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Footy Colours Day
Well done Bucasia students you have raised $171. This money will go towards the fight to cure cancer. Thank you for making our day a huge success.

Explicit Instruction
Over the past few days I have been away working on teaching and learning in the best possible way within the school. One of the major focuses we will be working on over the next few months will be moving students' learning from short term to long term memory. That is to say, the children can spell their words, answer their times tables, recognise their sight words as fast as you or I can click our fingers. The idea is to make this basic knowledge automatic. Teachers do this through daily practice at our school and parents can assist by checking sight words, tables and spelling. There has been a marked improvement in our school with these skills over the past year and it is clearly showing in our students' results so we are keen to improve even more as a school – for your child's sake.
Thank you to SeaView Lions
I would like to acknowledge the SeaView Lions for their wonderful donation of $500 for the school. This money will be used to supplement our home readers. Earlier this year, our wonderful teacher/librarian oversaw the revamping of our home readers with some tremendous results. There is now a much wider range of lovely books for the children to use. Each year now, the school will endeavour to build upon this very solid foundation and keep our home reader collection up to date.

From the school library:
Our Bucasia State School Library catalogue is now available 24 hours a day through the following link: http://bucasiass.cmweb.libicode.com.au/index.php?mode=normal&l_0 This link also provides access to a range of online resources including ebooks, book trailers and fun videos in the 'Library News' section. Currently, students are encouraged to read the CBCA shortlisted titles for 2013 and try the shortlisted book activities as we count down to Bookweek in week 7 of this term.

New QSchool app
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Our STAR rule for this week is in regard to: Safely—standing/running unsafely. The place to run as fast as you can and as much as you want is on the oval or in front of the tennis courts!! Children running on concrete in the Undercover Area and in the courtyard are putting themselves and others at risk. Do NOT do it – we have too many accidents!!

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.wordthinks.com/ which focuses on words that can be used every day. My word of the week this week is:

Intuitive

Intuitive adj. Known automatically: known directly and instinctively, without being discovered or consciously perceived. "He intuitively knew that one day she would become a movie star."

Cobuild Dictionary website:
http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Belinda Eckford
Principal

P&C Notices

Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 7.00pm in the school library. New members are always welcome.

School Disco
There will be a School Disco on Thursday 22nd August, so make sure to keep this date free. There will be more details to follow so watch this space.

Safe Food Handling Course
This course has been rescheduled. The Food Safety / Food Handling training session will now be held on Monday 19th August in the school library (computer room) from 1pm-2.45pm. It will be presented by Mackay Regional Council and there is no charge. This is an interesting course for any adult who would like to assist with any barbecues or other food event for the school. You will receive valuable knowledge and also a Safe Food Handling certificate which you can add to your resume to impress future employers. Please let Kerry Happgood-Strickland know by the end of the day on 11th August if you would like to attend as she needs to give the lady presenting the course the attendance figures on the 12th.

As always, if you have any queries about any P&C matters please contact myself on 0429613249.
Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson, President P&C

NAIDOC Colouring Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners for each year:
- Prep-Reilly Brown
- Year 1-Emily Upton (1S)
- Year 2-Stacey Whiting
- Year 3-Kate McGlashan
- Year 4-Brayden Turnbull
- Year 5-Storm Chapman
- Year 6-Sirach Santos

Well done to all of the students who participated in this competition. The quality of work was outstanding.

Deadly Australians

The students had an interesting morning yesterday learning about deadly (and non-deadly) animals that can be found in our local area. Blake from Prep B was one of the exceptionally brave ones who held a Children’s Python for all the other students to touch.

A Day With A Scientist

Students in Years 4-7 are invited to register for the Day With a Scientist program to be conducted at Andergrove State School, Mackay on Friday August 23, 2013, 9.30 a.m. till 2.30 p.m. This program provides a wonderful enrichment learning experience for students with an interest in science.

During the day, students will work in pairs on engaging, hands-on activities designed to accelerate their understanding, further arouse their curiosity, stimulate their imagination, and foster their creative-thinking and problem-solving abilities. In addition, they will experience scientific demonstrations and other multiple intelligence exercises (e.g., science poetry and song) and complete peer reports. For further information about the program content, as well as testimonials, please visit www.ScienteTime.com.au and use the "Day With a Scientist" link. Cost is $38.50 (including GST) per student. The presenter is Dr Peter Eastwell, an experienced science educator and author.

