From the Principal

Farewell & Welcome to staff

In this, our final newsletter for 2015, I would like to acknowledge the dedication, professionalism and hard work of our teachers and support staff. Their commitment to our students over the past year has played a central role in making 2015 such a successful year for Bucasia. I would also like to acknowledge the positive contribution of our P&C Executive and members throughout the year. Our P&C Association plays an important role in supporting our school community and ensuring a strong voice for our parents. I extend the best wishes and heartfelt thanks of our school community to those staff who are leaving our school at the end of this year. All of these staff have contributed significantly to the Bucasia community and have made an indelible mark on our school and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well.

Departing staff include:
Susan Kirkpatrick who is joining her partner in Brisbane, Sue Drew who has been transferred to Cairns, Glenda Penny who is looking forward to retirement, Jess Born whose contract ends, Kirsty Wales who has been transferred to Queens Beach and Julie Ferguson who has taken 12 months leave.

Welcome to incoming staff:
Ms Samantha Chant, Ms Michelle Shanks, Ms Molly Loosmore, Ms Lauren Woodley and Mrs Hannah Tucker have been appointed to the school. So, our classroom teachers, starting at Prep for 2015 so far are: Ms Chant, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Becker, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Berts, Ms Shanks, Ms Loosmore, Ms Goodes, Ms Woodley, Ms Armstrong, Mrs Peltonen, Mrs Aldridge, Ms McLean, Mr Brandon, Mrs McAuley, Mr O’Hara, Mrs Stonys, Mr Stafford, Mrs Miller and Mrs Tucker. There will be 17 classes at this stage, one more than this year. A new building, housing two classrooms, adjacent to the library has been approved. Next year the school will open with 3 composite classes.
Bike Safety
There have been some complaints from the school community regarding children on bikes cutting corners and being on the road and thereby putting themselves in danger.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
Our rule for the week focuses on attitude: Remember to stay positive and helpful to the very last day of school and into the summer holidays. It makes a real difference to you and those around you.

STAR day & Celebration Night
A reminder that next week is a big week with our Celebration Concert on Wednesday night and STAR day on Thursday. A letter came home with more information about STAR day and I know teachers have been working with students and parents regarding the Celebration Concert. Please remember that there will be an early Junior Celebration (P – 2) commencing at 4 pm and the Senior (3 – 6) at 6 pm. This is so everyone will fit into the hall. As with previous years, children will need to be in their classrooms 15 minutes prior to the event at the very latest. All children will watch the dress rehearsal during the day as they will be in their classrooms on the night. Children will return to the classrooms after the event and will need to be collected by their parents and then will leave the school grounds. Parents who have children in both concerts are welcome to bring their children who are not performing to the Celebration concert.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays
On behalf of the staff at Bucasia State School and myself, I thank you for the opportunity to work with all of you this year – it has been a great year in so many ways and I appreciate the efforts parents and teachers make to ensure the next generation of Australians are fine, upstanding, educated citizens. It has been a pleasure. All the best to the students and their who are leaving the school – all the best for the future, wherever that may be. Have a wonderful break and enjoy Christmas – it is a very special time for families, and as I can attest, your children don’t stay young for very long, so enjoy it and I’m looking forward to another great year in 2016.

Farewell to Year Six Students
Tomorrow night is the Year 6 Graduation at the Northern Beaches Bowls Club. On behalf of the Bucasia School community I would like to wish them well on their transition to High School. Good luck for the future!

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School Night of Stars
Congratulations to the following past Bucasia State School students who received awards at last week’s “Night of Stars”

Academic Subject Excellence Awards

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April Puddicombe
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From the Principal cont.

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School Night of Stars cont.

