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Magpies
The dreaded bird is back! For the next few weeks all children should be keeping to the covered links and wearing their hats when outside to protect themselves from the horrid beast. P&C are already discussing options as the wily bird outwitted the magpie catcher last year when he visited. Hopefully he can reattempt his capture of the bird, this time successfully!

Farewell to Mrs Morgan who leaves with her family to the dusty wilds of Western Australia. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her the best and thanking her for all her hard work whilst she has been at Bucasia State School. As her replacement in year 4 and as acting Head of Curriculum for the remainder of the year, I would like to introduce Catherine Armstrong. Catherine has worked as a HOC in Clermont and Glenden and is returning to her home town of Mackay.

Welcome to Mr Reasoner who is taking the place of Ms Lloyd as she travels the world during her long service leave.

Staffroom Makeover
Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover! Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school. Please, please help us win this, I love winning grants and we have won so many for the school, it would be lovely to win one for the staff!

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Congratulations to some former students!!!
Mackay Northern Beaches State High School has today had its
Investiture for its Student Council and we would like to say
congratulations to:-
April – Academic Captain
Alira – Sporting House Captain
Zoe – Sporting House Captain

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. With this App you can access the latest school news
and calendar events; receive emergency announcements and
information around school closures; search for the nearest school
by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view
school contact details; follow multiple schools.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
Our STAR rule for this week is in regard to: Teamwork – being
a good friend/team member, ask others to join in.Include. I
think every child and every adult knows what it feels like to feel
excluded and not part of a group. This is not a pleasant
experience and let’s not let it happen to anyone in the school.
This week in particular, the focus is on being a good team
member and making sure everyone is part of the team. Great
things can happen, just ask our Optiminds team!

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:

**Pundit**

Pundit n. 1. Somebody who expresses an opinion:
somebody who acts as a critic or authority on a
particular subject, especially in the media. The
election results threw the political pundits into
confusion. 2. Somebody wise: somebody with
knowledge and wisdom. If all our children learn really
well, I have no doubt they will all be pundits in one
area or another!

Another dictionary that I often use is the cobuild dictionary
because it is very up to date with current idiom or words that
become ‘the flavor of the month’. See below for the address:
Cobuild Dictionary website:
http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Belinda Eckford,
Principal

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**School Swimming Lessons**

This year swimming lessons will be held over 5 Friday’s in term
4 – starting on Friday 11th October (the first Friday of Term 4),
and finishing on Friday 1st November. The lessons will be
conducted at the Pioneer Pool on Malcolmson St. The lessons
are for all students in Prep to Year 6. The cost will be $35 per
student, payable to the office no later than Thursday 10th
September. The school will need to pass on to the pool the
number of students swimming so they can plan the lessons.
Every child has been given a Student Medical Form (the colour
of which relates to their class group) which needs to be
completed and returned with payment.

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**P&C Notices**

P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held next Wednesday, 11th September
2013 in the school library at 7.00pm. New members are always
welcome.

**Slushies!!!**
The slushie machine is currently getting repaired. Slushies will
be unavailable until further notice.

**Father's Day Stall**
To all our wonderful volunteers who gave up their time for the
Father's Day Stall, whether wrapping gifts or offering their time
last Friday, we would like to say thank you. We hope all the
fathers enjoyed their gifts and their day with their families.

**Northern Beaches Community Day**
What a great day enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the
parents, Mr Smith, Mrs Clarke and Mr Moore for their time,
whether helping set up, supervising the making of the fairy
bread or packing up. We would like to kindly thank Coles
Caneland store for their donation of all the bread, margarine
and sprinkles for our stall. Also a special thank you to Northern
Beaches Presbyterian Church for taking all the tents and
tables back to the school for us.

**Barbeques on this weekend – Election Day Saturday 7th,**
**Bunnings Barbeque Sunday 8th.**
For those of you who love the smell of cooking onions
and sausages on a hot barbeque, then this weekend we have you
covered. Firstly we have the Election Day Barbeque on
Saturday. We have changed the times of this stall, so if you
are available between 7.30am and 3.00pm please put your
name down on the volunteer roster on the P&C noticeboard in
the office. Once again we are only requesting an hour of your
time. We ask that the volunteers come from the non-senior
parents of the school please. Money from the sale of sausages
will be going to our Special Ed Unit to help upgrade facilities
within the unit. Money from the sale of drinks and chips will go
to the P&C for utilisation around the school. The Optiminds
team will also have a stall to raise funds for the state finals, so
come along and support our school this Saturday.
The senior students are holding a barbeque at Bunnings
Warehouse Mackay on Sunday to raise funds for their
graduation this year. So parents of senior students who are
available to offer their time please see Lauren Brooks for more
details if you have not already.

