

NEWSLETTER NO.31- 6th November 2013

Acting Principal's Message

I met with Belinda yesterday and am pleased to report that her son is making a very good recovery and has regained some limited mobility. This excellent result means Belinda is now able to return to work and will be back on Monday.

I have appreciated the opportunity to "fill in" as principal for this three week period and would like to take this chance to thank all staff and the wider parent group for the warmth of your welcome, your support, and your contributions to making this such a wonderful school for your children.

Keep sailing on those oceans of success!

Remembrance Day

As advised in the Notice to Parents yesterday, the local RSL Sub-Branch will be conducting a Remembrance Day commemoration service at the Bucasia memorial this Monday, 11th November, commencing at 6.00pm.

Our school has been invited to join the two other state schools of the district in singing the National Anthem, reciting a poem, and laying a wreath.

I encourage you to attend this ceremony with your children and pay tribute to those hundreds of thousands of Australians who have fought and died to preserve our way of life.

Please have students dressed in full school uniform.

"Count Us In"

Everything about last Thursday's "Count Us In" performance was terrific – from the theme of song to the enthusiasm of the children themselves. Thank you Ms Elliott for involving the school in this novel singing event.

Swimming
(Week 5)

8/11/13

Arts Day -
Media

15/11/13

Swimming Concludes

This Friday sees the conclusion of swimming lessons for the year.

Thank you to all parents for enabling your children to participate in this essential "life skills" program.

Japanese Speaking

Congratulations to our three Year 6 students who participated recently in the Regional Japanese Speech Contest against over 100 others.

Rebecca, Cydney and Ben did our school, and themselves, proud. For their efforts each was presented with a certificate and a set of chop sticks at last week's parade.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

Our STAR letter for this week is A for Attitude – keeping focus until the end of the year.

Having a positive attitude is one of the greatest prerequisites for success in any aspect of life, and especially for school. Parents can play a vital role here by continually highlighting the importance of school for future academic, career and social success.

Geography Syllabus

Next year the new Geography Syllabus will be introduced into Qld primary schools. The implementation of this syllabus, along with the recently implemented History syllabus, will mean SOSE will no longer be taught.

Bucasia's staff will attend professional development activities regarding this new subject area next Wednesday afternoon.

Howard Frost, Acting Principal

P&C Notices

The next P & C Meeting will be held Wednesday, 13th November 2013 in Library at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome. This will be our second last meeting for the year. Our final meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December at Northern Beaches Bowls Club.

Tuckshop

To our mothers who volunteered to help out in the tuckshop whilst Marika was unavailable, your generosity is amazing. Thank-you Carol Jeffels, Maria Potoru, Annette Phillips and Deanne Mills.

Seniors Barbeque

To all the students and teachers who purchased sausages last week for the Senior Graduation fundraiser, thank you. Your support enabled a further \$250 to be raised for the seniors. Also, I think everyone will agree the brown paper bag system was the easiest system for delivering the food to the students and will be used again for pre-orders I am sure.

Preprep Playdate

The next playdate is scheduled for Tuesday November 26th so if you have a child destined for prep next year please contact the office to reserve your place.

School Banking

Just reminding the parents who students do not yet have commonwealth school bank accounts – it is never too late to sign up. www.commbank.com.au/youthsaver is the link for you to get more information about school banking, and even the parents who do utilise the service offered by the school can use this link.

School Uniform Second Hand Shop

If you haven't seen our second hand uniform shop lately you need to pop your head in to the tuckshop and have a squiz. The Hapgood-Strickland family and Mr Howie have done a

wonderful job putting up shelving so hopefully it will be easier to find the item of clothing you need. So if your student has had a growth spurt and you need a new uniform all items of clothing are \$5 and we always accept uniform donations. We just ask they be in good clean condition please.

Barbeques coming up

Please keep the following days free and help out where you can. Only an hour of your weekend requested as these are all day events.

Saturday 16th November - Caltex Rural View - Sausage sizzle, car window washing and raffles. All proceeds go to the school.

Saturday 30th November – Bunnings Warehouse – Sausage sizzle. Proceeds go to air-conditioning our school tuckshop.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Pre-Prep Program 2013

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2014 Prep child to orientate them to our wonderful school.

