Qschools 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! This has been updated so that the school is able to send push notifications to the app and the website.
I have tested it! Coming into cyclone season, I will be able to send emergency messages. PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS CHECKED IN THE SETTINGS OF THE APP. 196 families are using the app at the school and 76 have push notifications activated. So please ensure you have this checked.
From the Principal cont.../

Class Newsletters
These will be and have been sent home with students, so check if they have come home. Teachers prepare an overview of the term to keep parents informed of their children’s learning in the curriculum areas and also any up and coming events for the class.

Gaming Commission Grant
Thank you to Lana De Kort for her work in gaining a gaming commission grant of $30,000. With this, the redevelopment of the Junior Play Area into a sensory garden complete with textured paths, plants and gazebo can be established. The major expense will be the erection of a 3.5 bay shed for storage for archiving, P & C storage and spare furniture.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
Teamwork is the focus this week as we continue with swimming lessons. It is ‘Look Alive, Do the Five’.
1. Fence the pool
2. Shut the gate
3. Teach your kids to swim – it’s great
4. Supervise – watch your mate and
5. Learn how to resuscitate
It’s everyone’s job

Pupil Free Day
Please remember that this coming Monday, 20th October is a pupil free day.

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:

Doleful


CobuildDictionarywebsite: http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/
Have a great week, Belinda Eckford

Student of the Week – 9th October
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

Yr 2B
Mrs McLean

Yr 2/3BR
Mrs Tapp

Yr 3P
Mrs Peltonen

Yr 3/4W
Mr Wolfenden

Yr 4A
Ms Armstrong

Yr 4B
Mr Brandon & Mrs Aldridge

Yr 5O
Mr O’Hara & Miss Finn

Yr 5/6B
Miss Brooks

Yr 5/6S
Mr Stafford

Yr 2B: Sarri For always being a sensible & reliable helper.
Yr 2/3BR: Jeremy For a hardworking start to Term 4.
Yr 3P: Dominique For using excellent descriptive writing.
Yr 3/4W: Julius For a great start in your new school and class!
Yr 4A: Holly For fitting in so well at school. You are a cheerful class member.
Yr 4B: Ashton For a great start to Term 4.
Yr 5O: Owen For your amazing work on fraction number patterns in maths. Well done!!
Yr 5/6B: Georgia Starting Term 4 off with top effort + behaviour.
Yr 5/6S: Callum For a positive attitude towards school.

School Notices

School Parade
There will be no school parade tomorrow (16th October) due to Planet Rhythm.

Dental Forms
School Dental Services forms are due on Thursday, 23rd October.

Students Details
Have you changed your address or phone numbers recently? If so, please visit the office as soon as possible so we can update your details.

Music News
Congratulations to all the students who performed at the Twilight Concert at the end of last term, and thank you to all the parents and supporters who attended. It was a great night, and will become an annual event on the school calendar.

On Tuesday this week, our school concert band performed at the Mackay Eisteddfod. They were Highly Commended by the adjudicator, placing fifth out of the fifteen primary school bands in the competition. Congratulations to all the members of the band and to the conductor, Mrs Kathie New.

Next week our year 4 verse speaking group will perform at the eisteddfod on Wednesday, and our year 1 and 2 choir will sing at the eisteddfod on Friday.

Tomorrow the Planet Rhythm percussion workshops will be taking place. These were originally scheduled for term two, but had to be postponed. If you have not yet paid the $5 per person, please get your money to the office before school in the morning. The Planet Rhythm workshops will be conducted in the school hall, and the presenter needs more than an hour to set up his equipment in preparation for the sessions. As a result, there will be no parade held tomorrow, Thursday 16th October, and before school care will relocate to the school library from 7.45am.

Free Dress Day
Friday the 17th of October our school will be supporting Light the Night by holding a free dress day for a gold coin donation. Light the Night supports people who suffer from cancer, people who have survived cancer and people who have passed away from cancer. Next Friday you can wear blue to support people with cancer. You can wear yellow in memory of someone who has
passed away from cancer and you can wear white if you have survived cancer. Bigger donations will be collected by Ms Pollard outside the library both before school and after school on the day.

P&C Notices
Our next meeting will be TCNIGHT, Wednesday, 15th October at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

School Dance
The School Dance will be held on Thursday 23rd October. The Junior Dance (Prep – Year 2) will be at 4.00pm – 5.30pm and the Senior Dance (Year 3 – Year 6) at 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Please complete the Dance Insert and have it completed by next week as we need to know numbers for catering. This is NOT a school organised event and therefore we would like parents and carers to stay and supervise. As always we need volunteers to serve in the snack bar. I can guarantee you will be popular with your child for this service.

World Teachers Day
This is on Friday, 31 October – we ask that parents supply a plate of food for the teachers to have for morning tea and lunch – gluten free food if possible. This is simply a small token to let your teacher know the gratitude we all feel.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Marika is always happy to have tuckshop volunteers assisting with the day’s work, so if you have spare childfree time between 9am and 11am any school day, please pop into the tuckshop and give Marika a hand. The weather is hotting up and the tuckshop does have air-conditioning.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Kylie West, P&C Secretary, 0408566728.

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.

Win a $500.00 Bicycle Voucher!
Fill in an anonymous online survey about how the children in your family travel to and from school, to have the chance to win a $500.00 voucher for the Mackay bicycle shop of your choice.
Active Towns, a Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government initiative and the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s CQ Sporty Schools project are working together to find the barriers to active school travel in the Mackay region.
Follow this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3 to complete the survey by Friday November 7th 2014 to have a chance to win!

Flood Watch
What is a flood watch? – Flood Watch is a service that will be provided by the Bureau of Meteorology to notify the Queensland community when there is an increased risk of riverine flooding. The aim is to provide an early advice of developing situation that could lead into flooding. Flood watch will be provided through emergency services, local government and the media and also can be accessed directly from the Bureau of Meteorology website: www.bom.gov.au/qld/flood

For general information about the Bureau of Meteorology’s flood warning services please contact:
Flood Forecasting and Warning
Queensland Regional Office
Bureau of Meteorology
GPO Box 413
Brisbane Qld 4001
Telephone (07) 3239 8778
E-mail: flood.qld@bom.gov.au

GET in2CRICKET
With Norths Cricket Club
Where: Wanderers Soccer Grounds Ben Nevis St
When: Each Wednesday afternoon, 4:00pm – 5:00pm starting on October 22nd and running for 6 weeks
Cost: $20 per participant with an optional extra charge of $55 for the participant pack.
What to bring: Hat, water bottle and closed in shoes.

Want more information?
Please call Karen on 0418778828 or email kcavruti@bigpond.net.au

The MILO in2Cricket program is all about fun
The MILO in2Cricket program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket
MILO in2Cricket is aimed at boys and girls aged 5-8 and of all abilities. Absolutely no prior experience with cricket is necessary.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER
High School Transition – Parent Evening
Headspace will be holding an information evening for parents of both Eimeo Road and Bucasia Schools on helping your child with resilience and anxiety as they transition to high school. At this stage the venue is yet to be confirmed – it will either be at Bucasia or Eimeo school, depending on numbers.

Date: Monday October 27th
Time: 6.00pm - 6.45pm (30 minutes presentation with question time at the end)
Venue: TBC
RSVP: At this stage we are just wanting people to contact the schools with an expression of interest in attending so we can gauge attendance numbers. Please reply to the office staff or guidance officer Alexia Watherspoon on swat3@cc-rdu.edu.au

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