As always, please do not hesitate to see me or any P&C member
with any enquires or concerns you may have. Have a great
weekend and look forward to seeing you over the weekend at one
of the barbies. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0423613249

**Northern Beaches Supports Opti-Minds**

Thank you to the Northern Beaches community for your
support at the Community Day held on Sunday 1st September.
The Opti-Minds Team raised $250.90 and this was made
possible by the generous donations made by the community,
taking part in our Jelly Bean Jar Guess and buying our yummy
treats. Congratulations to Alira Woodward who won the jelly
beans with the closest guess. The total amount of jelly beans
was 1286. All monies raised will assist the Opti-Minds Team
with their Travel/accommodation to the Opti-Minds Creative
Sustainability State Finals Challenge in Brisbane next month.
Thank you from the Team – Ariahn, Jack, Katie, Lavinia, Lulu
and Sirach.
There will be FREE DRESS DAY next Thursday 12th
September. Please bring a gold coin donation to help
support our Opti-Minds Team!!
Helping Hands

Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child’s “home away from home” Helping Hands Bucasia offers a quality childcare service for the families in the local school community. The service is located on school site and is operating out of the school hall. Opening Hours are: Before School Care 6:30am – 8:30am, After School Care 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.

Community Notices

Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club
Get a group of your friends together or join by yourself! 1st Sign On Day @ Memorial Pool, Sunday 15 September, 9am-12noon. 2nd Sign On Day, Sunday 29 September, 9am-12noon @ Eimeo SLSC. Please bring a parent along! If you can’t attend on either day but would still like to join, please ring the club on 49696680.

Applications for Enrolments and Scholarships
Applications for enrolments for 2014, for yrs 7, 8 & 9 need to be submitted by 13th September, as do applications for scholarships.

For more info please phone 48421333 or visit the website www.macknorthbeaches.eq.edu.au.

MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!

Pioneer Swim Club Sign Ons
10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th & 20th September 2013
At Pioneer Swimming Pool 4pm—6:30pm

Club nights are held every Thursday from September—April from 6:30pm.
The Pioneer Swimming Carnival will be held on 6th October 2013 and all swimmers must be registered with a Club to swim.
Membership forms and fee details are also available on our website:
www.pioneerswimclub.com.au or contact our registrar Angela Harris at registrar@pioneerswimclub.com.au

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Student of the Week – 29th August

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

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<th>Prep B</th>
<th>Cassie</th>
<th>Congratulations on the amazing author you have become. We enjoy listening to your fine writing.</th>
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<td>Mrs Becker</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Mikayla</td>
<td>For being our amazing counting queen. You have had a SUPER WEEK!</td>
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<td>Mrs Clarke</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2S</td>
<td>Kate</td>
<td>For working hard on her science drawings.</td>
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<td>Ms Smith</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Tray</td>
<td>For trying hard with improving his writing.</td>
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<td>Ms Swettenham</td>
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<td>Yr 2L</td>
<td>Kaylee</td>
<td>For awesome hard work and being a great role model for her peers.</td>
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<td>Miss Lorenz</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3P</td>
<td>Darcy</td>
<td>For always respecting and helping his peers.</td>
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<td>Ms Peltonen</td>
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<td>Yr 3O</td>
<td>Daniel</td>
<td>For writing a fabulous formalise text.</td>
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<td>Mr O’Hara</td>
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<td>Yr 3S</td>
<td>Maddison</td>
<td>For an amazing improvement in your number facts! Wow! Bee proud!</td>
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<td>Ms Swift</td>
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<td>Yr 4M</td>
<td>Cylesha</td>
<td>For your fantastic effort in technology.</td>
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<td>Mrs Morgan &amp; Mrs Wicks</td>
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<td>Yr 4/5B</td>
<td>Robert</td>
<td>For working well and remaining focused.</td>
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<td>Mr Brandon</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Nicole</td>
<td>For impressing Miss Brooks with your reading. You have really come a long way!!</td>
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<td>Miss Brooks</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6</td>
<td>Roxxy</td>
<td>For a positive attitude towards school work.</td>
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<td>Mr Stafford</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Jordis-Maria</td>
<td>For excellent understanding of rhythm concepts and wonderful behaviour in music lessons.</td>
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<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>Prep C</td>
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Pre-Prep Program 2013

There is one more chance to come along with your 2014 Prep child to Bucasia State School to meet our wonderful team of educators. You and your child can attend a Meet & Greet Afternoon on 19th September 2013 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Call the office to secure your place on 49697888 or email lkarv3@eq.edu.au.