NEWSLETTER NO.26 - 11th September 2013

Fun Run
To date we have received $2765.40 from the children who have gathered sponsors. This is an outstanding effort from those children and I would personally like to thank them for their efforts. Well done to all of you and thanks also to the parents who I know really assisted with this. The money will go directly to school resources that you, the students, can use. More information about that later!

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Although it is our policy to request that parents make an appointment for a parent/teacher interview on a needs basis, we also offer formal parent/teacher interviews. Please, make an appointment.

BBQ’s galore
Thanks to everyone who has assisted during the many activities we have had over the past couple of weeks and I know some people are seriously barbequed out! Thank you.

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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Prep 2014
If you know any parents with children who are of an age to attend Prep next year, could you please encourage them to come and see us? We need as many concrete numbers as we can get for resourcing for 2014. I would also like to extend thanks to the parents who assisted with the Prep mornings – they were an absolute pleasure with so many able helpers.

Quick tips
• Write notes on a message board for your children to read.
• Read catalogues that come in the mail together and talk about the things you might buy.
• Make a special place to keep books for you and your child to know how important reading is.

How to help your child learn – Be creative about reading!

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: \textbf{Attitude} – be in the right area promptly; when ball goes at 8:30 a.m., go to the toilet, get a drink and head toward the classroom to be organised. If you go on a job during class time, go and return promptly. It is wonderful to see how many of the children have such a great attitude toward school and this is why you are such excellent learners.

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:\textbf{Garrulous}

\textbf{Garrulous} adj. Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters. *A garrulous reprimand.* I bet that is the main reason that children receive correction at school!

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

Term 4 Commencement
Please note that Term 4 commences on Tuesday 8th October, as Monday 7th is a Public Holiday.

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 19th 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.

P&C Notices

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

Slushies!!
The slushie machine is still away for repairs. No slushies available until further notice.

Election Day Barbeque
Thank you to the following people for their support and efforts at Saturday’s Election Day Barbeque:- Charlie, Debra and Tyson from Coles Rural View for coming to help serve, Rosario and Gina Piperone, Bettina Schmidt, Sally McGrashan, Vicki Neil, Marika Kerr, Kerry Haggood-Strickland, Gena Proposch, Linda Higgs, Kailyn Crothers, Megan Stephens, Greg and Dan Cumhllie, Glenda Ware and finally Lloyd (Bill) Harvey. We only sold about half of the donated sausages, with $570 plus $41.20 in donations totally $611.20 for the Special Education Unit (SEU) to go towards a new sensory garden and sand pit. The P&C raised $145.42 in sales from drinks and chips.

All the fundraising over the weekend would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the support of the following businesses – Coles Northern Beaches, Bunnings Mackay, Mt Pleasant Meat Specialists, Bushman Bread and City Funeral Services who paid for the bread for the Bunnings Barbeque.

As always, please do not hesitate to see me or any P&C member with any enquires or concerns you may have. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249

Local Business Generously Supports Opti-Minds
Thank you for the overwhelming generosity of local businesses who supported the Opti-Minds Team by providing donations of food, gift cards, vouchers, original artworks and prizes for the Election Day raffle. Special thanks to:- Northern Beaches Bowls Club, Leigh’s Bowen Therapy, IGA Supermarket, Porters Rural View, Northern Beaches Veterinary Hospital, Coles Rural View, L’Amour Home, Blinds, Sam’s Warehouse, Bunnings Warehouse, Big W, Jeremiah Bullfrog, The Body Shop. The raffle will be drawn at parade this Thursday 12th September. Good luck to those who bought tickets!

There will be FREE DRESS DAY tomorrow, Thursday 12th September. Please bring a gold coin donation to help support our Opti-Minds Team!!

There will also be a Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths Rural View on Sunday 15th September 10am-2pm.
Thanks, The Opti-Minds Team

Seniors Barbeque at Bunnings
On Sunday the 8th September the Year 6’s hosted a BBQ at Bunnings to raise money for their graduation. We would like to thank the following families for giving up their time on the day
to help run the BBQ: Robinson, Puddicombe, Peacock, Finocchi, Ripley, Eltridge, Wagner, Ashmore, Turnbull, Robertson, Norton, Lunn, Judd, and Coyle. We would also
like to thank all the families that donated soft drinks, sauces
and serviettes.
We'd like to say a special thank you to Chris Ashmore, man-
ger of City Funerals, who donated all the bread and
organised the eski for us, Julie Ashmore for picking up and
delivering the sausages and onions, and The P&C who let us
use their BBQ utensils, hats and aprons. Your help was very
much appreciated and we now can't wait till our graduation!
Thanks, Lauren Brooks and Jeff Stafford

Student of the Week – 5th September

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

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Pre-Prep Program 2013

There is one more chance to come along with your 2014 Prep
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 49697688 or
e-mail kcarv3@eq.edu.au.

Community Notices

EARLYACTION OUTREACH PROGRAM
MACKAY-WHITSUNDAYS REGION
EarlyAction Outreach Programs are available to children, and
their families, with an autism spectrum disorder up to the age of 7
years, living in specific areas of North Queensland including
Mackay, Proserpine, Bowen, Airlie Beach, Moranbah, Sarina and
some of the surrounding areas. Each program caters to your
individual family needs, with some common issues addressed
including communication, behavioural issues, sensory processing
issues, fine & gross motor skills, play skills, and daily living (such
as eating, toileting and self care). Please contact Ann-Marie
Watson on 48418300 for further information.

MACKAY GYMNASTICS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS
INSIDE, OUT
OF THE SUN

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

WHERE: 6 Swayne Street, North Mackay
WHEN: Wednesday 25th September 2013
and Wednesday 2nd October 2013
TIME: 9.30am—11.00am
COST: $15 PER DAY
COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM
Phone: 49531425
Email: admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Limited Numbers!

"Little Lifesavers" School Holiday Program
Where: Mackay Regional Council Bluewater Lagoon
When: Mon 30th September – Fri 4th October 2013
(8am to 10am)
Who: Children Aged 5—11 years
Contact: Demelza Mawer (MELZ) at Surf Life Saving
Queensland
Phone: 0408 720 048
Email: dmawer@lifesaving.com.au