scholarship. Application forms are available from our Website or from our front office. Phone: 48421333 for more information.