Parents please note: book directly by emailing the name(s) of the student(s) wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to mackay@sciencetime.com.au (bookings will NOT
be taken through your school office). If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message to facilitate payment. Places need to be filled on a first-in basis, so in the event that no further places are available you will receive a message indicating this. Finally, any parents wishing to join us and help for all, or part, of the day will be most welcome.

**Student of the Week – 25th July**

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

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<th>Prep B Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Cooper Philp</th>
<th>For outstanding use of rhyming words. We love your detailed pictures to match.</th>
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<td>Prep C Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Ellie Coyle</td>
<td>For being an all-round SUPER STAR! I especially love your amazing writing every morning.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2S Ms Smith</td>
<td>Sophie Cobb</td>
<td>For always trying your best.</td>
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<td>Yr 1S Ms Swettenham</td>
<td>Chelsea Richardson</td>
<td>For a great start at Bucasia and following the STAR rules. Well done.</td>
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<td>Yr 2L Miss Lorenz</td>
<td>Ruby Smith</td>
<td>For a great first week in our class.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3B Miss Benjamin &amp; Mrs Peltonen</td>
<td>Sophie Swanson</td>
<td>For always following the STAR rules in both the classroom and the classroom.</td>
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<td>Yr 3O Mr O'Hara</td>
<td>Emily Smith</td>
<td>For her great work learning her times tables!</td>
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<td>Yr 3S Ms Swift</td>
<td>Lara Lunn</td>
<td>For such amazing, neat and beautiful bookwork! Be proud!!!</td>
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<td>Yr 4M Mrs Morgan</td>
<td>Brayden Turnbull</td>
<td>For working hard and being a fantastic role model. You rock!</td>
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<td>Yr 4/5B Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Latoya Flanady</td>
<td>For being helpful and trying your best.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Rebecca Peacock</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude and offering to help her team mates.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6 Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Zoe Hapgood-Strickland</td>
<td>For getting on with the job at hand quickly and quietly.</td>
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<td>Music Ms Elliott</td>
<td>Cassie Wellby</td>
<td>For excellent listening, singing and performing in music lessons.</td>
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<td>PE Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>Callum Thompson</td>
<td>For your awesome effort in PE. Well done mate!!</td>
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**Pre-Prep Program 2013**

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2014 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.

- **Friday 9/8/13 9.30am – 11am**
- **Tuesday 3/9/2013 9.30am – 11am**
  (Parents are required to stay)

Or attend our Meet & Greet Afternoon on 19th September 2013 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.
(Session for parents and prep children)

Call the office to secure your preferred day on 49697888 or email kcanv3@eq.edu.au.

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**Community Notices**

**Enrolment Information Evening**

Wednesday 14 August 2013
5pm to 6.30pm
MNBSHS Lecture Theatre
Prospective Students for Years 7, 8 or 9 in 2014 are invited to attend.
Please register your intention to attend by Tuesday 13 August 2013
phone: 4942 1333 or emailing: enrolments@macknorthbeachsshs.eq.edu.au
More information is on the school website: www.macknorthbeachsshs.eq.edu.au

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**Dyslexia Forum: Q&A**

www.learningdifferently.net.au

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**Understanding Dyslexia - An Obstacle and Opportunity**

Dyslexia affects about 1 in 10 of the Australian population and is a life long learning disability, not a sign of failure. Dyslexic students may require different ways of understanding and processing information. Dyslexia affects both reading and spelling, and makes it more difficult to understand the connection between sounds and the meaning of words. It can also make it more difficult to read and write. Dyslexics use different strategies to compensate for their difficulties in reading and spelling. Dyslexia is a part of the brain's learning system. Dyslexics use the part of the brain that is different for reading and spelling. Dyslexics use other parts of the brain to compensate for their difficulties in reading and spelling. Dyslexics often have great strengths in other areas, such as music, art, and sports. Dyslexia is not a disability. Dyslexia is a learning difference. Dyslexics often have great strengths in other areas, such as music, art, and sports.