Academic Excellence Awards
April Puddicombe, Allanah Wulf, Ben Ashmore, Katie Burgoyne, Noah Robinson, Oliver Lunn, Mitchell Kerr, Sirach Santos, Ataliah Love, Annie Ware, Robert Peddell, Jack Phillips, Ariahn Woodward-George

Star Performers Excellence Awards
April Puddicombe, Noah Robinson, Tarnisha Ellis, Jonathon Majid, Emily Weston, Allanah Wulf, Ben Ashmore, Jaime-Lee Ettridge, Blake Judd, Oliver Lunn, Etienne Nicolai, Colby Norton, Sean Puddicombe, Ruby Robinson, Sirach Santos, Katie Turnbull, Annie Ware, Katie Burgoyne, Jacob Chapman, Carla Coetzer, Mia Fisher, Bronte Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Kerr, Ataliah Love, Andrew McGlashan, Bayley Medwell-Everett, Dylan Mills, Robert Peddell, Jack Phillips, Daniel Walton

Academic House Spirit Awards
Silver April Puddicombe

Sporting House Spirit Awards
Silver Ataliah Love

Sporting Achievement Awards
Edwin Foster Athletics Silver
Edwin Foster Rugby Union Bronze
Ataliah Love Netball & Track & Field Bronze
Ollie Lunn Track & Field Bronze

Scholarship Recipients 2016
Year 11 Cultural Noah Robinson
Year 11 Sporting Edwin Foster
Year 9 Academic Sirach Santos
Year 9 Academic Oliver Lunn
Year 8 Academic Katie Burgoyne
Year 8 Academic Mitchell Kerr
Year 8 Cultural Andrew McGlashan

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

From the Deputy Principal

REPORT CARDS
Report cards are currently being finalised and will be sent home next Wednesday.

BOOKLIST & CLASSES FOR 2016
When parents have organised the school books for the year, we ask them to just write the child’s name on them and their year level. Please don’t write teacher name as this can sometimes change. Remember that classes are not finalised until Day 8 for the following school year. This ensures that everyone is clear that changes can be possible. Schools are staffed on number of bottoms on seats on day 4 and 8. Like the little girl in this photo, please discourage children to feel like this by making light of the situation and always talking positively about new possibilities.
From the Deputy Principal

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
As the year draws to a close we need to ensure that the curriculum continues to be implemented and all students experience opportunities to develop the whole child. The last two weeks of school are great for providing children with a variety of learning opportunities around Christmas. It’s great to see the teachers organising high quality and engaging lessons in all Key Learning Areas:

- **English** – writing letter to Santa and the helpers, procedures in how to make or create something.
- **Mathematics** – exploring mathematical problems with a Christmas focus
- **Science** – Santa’s Science Lab activities with kitchen chemistry
- **History** – History of Christmas and some origins
- **Geography** – Different countries around the world and linking to history
- **The Arts** – Christmas songs and music, arts, craft, drama and dance
- **HPE** – Physical activities around Christmas time
- **Languages Other than English** – Other languages singing carols such as the Year 5 & 6 Japanese Christmas activities.

FRACTIONS
This fortnight we are exploring fractions and trying to put on a bit of Christmas spin.

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Kind regards
Rebekkah Pollard
Tuckshop News

Please note:
There is currently no Lasagne or Frozen Strawberry yoghurt in the tuckshop.

The Tuckshop will be closed from next Thursday 9th December and will not re-open until the second day of Term 1 2016, 28th January.
Thankyou to all who have supported the tuckshop throughout the year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays.

Star Day
A sausage sizzle will be available for all students on Star day for a gold coin donation. Please note the Tuckshop WILL NOT be open on Star day.

Student of the Week 26th November 2015

Back Row: Daffa, Rylan, Tayah, Trey, Tein, Lexus, Jesse
Middle Row: Kayne, Dylan, Mahya, Amy, Ryan, Flynn, Tighe, Caprie, Taylor, Stevie, Harry
Front Row: Tahlia, Paige, Kiana, Claudia, Monique, Seth
Absent: Slater
Congratulations to the winners of Bucasia's Got Talent. What great performances they gave us.