Ready for Prep Play Dates:-

Tuesday 26th November

Pre-prep Orientation Classroom Visits:-

Monday 25th November 9.30am-11.30am

Thursday 28th November 9.30am – 11.30am

You can register for any of the above at the school office. Please pass this information on to anyone that you know that may have a child starting Prep next year.

Sausage Sizzle at Caltex Starmart Rural View

The Caltex Starmart at Rural View is having a fundraiser sausage sizzle, windscreen washing and raffles on Saturday 16th November. All money raised will be donated back to Bucasia State School. Please come along to support the day. Thank you, Leah.

Positions Vacant

Mackay Northern Beaches Senior High School has positions vacant for 2014. One is a Schools Officer: Grounds and Facilities, and the other a Science Operations Officer. A Position Description and further details are available on the school's website www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au; facebook; phoning the school on 48421333 or details provided in the flyer included in today's newsletter.

Student of the Week – 31st October

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

Prep B Mrs Becker	Isabella	For the outstanding effort you did when writing a letter to your Dad.
Prep C Mrs Clarke	Ivy	For putting 100% effort into your school work. You rock!
	Jeremy	For being a fantastic writer. You are using your knowledge of letters and sounds to spell words.
Yr 1/2S Ms Smith	Ulani	For working well in Miss Swettenham's reading group.
Yr 1S Ms Swettenham	Kayla	For always trying hard and having a positive attitude.
Yr 2L Miss Lorenz	Ruby	For writing an awesome narrative. Great work.
Yr 2/3P Mrs. Peltonen	Ethan	For being a number fact wizz.
Yr 3O Mr O'Hara	Tahlia	For always being a pleasure to teach and having a beautiful smile.
Yr 3S Ms Swift	Meliah	For a wonderful improvement in weekly spelling tests! You are amazing!
Yr 4M Miss Armstrong & Mrs Wicks	Annika	For your great improvement made with reading skills.
Yr 4/5B Mr Brandon	Tahlia	For working well in class and ignoring distractions.
Yr 5/6B Miss Brooks	Connor	For working well in spelling activities this week!
Yr 5/6 Mr Stafford	Kailey	For working well in class.
Music Ms Elliott	Mikayla	For excellent understanding of rhythm concepts and great behaviour in Music Lessons.
PE Mr Reasoner	Mercedes	For being a great helper and trying 100% in everything.

Community Notices

Salvation Army Christmas Cheer

With Christmas fast approaching The Mackay Salvation Army has already begun collecting food and gifts for the many families in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember we accept all non-perishable food, no alcohol or chocolate, and all food must be in date. Lots of people give toys but please don't forget that these families need food as well. These donations can be dropped off at 48 Gregory Street. The smallest donation can mean so much to someone who really needs it. For more details please phone our office on (07) 4957 3576.

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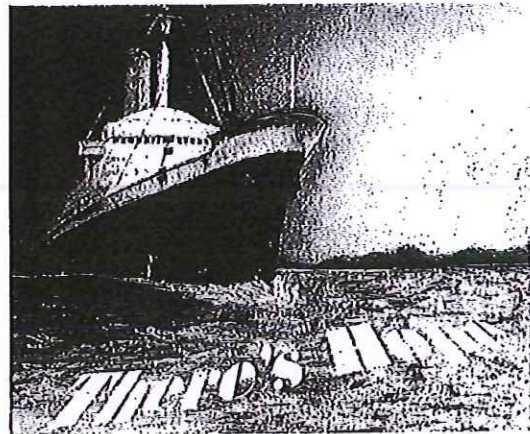
Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

Contact us for a foster care information pack.

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Australia, the lucky country has the highest rate of youth suicide in the world, Why?



This cd was recorded to heighten people's awareness of mental health problems that exist in Australia. According to Statistics 1 in 4 young adults between the age of 12 & 25 suffer from some form of mental illness. With over 300 associated deaths each year

We need to know and fully understand why, and need to give total support to organisations such as headspace. Therefore 100% of the proceeds of the sale of this cd are going to headspace. Headspace is an organisation which provides mental health and wellbeing support, information and services to young people aged 12 to 25 across Australia.



ON SALE NOW. COST \$10 Expressions of Interest to

To those who suffer from mental health problems.

Always remember. "There's hope."

Rob Covey
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