NEWSLETTER NO.3 – 19th February 2014

From the Principal

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

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Help our school to win 10 IPADS!!!
The Daily Mercury are running a competition in which a school will win 10 IPADS. We need your help! There will be a token published in the newspaper every day from Saturday February 22nd until Monday March 31. The school with the most tokens at the end of the five week promotion will win these awesome teaching tools. All schools are being given an equal chance of winning as entries will be pro-rata across the number of students enrolled to determine the winner, so start collecting!!!

There is more information at www.dailymercury.com.au/ipadgiveaway.

Coffee Van
We are trialling a visit by the coffee van to our school staff carpark at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays. If you would like to avail yourself of a coffee, frappe, iced whatever, Cafe2U is trialling visiting our school on the Tuesday afternoon to see whether it is worthwhile to make it a regular event.

Thank you, thank you
To all parents who are sending their children to bed early!!! It is now week 4 in the term and it is very easy to identify the children who have regular bed times and are keeping to them. It is getting toward mid term and although the children are behaving well, some are very tired. Ensuring children are receiving adequate sleep and a good breakfast sets them up well for the day.

Resource Fees
The office are now taking payment of Resource Fees. Once the monies have been paid access to Razkids and Mathletics will be made available to your child/ren.

School Volunteers - Signing In and Out
Please be aware that it is a requirement that any person volunteering within the school must sign in and out at the admin office. This is for safety purposes and applies to every volunteer, including parents helping in the classrooms or tuckshop.

Safety Circus
What a wonderful production! Many thanks to Sgt Nigel Dalton for organising and co-ordinating this event and also the performers who donate 3 weeks of their time voluntarily to teach our students valuable safety information. Please ask your year 3 child what they learned.

P & C AGM Tonight at 6:30 pm
Please come along to contribute on many different levels to the education of your child. In 2013, our P & C contributed to school excursions, swimming carnivals and other class activities. So many thanks to Sarah-Jane, Kerry, Kylie and their band of volunteers – without them our school would not provide such a rich environment for your child. Please consider adding to this band of volunteers so they are not exhausted by the end of this year, and also taking on a leadership role within the P & C. An effective P & C does influence the school markedly.

Master’s BBQ
If your child in year 5 or 6 brought home a note regarding the Master’s BBQ, could you please consider giving a small amount of time to support this endeavour as the dollars will be divided between fridges for the classrooms and Whitsunday Voices excursion later in the year.

Young children in the school grounds
When bringing younger children to school at 3 pm to pick up your children, could you please ensure the youngsters do not run up to windows and tap on them, or enter the classrooms? This is extremely distracting for the class teacher who is trying to finalise matters for the afternoon. It also distracts the children from the final messages of the day and often is when the teacher is reviewing learning for the day or management for the next day – reminding the children whatthey may need for their school day.

Receiving the Newsletter via email
If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly newsletter via email, please let the office staff know your email address and you will be added to the mailing list.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
This week’s rule is focused on ATTITUDE: Practise, practise, practise and do your homework/home reading – get better at what you do. In order to improve anything, it needs to be practised regularly. Think of the training the Olympians do, the NRL players, musicians….. The list is endless. The world opens to children who are able to read and interpret it. Reading is the key – practise reading every day, learn your tables and do the homework – this is the recipe to improvement in learning and the attitude of doing it and doing it well will impact every child’s life.

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:

_Mellifluous_
_Mellifluous adj. Sweet or musical; pleasant to hear. “She had a mellifluous voice.” At the safety circus today, many of the performers had a mellifluous voice._

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

P&C Notices

AGM and general meeting
Our first meeting and AGM will be on tonight, 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 THIS SATURDAY 22nd February 2014. This will be an all-day barbeque – Please, we are still very short on Volunteers, and we are requesting everyone 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.

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 President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.
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 students 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.

Mackay Softball Association invites parents to get their kids active and playing a great sport whilst making new friends and social groups. All the clubs welcome new players for the 2014 season commencing in May.

All upcoming Softball sign days for adults and children are held at the Mackay Softball Fields, Beaconsfield Road, Andergrove. Come along to any of the days for more information and sign on.

Dragons: 2nd March 2pm – 4pm Contact: Noreen 4942 7606
Angels: 8th March & 15th March 10am – 2pm Contact: Chub 0416 432 988 or Linda 0427 114 955
Hawks: 16th March 2pm – 4pm Contact: Cheryl 0428 182 248 or Kim 0420 309 905

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.

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.

Dolphins Soccer Club Sign On
Sunday, 23rd February 10 – 2pm
Northern Beaches Bowls Club
All ages U6 to seniors welcome
Contact Melissa 0424331437
Helping Hands Bucasia offers a high quality before and after school care service during the school term and a full day of vacation care during school holidays. Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with many educational and fun activities and games. For more information and bookings, please contact Amy via email or phone. Details provided above.

Throughout 2013, our service has had a strong focus on ‘Sustainability. We regularly engage in activities that involve recycling and composting and help the children to understand why it is important to reduce waste and take care of our environment.

The children have been hard at work creating and nurturing an incredible organic garden area for the school as well attending their very own worm farm.

Some of the highlights of our January 2014 vacation care program were our excursion to the Jarravale Alpaca Farm and Auskick workshop. At the Jarravale Alpaca farm the children learnt about many farm animals, where they live and how to feed them.

The AusKick team came to teach the children how to play AFL. All children enjoyed the workshop and learnt the skill of kicking and passing the ball to each other.

At Helping Hands Bucasia our staff always encourage and support the children to try new games and develop new skills.
Dear Parent,

I am happy to announce that Porters would like to donate to our school, through Porters Rewards.

One way in which you could support our school is by filling out the application form below and joining Porters Rewards. By doing so, you can donate points earned at the Porters Northern Beaches store to our school!

Please send your completed form to the Reply Paid address included.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Belinda Eckford

How to donate to your school.
Its simple.

DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL
Donate points earned at Porters Northern Beaches to your school or keep them for yourself. Your choice!

PORTERS POINTS
Earn points for every dollar spent at Porters retail stores (Mackay City, Northern Beaches and Whitsunday). Points never expire!

PORTERS PAYMENT
Receive a Porters gift card for every 50 points earned – it's that simple!

PORTERS PRIZES
Receive a Porters gift card just for signing up! Plus ongoing rewards like invitations to special VIP events and shopping nights.

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Please complete this form to receive your Porters Rewards card. You can start collecting points immediately! Forms can be returned to any Porters store or mailed free of charge to:

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Mackay
QLD 4740

PLEASE NOTE - if you already have a Porters Rewards card, you do not need to complete this form.

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