



PRINCIPAL: Belinda Eckford

## DATE CLAIMERS

Father's Day & Community Fun Day 11 – 2pm	06/09/15
John Fleming Visiting	10/09/15
P&C Meeting 6.30pm	16/09/15

## Newsletter No. 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

From the Acting Principal & Deputy Principal  
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DATA – weekly update**

Target - 95%  
End Semester 1/2014 – 92.9%  
End Semester 2/2014 – 91.9%  
End Semester 1/2015 – 94.1%  
End Week 7/2015 – 93.9%

### SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to everyone who assisted at the school disco last Thursday. It was a great night. Well done DJ Armstrong who worked tirelessly organising the dance moves on the data projector and the hip tunes.

### HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ALERT

Hand Foot and Mouth has been reported in the school please be aware of the symptoms.

Hand foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a viral infection. It is not linked to the foot and mouth disease that affect animals. HFMD is mainly seen in children under the age of 10 or in young adults. It is easily spread from one person to another. Most people have had HFMD by the time they are adults. It rarely causes further complications and is very rarely fatal.

### Signs and symptoms

Symptoms usually start three to seven days after catching the infection and can last from seven to 10 days. Admission to hospital is rarely needed. The common signs and symptoms include:

- high temperature (fever)
- sore throat
- small blisters on the inside of the mouth, the sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet and nappy area (the blisters should not be itchy like chickenpox blisters)
- poor appetite (drinking and eating can be painful because of the mouth blisters)
- tiredness.



### Parents/ Care Givers Leading by Example in School Grounds

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Bucasia State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. This creates a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language, making threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved it should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

### ATTENDANCE

Great improvements have been noted across the whole school in daily school attendance. Congratulations everyone! Hopefully the flu season has passed.

### VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT – WORD OF THE WEEK

**Curmudgeon (noun):** a person (especially an old man) who is easily annoyed or angered and who often complains.

Example using a sensational sentence: *Only a grumpy, old curmudgeon would fail to be moved by the random act of kindness bestowed upon him by the young children who stopped to help pick up his spilt groceries.*

### SWPBS

Rule for the week – respect. Using your listening skills and focusing on the 5L's of Listening.

Legs Laps Lips Look Listen.

### LIFE EDUCATION

In the coming weeks the students in Year 5 & 6 will be working with Mrs Ferguson and Ms Pollard following up on the Life Education – Puberty sessions held earlier this week.

**Have a great week,  
Rebekkah Pollard**

### Whole School Writing Focus Week 4

Focus: Punctuation **Cohesion**

Our whole school focus this week is *cohesion*. Cohesion is where the sentence is connected to the sentence before.



This paragraph shows how the sentences link together and most importantly make sense together.

My favourite colour is **blue**. I like **it** because **it** is calming and **it relaxes me**. I often go outside in the summer and lie on the grass and look into the **clear sky** when I am **stressed**. For this **reason**, I'd have to say my favourite colour is **blue**.

In class this week we will be getting students to look closely at their writing to see if it makes sense and whether the sentences link together.

If you would like any more information please see your class teacher or myself.

**Lisa Wayman  
Master Teacher**

### Prep Garden

Prep C and Mrs Penny have been working hard to make new gardens in front of our room.

This could not have been possible without the generosity of our beautiful families in Prep C.

A HUGE thank you must go to Mel Rutherford (Eli's mum), Jill Barron (Maya's mum), Megan Stephen's (Axell and Quinn's mum), Denae Lewis (Harper's mum) and Karen Pelchen (Evie's mum), Mrs Penny's kind neighbour and the wonderful Mrs Penny for donating the soil, plants, hose and seeds that we needed to start our garden.

**Nette Clarke  
Prep C Teacher**

### Bucasia State School parents! Have you registered for QParents yet?

What benefits will QParents bring you?

We're encouraging parents to register for QParents to access all the benefits this program has to offer. It's a great way to follow your child's education journey in the palm of your hand. If you're not registered, please enquire at the office today or come in and see our office staff who will assist you with the registration process using our dedicated QParents ipad. To find out more, visit <https://qparents.qld.gov.au>.

QParents allows you to access and update your child's student information. You can:

view attendance and advise of unexplained absences

view behaviour details

view and download academic report cards

view class timetables

view and pay invoices online

view and update student details

view enrolment details

Our school has reached 20% of parents using this fantastic program - our aim is to reach 50%.

