NEWSLETTER NO.6 – 12th March 2014

From the Principal

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School Leaders for 2014
Congratulations to our school leaders for 2014! I am so proud of the manner in which they conduct themselves, the role models they are and am looking forward to working with them this year.

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Support a Talker
Support a Talker will be held on Tuesday, 18th March, commencing at 9.00 am. This is a program that is aimed at giving parents the tools to assist their children with development of oral language. If you are interested in attending, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Life Education & Prep Excursion
Please remember to send in permission forms and required admission fees so your child can attend these very worthwhile events.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
This week’s rule is focused on SAFETY: walking on the concrete. Students have numerous accidents when running on concrete and so staff have worked together to formulate a new strategy to increase the safety at school. Teachers will be using the ‘Stop & Drop’ strategy. If students are running on the concrete, teachers will be telling students to stop and sit. Students are to remain in that spot until that teacher releases them. It is simply not safe to run around the buildings on the concrete and so many people are getting hurt, this really does need addressing in strong terms.

QSchool app
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from your school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.
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- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
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Please consider using this app so you are able to receive the school newsletter, alerts (when we have set them up) and check out our website. It would be best to download the app when you are connected to wireless.

New design for the wall in the Undercover Area
It has been mentioned that the wall in the Undercover Area that is furthest from the office needs some updating. I believe this could be considered a fair comment. If you or someone you know has ideas to share about what could replace it, I would love some designs! Please contact me with some of your ideas and we could work together to make this wall relevant for today.

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:

Demonstrable
Demonstrable (de-mon-str-a-ble) adj. 1. Capable of being demonstrated or proved: "demonstrable truths." 2. Obvious or apparent: "demonstrable lies." Our school leaders have already proved their demonstrable worth in this short time!

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

LIBRARY NOTICES

Award Winning Children's Author - Phil Kettle
Phil Kettle will be visiting our school on Wednesday 26th March. With over 160 books and a swag of international and local author awards, Phil Kettle is one of Australia's most talented and entertaining authors. Originally a teacher, his books are now sold worldwide. His love of writing and his passion for literacy is evident in his presentations. Some of his books include the Too Cool series, Get Real series and Boys Rule.

Year 3 to Year 6 – 1 hr session providing insights into story writing and character development, whilst focussing on the importance of reading. NUMBERS ARE LIMITED TO 100 STUDENTS PER SESSION! Cost - $3 per student.

Check out Phil's website on www.philkettle.com.au for more information.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub Issue 2 has gone home with each student. Orders and payment are due back at school by Friday 14th March 2014.

ICAS Letter Error Correction
Apologies – The date for the English test should read 29th July, not 29th June.

BOARDIES DAY

On Friday 28th March 2014 we will be celebrating Boardies Day. All the money raised will be used to support the amazing work of our volunteer surf lifesavers and ensure our beaches remain the safest in the world! Our donations will be going to Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club.

Wear your boardies or beach gear to school and make a donation to help keep our beaches safe!
Students can either bring a gold coin donation to school on Boardies Day or you can donate online. Our goal is to reach $400!

Our online fundraising page URL is:
http://my.slsfundraising.com/bucasia

Thanks for your support!

SPORTS NOTICES

Cross Country
Cross country training has commenced. Training is on every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8.15 am. Training will run for approximately 20 minutes and then students are expected to return to their classroom. Please note for your forward planning that the Cumberland Cross Country trials will be held on Wednesday 30th April. Students who are training will be trialled at our school prior to this date to ensure they have a reasonable chance of competing. Jeff and Merrill

Cumberland Girls Basketball
Congratulations to Lavinia Cagilaba who has been selected in the Cumberland Sub-District Girls Basketball representative team to compete at the Mackay District Carnival on Wednesday 26th March, 2014. Congratulations Lavinia!

Mackay and District Tennis
Congratulations to Lulu Piperone on her selection in the Mackay and District Tennis Team. Lulu will now represent M & D at the Capricornia Regional Trials which are being held in Rockhampton. Fantastic achievement Lulu!

Special mention also goes to Colby King who represented Cumberland at the Mackay and District Tennis trials but unfortunately did not make the team. Colby played well and just missed out on the quarter finals. Well done mate!

Cumberland Sub-District Rugby League Trials
The following boys have been selected to represent Bucasia at the Cumberland Sub-District Rugby League Trials; these trials are being held on this Wednesday for respective age groups and we wish the following well - Jaxon McGovern, Darcy Mulherin, T J Pegler, Owen Mailman, Tom Cluelee, Cooper Reibel, Jacob Burns, Connor West and Seth Piazza.
Next General Meeting
Our next meeting will be tonight Wednesday 12th February at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Barbecues
To all students and teachers who ordered a sausage or meal deal last Friday from our sausage sizzle, we would like to say a big thank-you. The profit from both barbecues (Masters and school) comes to a total of $985.64, which is really good. We will be able to divide this between both Whitsunday Voices and refrigeration repairs. We would like to thank Kerry, Manika, Joelyn, Stacey and Lisa for their help on the day, it was greatly appreciated. I am sure everyone would agree the brown paper bag ordering system for sausages and meal deals is definitely the easiest way. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Future Fundraising
Could we please ask parents to please put any future fundraising payments into the brown wooden box in the office next to the window. Handing the office ladies money that is both for P & C fundraising as well as for class excursions in the one envelope is very time consuming for the cashiers and at times overwhelming. If you require change for P & C fundraising events, please ensure your child’s full name, class and amount is on the envelope and we will try to return your change to you by end of day. If you can assist us in this matter it would be greatly appreciated. In return the P & C will try to give more notice for fundraising events such as sausage sizzles.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Manika our tuckshop convenor is always happy to see new and returning volunteers for our school tuckshop. So if you are able to assist, please contact Manika during opening hours.

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. P & C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Student of the Week – 6th March

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

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<th>Yr 4A</th>
<th>Armstrong</th>
<th>Kate</th>
<th>For well thought out answers and enthusiastic participation in class. Well done!!</th>
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<td>Yr 4B</td>
<td>Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Jessalyn</td>
<td>For great classroom work and an excellent attitude.</td>
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<td>Yr 5O</td>
<td>Mr O’Hara</td>
<td>Emma</td>
<td>For her great improvement in reading. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Oscar</td>
<td>For being such an amazing helper this week. I really appreciate everything you have done to make our new student feel welcome.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6S</td>
<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Kobey</td>
<td>For working well on reading activities</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Mrs Elliott</td>
<td>3P</td>
<td>For excellent listening and great ukulele playing.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>4A</td>
<td>For working well together as a team trying to improve your shooting skills.</td>
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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 8:30am – 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.

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If paying by cheque make payable to AFL Queensland
Sign on and 1st Session:
4:30 – 5:30pm, FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
Venue: Harrup Park Country Club Oval 9
For more info, contact AFL QLD Mackay on 07 4951 0622 or Dion Obst on 0424 156 248