NEWSLETTER NO.34 – 18th November 2015

From the Principal

Swimming Fun Session – Thursday 19/11

Tomorrow is the swimming fun session. The session is only available to students who attended the swimming lessons and all permission and money has been completed. Each year level will have a teacher staying back with the non-participants and a teacher taking the children participating to the pool.

Staff At Pool
- Jeff Stafford
- Whitney Stony
- Jim Hamilton-Smith
- Paul Brandon
- Rebekkah Pollard
- Nick Ayres
- Leanne Chapman

We will be departing at 9.00 am and returning to school at 12.30 pm. Students need to come to school dressed in their togs, sun shirt and thongs.

Children need to bring to the pool
Bag with first lunch (packed with an ice pack if perishable), sunscreen, water bottle, money for junk food at shop, towel and sun shirt.

Things to pack to remain at school
Uniform, underwear, shoes, socks and second lunch.
Swimming Fun session cont.
Races will start at 9.30 am – 10.30 am (These races are not compulsory and comprise of 50 m freestyle, 50 m breast stroke and a student/teacher relay) Children not participating in these races will be cheering.
10.30 – 10.45 - Morning Tea
10.45 – 11.30 – Fun rotation activities
11.30 – 11.55 - Free Swim
12.00 - Return to school.
Parents are welcome to come along and cheer during the races.

Year 5 School Captains Speeches
This Friday nine Year 5 students have been short listed to present their School Captain speech to the whole school. Parents are invited to join us from 1.30pm in the school library. We would like to thank the 15 students who spoke last Friday. To speak in front of 150 peers is a great achievement and you did a wonderful job. There are only limited places for School Captain and this week we will be narrowing the number further. To those who don’t make it through, congratulations for an excellent effort and being so brave!

Instrumental Band Performance
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SWPBS
The rule being focussed on this week is: Teamwork - Cheer on your team at the (Year 3-6) swimming fun day races and encourage your friends and classmates to do their very best in everything they do. If they need some help, be the generous friend and give it.

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

REPORT CARD CHANGES
Last week we discussed the changes to the report comments that you will see this semester. We have reviewed the comments presented to parents to ensure they are free of teacher talk. Report comments should inform parents on what their child or children have been working on, identify strengths and an area for improvement. Here is an example of old v’s new format.

New Format - English
Tammi has written stories and information report to a very high standard. When reading Tammi is working above year level expectation and successfully understanding these higher level books. She is producing high quality hand writing using correctly formed letters.

Numeracy Focus – Arrays Week 7 & 8
Arrays are most helpful when teaching young learners to multiply. We often refer to multiplication as fast adding. When a child sees arrays of chocolates, eggs, fruit etc. it provides an authentic experience for making the link to multiplication.

ACARA (Australian Curriculum) Glossary – An array is an ordered collection of objects or numbers. Rectangular arrays are commonly used in primary mathematics.

What arrays do you see around the house or your travels over the coming weeks? Look for more than what’s on this list. A carton of eggs, traffic lights, light fittings, filing cabinets, sliding door panels, tiles (wall and floor) chocolate.

Kind regards
Rebekkah Pollard
Student of the Week 12th November 2015

Back Row: Samantha, Jack, Namen, TJ
Middle Row: Jordis-Maria, Astrid, Latissa, Sammie, Dylan, Zara, Ethan, Mia
Front Row: Dillon, Alexander, Savannah, Thomas, Kaylee, Mason, Naraya
Absent: Layla

Family Portrait Photos
On behalf of the P&C I would like to say a big thank you to all the families that supported the family photo fundraiser through Northpoint family photography. It was a huge success and $641.00 was raised!

Cheers Angela Tindall

Celebration Movies day money is due to the office no later than 25th November 2015. Please note no late payments will be accepted or refunds given as prepayment to the cinemas will have already been made.
Uniform Raffle

Raffle tickets are available to purchase from the office, in aid of purchase of Sports Equipment. Tickets are priced at $2 a ticket or 3 tickets for $5.

1st Prize: Your choice of 2 school uniforms (1 each from each of the sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12) & a stationery pack.

2nd Prize: The remaining 2 school shirts.

Drawn on Celebration Night.

Eimeo Surf Lifesaving Club purchased this new paddle board with the funds raised from 'Boardies’ day from Eimeo & Bucasia State Schools.

Tuckshop will be closed on Celebration Movies day, 30th November 2015.
**Semi Finals**
**Week 7—First Lunch in Hall**

Bucasia’s Got Talent is on this week at first lunch. Results will be placed in the undercover area each afternoon. Grand final is next Monday at 130pm, all invited.

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Book Club

Book Club Issue 8 is due back to school **THIS FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you very much for your support during the year

Thankyou
Leanne Chapman

Christmas Family Night

**Thursday 10th December 6–8pm**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book call one of our teams in store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)
The Northern Beaches Girl Guides are now taking expressions of interest for placements in 2016.

During this year we have reached maximum enrolments and are therefore registering to operate a second unit. From 2016 we will also be able to offer placements to girls from 5 years of age.

In 2016 Girl Guides meetings in the Northern Beaches will run on a Monday night as follows:
- 5 – 8 year olds --- 4.15pm – 5.45pm
- 8 – 10 year olds --- 6.00pm – 8.00pm

If your daughter would like to join the Girl Guides, please contact us by email at girlguidesnb@gmail.com or one of our leaders by phone.

Amy Paskins 0435 380 901
Lutana 0409 965 799
Joely Whiting 0407 650 942
Lyn Laffin 0407 650 402
‘Tambo’

Girl Guides offer a 4 week membership free trial for all girls to ensure they wish to join before membership fees apply.

In the meantime you may like to check out the Guides Queensland Website www_guidesqld.org

MACKAY GYMNASICS

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS**

For primary school aged boys and girls (children aged 5—12 years)

**INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN**

**Location:**
5 Snow Street Court, Cooktown (Old Court House)

**WHERE:**
Wednesday 13th January 2016
Friday 15th January 2016
Wednesday 20th January 2016
Friday 22nd January 2016

**Phone:** 49420032
**Email:** admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

**Limited Numbers!**

**BOOKINGS**: Essential

**Cost:** $14.90 per day

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Bucasia State School

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19 Egan Ave, North Mackay QLD 4740
Phone: 07 4950 4862

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Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

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Save Time. Shop Online!
Helping Hands Network Survey.  
$100.00 gift voucher to be won!

To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both you and your child’s individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey.

Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 gift voucher. (One survey per family).

Follow this link to complete the survey online;  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015bucasia
Or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you.  
Hard copies are also available at the service.  
The survey closes on 27 November 2015

Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care!!  
Enrolment is Free!!
Permanent or casual bookings available.
Assisting families for those “Just in case” emergencies.

Indoor and outdoor activities include:
Music, Physical Activities, Homework Club, Arts & Crafts, Cooking activities and Cooperative games.

Nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea to kick start children’s energy levels.

Located on the school grounds in the hall
Open every Monday – Friday:
BSC – 6.30am – 8.50am
ASC 3.00pm – 6.00pm