### School Support Staff Recognition Week

This week we celebrate School Support Staff Recognition Week! Thank you to all of our support staff for their ongoing commitment in assisting school leaders and teachers, and ensuring our students receive a quality education <http://www.together.org.au/schools>

### Northern Beaches Community Day

There was been a change to the format for this year's Northern Beaches Community Day, to be held on Father's Day, 6<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 11am. **No choirs or verse speaking choirs will be performing.** Instrumental music students who are able to attend are asked to meet Mrs

New by 11am, and to bring their instrument, music stand and music. School uniform is not required.

**Jeany Elliott**  
Music Teacher

### Bunnings B.B.Q

Thankyou to all the parents that came and helped at the grade six graduation B.B.Q. We raised over \$1000 and this money will go towards the celebrations at the end of the year. A special mention to Mr Kevin Phie, who organised all of the bread for the B.B.Q.

**Jeff Stafford**  
Year 6 Teacher

### Library News

Last Wednesday, students from all levels were treated to fun and informative sessions with Author and Illustrator, Kim Michelle Toft. Kim shared her experiences as an author and illustrator and wowed everyone with her amazing drawing and silk painting demonstrations.

**Sue Drew**  
Librarian

### Student of the Week August 2015



**Back Row (L-R):** Lily, Stacey, Anna, Sarri, Isaac, Leon, Alana, Johan, Darcy

**Middle Row:** Maddison, Aaliyah, Max, Maya, Lainey, Cooper, Levi

**Front Row:** Charli, Kalem, Max, Troy, Angel, Naraya, Rayne, Clae



**2016 Enrolment Forms**  
Due **End of this term**

To MNBSHS Administration Office  
(8am – 3:30pm)  
Or emailed to:  
[enrolments@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au)

Enrolment Interview Information (including booking details) will be distributed at the commencement of Term 4, for interviews to occur in Weeks 5 and 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November)

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**2016 Scholarships**  
(Academic, Cultural, Sporting Excellence)  
Due 11 September 2015

**Mackay Northern Beaches State High School** will be offering scholarships for 2016 to **seven** students. There will be one scholarship in each of the following categories: Academic, Cultural & Sport 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. E.g. Instrumental music fees, Academic competitions and representative sports fees. Please see the office for information packs.

### Justice of the Peace

Available by appointment in the mornings after the bell outside the Tuckshop. Call Sarah-Jane on 0429 613 249 to arrange an appointment. No Cost.

### The Great Cycle Challenge

I am taking part in the 2015 Great Cycle Challenge this October to fight kids' cancer! I will be pedalling for 31 days and my goal is to ride 500 km throughout the month. Why am I doing this? Because cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Australia - 3 children die of cancer each week! It will be tough, but nothing compared to what these brave kids face every day of their lives as they battle this terrible disease. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it. And so I am taking on this personal challenge to raise \$500 to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve. Please sponsor me to support my challenge and end childhood cancer. Simply click the link below to view my personal fundraising page and make a donation:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/AngelaTindall/d>

All funds raised will support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Thank you for your support.

**Angela Tindall**

www.mackay.qld.gov.au

**NORTHERN BEACHES COMMUNITY DAY**



**Sunday, September 6**  
11am to 2pm  
Seaview Park, Bucasia Esplanade

Proudly brought to you by:

Enjoy a fun, free family day out on Father's Day at the Northern Beaches Community Day.

- Live entertainment
- Information stalls
- Free activities for kids including bouncing castles, face painting, tug-o-war, Mackay Rockwall and loads more
- Food and drink stalls
- Ride your bike or scooter and receive a free bike service and engraving

**Northern Beaches Community Network**

For further information  
Phone 1300 MACKAY  
1300 522 559  
Email [info@mackayqld.gov.au](mailto:info@mackayqld.gov.au)

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### Vacation Care at Helping Hands Bucasia

Come and join us for some holiday fun!

School Holidays are fast approaching, they will be here before we know it. Are you looking for care?

Vacation runs from

**21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 28<sup>th</sup> Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015**  
**6:30am-6:00pm Mon-Fri.**

We have excursions, incursions, sports, games, crafts, cooking, music & drama activities to suit all ages.

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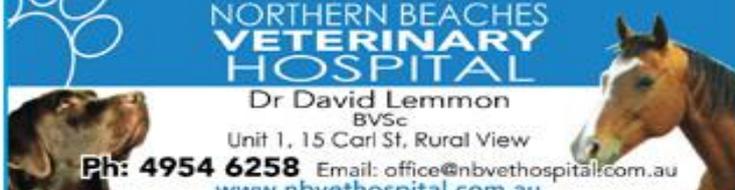
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