NEWSLETTER NO.2 – 12th February 2014

From the Principal

Teacher/Parent Meetings
A number of these are still occurring within the school. I would like to extend an invitation for parents to attend as this is one of the ways teachers communicate the way in which they do business in the school. They cover learning and practical matters in these meetings and it is your opportunity to clarify any issues that may have been concerning you. In addition, it is the school policy that teachers publish a brief newsletter each term to keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom, learning that is occurring and what input would be of value to them.

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress, please make an appointment with the teacher so s/he is free to attend to your concerns. Catching them in the morning or afternoon as they are preparing for classes is not the best option when communicating meaningfully about a student’s education.

Please note, their have been a couple of changes to the scheduled meetings. 1/2K will now be tomorrow afternoon – 13th Feb, and 1S will be Monday 17th Feb.

Medical Matters
We have a number of children at school who are allergic to particular foods and substances. Whilst we are unable to mandate that foods with these substances are not to be brought to school, we do ask that children DO NOT share food and that they wash their hands before and after eating. This significantly reduces the risk to the allergic students. Some students here carry epi-pens and other medical equipment on their person, so the fact that this is a non-contact school is very important for their safety. I would ask respectfully if parents could talk with their children about not sharing food, being aware that children are allergic to particular foods, and respecting that (ie, no teasing, no sharing, etc).

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Website
The current tuckshop menu is uploaded under the facilities tab. The tuckshop menu is able to be added to the Qschools app for your convenience, and I have been advised that this will be operational in March. If you would like to see any further info added to the website, please contact myself as I am always interested in what parents need information about and in helping provide that.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
SAFETY is the big focus this week with all the children contained quite often because of the wet weather. We are reminding children to walk, not run on cement. It would be wonderful if a family chat could be had around this topic as injuries run rife when children run on cement.

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:

Hyperbole
Hyperbole; Hyperbolic n. Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. When I say on parade that we don’t want squished children because they have had an argument with a car, I am using hyperbole as I do not actually mean they have fought a car!

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/

Meet and Greet
This Friday morning (14th February) after the bell rings, the P & C are having a meet and greet morning tea outside the tuckshop. We would like to invite all new and returning parents to the morning tea. So drop your kiddies off to their classrooms and pop down for a cuppa and bite to eat. If interested, a talk with some of our P & C members. We should be finished by 9.30am so you can get on with your day. Any P & C members, who are attending, please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Thank you.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Do you have three hours to spare – whether once a week, once a month or once a term, we want to hear from you? Our Tuckshop is now calling for volunteers to help out, so if you are available please see Marika in the tuckshop. And yes the tuckshop is air-conditioned for your comfort 😎.

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. 2013 P&C resident Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Student of the Week – 6th February
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

| Prep B  | Mrs Becker  | Wren  | For an outstanding start to your exciting new Prep year. |
| Prep M  | Mrs McAuley | Emmett | For always trying his best. |
| Yr Pr 1 | Mrs Clarke  | Kanye (yr1) | For being a responsible role model for our Prep C students. |
| Yr 1S  | Ms Swettenham | Lainey (Prep) | For being an AMAZING start to prep. Well done Lainey. |
| Yr 1S  | Ms Swettenham | Kalista | For being a super STAR student in 1S. |
| Yr 1/2K | Ms Kirkpatrick | Sydney | For always having a go and following classroom and school rules. Well done. |
| Yr 2B  | Mrs Borts  | Jessica | For an outstanding start to the year and always trying your best in all areas. |
| Yr 2/3B | Mrs Buetel & Mrs Redman | Harrison | For outstanding understanding of standard and non-standard partitioning in Maths. |
| Yr 3P  | Mrs Peltonen | Lilly | For always following the STAR rules and setting a great example for the others. Well done! |
| Yr 3/4W | Mrs Williams | Keeva | For making an awesome start to the term by being a good role model in class. |
| Yr 4A  | Ms Armstrong | Charlie | For an outstanding effort in all learning areas – well done! |
| Yr 4B  | Mr Brandon | Lara | For great writing and making a good start to the year. |
| Yr 5O  | Mr O’Hara  | Jamie | For her brilliant use of vocabulary in sentence writing. |
| Yr 5/6B | Miss Brooks | Seth | For excellent classroom behaviour. You are trying hard to follow the STAR rules – well done! |
| Yr 5/6S | Mr Stafford | Jorja | For being a helpful classmate. |
| Music  | Mrs Elliott | 2/3BR | For being a class full of STAR students. |

