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Our school
High expectations of performance and achievement (for both staff and students) is what leads to excellence. At Bucasia, this includes uniform standards, attendance and the quality of work produced; secondly and building trust and empowering people to do the best work they can do. For our students, school is their workplace where they create their future opportunities through learning in the best way they possibly can – we expect each child to reach their own potential. Our energies this year will be focussed on maintaining our excellent school practices; and on implementing the National History Curriculum, redefining our pedagogical framework to ensure all teachers have a common language in the pursuit of excellence in teaching; and more importantly learning, improving our NAPLAN scores and school attendance. Staff are engaging in coaching and mentoring which provides constructive feedback on teaching practices to ensure the development and maintenance of quality practices. Please support the school as we strive to build your child’s capacity and capabilities to be the best they can be.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These are beginning next week. If you can’t make it within this period, I still encourage you to make an appointment with the teacher so you can discuss your child’s learning and also to set learning goals for students for the next few months. This is really important; if teacher, parent and child are focussed on improving the same skills, real progress is made and mastery often follows. This is one major way in which you can support the school and more importantly, your child’s learning.

Wonderful News
With our allocation of money to improve the school, we have had approval to recarpet some of the rooms – this will be happening in the next few weeks BUT the really big news! Finally we will be having our toilet floors recovered. This will eliminate that dreadful smell that has leached into the concrete. I know, small things excite me, this is wonderful news for me. (and I'm sure the children and cleaners will appreciate it too.)

School Sores
Please ensure all sores are covered as it appears there may be an outbreak of school sores happening. To reduce the risk of cross infection, covering is necessary.

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Schools to enhance teaching
By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.
For more information speak to our school's administration team.
https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/f6e6bebde-9978-4bfc-e445-b0f06cf4849f/1/index.html

Parent and community engagement framework launched
Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together. To end this year our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children. Visit the website for more information on the framework.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
This week we are looking at safety: With all of our students playing within the school grounds during the breaks, safety becomes paramount. Children, particularly in the Undercover Area should be quite careful when playing handball etc as using sports equipment can hurt others. Be aware of where people are and handle the sports equipment safely. This is particularly important in wet weather when there are so many people playing in the dry areas.

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-men-stra-ble) adj. 1. Capable of being demonstrated or proved: “demonstrable truths.” 2. Obvious or apparent: “demonstrable lies.”
Teachers collect demonstrable evidence of what children have achieved in their learning – please ask to view this in your parent/teacher interview!
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/

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

| Prep B Mrs Becker | Sam Dixon | For your improvement in Phonics. Good work! |
| Prep C Mrs Clarke | Lilly Jenkins | For having Awesome manners. |

YEAR ONE DAILY MERCURY PHOTOS
The Year One Class Photos will be in the Wednesday 20th March edition of the Daily Mercury. The Daily Mercury has advised us that they will be supplying our school with enough papers for each year one parent at a cost of 60c. Please forward 60c to the office before Next Wednesday 20th March.

Go wild for Funky Hair Friday!
Funk up your hair on Friday 15 March 2013 for World’s Greatest Shave! The money you raise will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers. (These are diseases like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma). We also use some of the money to pay for research into better treatments for blood cancer. Everyone can colour their hair and create funky hairstyles using scrunchies, gels, ribbons, spikes, waves and curls!
If you can wear it in your hair - it can be part of Funky Hair Friday!
Get creative with your curls in return for a Gold Coin donation towards the World’s Greatest Shave.

Sports News
Unfortunately due to the rainy weather our School Netball and Soccer players have not been able to have any competition games yet this Term. Hopefully they will get a game at Slade Point this week.

Library News
2013 international Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

A note regarding entry to these competitions has been distributed to interested students. If your child did not receive a note and you wish to enter them, please contact Sue Drew in the Library. Notes with entry fee must be returned to the school office by Friday 15th March 2013.

Sue Drew/Teacher Librarian

P & C NEWS

Please come along to tonight’s P & C Meeting in the library at 7 p.m. All welcome.

Sarah-Jane Thompson/P & C President

Tuckshop News

Please be aware tuckshop can no longer provide yellow slushies. Only Green (Lime flavour) slushies are now available.

Marika/Convenor

From the Office

Please pay any outstanding resource levies by the end of this term please. Unless you have made prior payment arrangements. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

NORTHS NETBALL CLUB

UNDER 9 PLAYERS WANTED!!

Registrations are now being taken for Winter season commencing March 2013

Junior Teams - u9, u11, u13, u15

Training held at Wallace Street, Bucasia courts (Dolphins Soccer Ground)

To enquire email us at northsnetball@hotmail.com or phone Tina 0414 590721 or Sharon 0400 246900

Mackay Gymnastics Inc

School Holiday Fun Day
(for primary school aged boys & girls)
(Children aged 5-12 years)

Where: Swayne St, North Mackay

When: Wednesday 3rd April, 2012
& Wednesday 10th April, 2013

Time: 9.30 – 11 a.m.

Cost: $15

INSIDE, OUT OF THE SUN

Come & have fun in the gym

Phone 49 531 425

Bookings Essential

Limited numbers!

e. admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

CHEAH TAE KWON DO CLASSES:

Mondays and Wednesdays in the School Hall 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Phone

Ross - 0498066088