1st place: Kate
2nd Place: TJ & Charlie
3rd Place: Sophie

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.
Celebration Night Food
On Monday students received a pre-order form for hot food being supplied by the Lions Club on Celebration Night, 9th December 2015. For those wishing to place an order, please complete the form and return with your money to the P&C box at the office no later than this Friday 4th December. Food can be collected during the 5-6 pm break and the Tuckshop will be open for drink and snack purchases. It has been requested we supply the Lions Club with an alphabetical list so that pre ordered food is easily identified during line up. To assist, please remember to include a surname on your order form.

School Banking
The P&C would like to thank everyone that has done school banking in 2015. There will be NO school banking the last week of school. This gives us time to make sure everyone has their books back for 2016.

P & C Raffle
The P&C have collected an array of donated gifts to go towards our end of year raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Celebration Night. Winners do not need to be present and will be contacted by a member of the P&C. First and third prizes must be collected by an adult (18 yrs +) as the contents include alcohol.

First Prize Hamper: includes (not total list of items)
Photography session at a Mackay location of winners choice. You will be supplied with 10 digital photos on USB to keep and have printed at your own discretion. No obligation and no purchase required. Great Christmas present, 1000 thread count QB sheet set (white), a collection of Christmas decorations including 10 Christmas crackers, tinsel, napkins, 2 children sipper cups, 4 children’s Christmas placemats, a tree topper and various other Christmas items, O’Mara Irish Cream, Rosalina Rosè, Avon night cream, Avon earrings & wrist watch, wine glasses.

Second Prize: 305 cm x 72 cm (10”) swimming pool with filter, 51 cm beach ball, kids floating ring.

Third Prize: 1x bottle YellowTail Chardonnay, 1x bottle Gossips Cabernet Merlot, 2x Wine glasses.

Tickets are available for purchase weekly at parade, daily afternoons outside Mrs Wilson’s class (Year 1W), daily at the Tuckshop and books of 10 tickets can be collected at the school office for families to sell outside the school. Any ticket sales outside of the school need to be returned to the P&C box at the school office by end of day Monday 7th December. Please return any unsold tickets to the box also. All prizes are currently in the office foyer. Please feel free to go and have a look.

REMINDER NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS
Queensland Transport Bus Travel Assistance Application Forms for students commencing Year 7 in 2016 are required to be sent back to Mackay Transit Coaches by 04 December 2015. Enquiries please phone 49573330.
Helping Hands Bucasia

Vacation Care program will be operating from 14th - 18th Dec 2015 and 4th – 25th Jan 2016. Please note that Monday 25th January 2016 is a Pupil Free Day. Our service will provide a full day of care for families on this day. Program and bookings forms will be out soon. Spaces on Excursion days are limited so be sure to get your bookings in early. For all enquiries, please phone our Coordinator on: 0427 007 113
Support for growing feet AND your school!

This is a cause that is very dear to many us, and every dollar raised helps to ensure that children have access to shoes designed specifically for growing feet. We believe in the importance of supporting our local schools and communities.

How can you get involved? It's easy!

1. Ask your classmate to donate their shoes in good condition
2. Donate directly to your local Back to School store
3. Purchase shoes from your local Back to School store

Get a better fit at Williams & Mathers

5% of the value of any school shoes sold at Williams Capelshine Park Shopping Centre will be donated to the school.

Thursday 10th December 6-8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- New Santa store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended, for more information call us or visit our website at www.btsbunnings.com.au

Hotel Transylvania 2 & a visit from Santa the 6th Dec at 11am

Get your tickets now!

Tickets are $5.00 each
Companions 5 years and under are free
Enquiries at info@btsbunnings.com.au

Mackay Christian Family Church

O Night Divine

A Carol's Spectacular

Bring your picnic blanket and sing the night away!

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
17 AMBROSE WAY
NORTH MACKAY | MFC JUNIOR CAMPUS

Cold Coin Entry
Snacks, drinks and candles available for purchase on the night.

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