From the Office
• Insert - School Dental Service Pamphlet

P&C Notices
Our first meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm in school library. All parents, carers and teachers are invited to attend. If you have a special interest in our school and would like to be part of our committee, whether in a formal capacity as President, Secretary, Treasurer or in a more informal role as Fundraising committee, School Banking etcetera please come along. The new constitution will also be adopted at this meeting. All positions will be vacant at the meeting and we are always looking for new members.

Barbeques coming up
Masters Barbeque Saturday 22nd February 2014. This will be an all-day barbeque - Volunteers are requested to donate their time, as we always say “Just one hour of your day”. If we get lots of volunteers then it will be light work. So please check your calendars and see if you can help out. This barbeque is raising funds for fridge repairs/replacements in our classrooms and also Whitsunday Voices (see note from Sue Drew librarian). Schedule is up in office. Volunteers please be aware that closed-in footwear MUST be worn on the day.

Fridges
On the topic of Fridges, the P & C would like to extend a generous thank-you to Arnaise and Ilsa Jackson’s family for the donation of the fridge for 4B. (Mr Brandon’s classroom).
Library Notices

Book Club
Bookclub Issue 1 has gone home, and all orders and monies are due back to school by Friday 14th February.

Volunteers Needed for Sausage Sizzle
Each year the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literacy festival is held in Mackay during Term 3. As a way of subsidising student who wish to be involved in this wonderful event, the P&C in conjunction with Bucasia State School Library are running a Sausage Sizzle at Masters on Saturday 22nd February (incorrectly advertised as 14th Feb in last week’s newsletter) to raise funds. We are currently seeking volunteers who would be willing to give up an hour to help on that day. If you would like to offer assistance, please give your name, contact details and when you could help to the office or to Sue Drew in the Library. Thank you.

Community Notices

Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child’s “home away from home”
Helping Hands Bucasia provides quality childcare for school aged children. Located on school site guarantees safety and convenience for children and their families. We offer a pick-up and delivery service to Prep and Year One classrooms so you have peace of mind that your little ones are safe at all times. Our qualified staff ensure your children are fully supervised at all times.
Service opening hours: Before School: 6:30am – 8:50am, After School: 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.

School Uniforms at Lowes
Bucasia State School Uniforms are now available online at www.lowes.com.au. Free shipping on orders over $100. Register online and receive a discount on your first order.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
4:30pm—6:00pm
The Ken Martin Choral Centre, Mackay Choral Society
Snow Wright Court, BEACONSFIELD 4740
CONTACT:
Jennifer Bee: 0404 163 097 | Email: achoird.pitch@gmail.com

Mackay Junior Touch are running a Junior Touch Competition on Friday afternoons, for Boys and Girls in U6 through to U16. For more information go to www.mackaytouch.com.au under Junior tab.

Mackay Athletics Club
run jump throw

Sign-on and Information Day
Saturday 22 February 2014
from 10am-2pm
Mackay State High School,
Via English or Penn Sts, Mackay
Ages from 5 to Masters

1st club day, Saturday 1 March
Trial period only $10.00 for two weeks

www.mackayathletics.com.au
for more information or call
James on 0431 973 129
New members to bring a
copy of Birth Certificate for sighting.

Dolphins Soccer Club Sign On
Sunday, 23rd February 10 – 2pm
Northern Beaches Bowls Club
All ages U6 to seniors welcome
Contact Melissa 0424331437