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A few more days!
I am grateful for the extra four days to spend with the students, staff and school community. I would particularly like to mention how much I appreciate all of my admin team, aides, cleaners and super groundsman who support the teaching staff and me unconditionally. This whole team approach makes Bucasia successful.

Naplan ready
Our year 3 and 5 students are well prepared for the National tests coming next week. The tests will commence next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parade will go ahead as normal with tests commencing soon after. We simply want the best for the children and try to maintain routines as much as possible to alleviate test stress.

Photos held today
All classes had their photos taken today. Unfortunately if your child was absent the photographers are unable to retake any class photos.

Sporting prowess
We are very proud of our students' effort and behaviour representing the school and sub-district at this week's cross country trials. With the school athletics championships fast approaching, I am sure these students will be ready for the long distance events. Well done Lukas on your selection in the Capricornia rugby league side and Ollie on your Mackay District soccer selection.

Pick-up, Drop off zone working!
I would like to thank all our parents that use the pick-up and drop off zone for their patience and compliance with the rules set out for the safety of our students. The line is generally moving freely when students are assembled early at the gate. I would just like to remind our young cyclists that ride past the gate to remember to ride slowly so as not to collide with anyone.

Circus a huge hit with the kids and the staff
Many thanks to the Lennon Brothers Circus, who displayed remarkable acrobatic feats and showed off their very talented performing dogs for our school family.
Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Our dedicated team have outlined our focus each week. This week we focus on: TEAMWORK – Celebrating everyone’s successes (not just individual achievements) examples: in class, on parade, whole school, interschool sports, cross country
Week 6 – SAFETY – Travelling to and from school – road safety/bike ed
Week 6 – TEAMWORK – Good sportsmanship/ positive cheering/ encourage all team members – sports days, spirit day etc.
Week 7 – ATTITUDE – Good attitude to homework - Reading every night
Week 8 – RESPECT – Treating people the way you want to be treated – speaking nicely to everyone inc staff, parent helpers
Week 9 – SAFETY – Keep an eye out for the school. Be safe on holidays (in car parks, near creeks, fishing, follow parent’s instructions, on camps etc.)
Your support on these issues each week is very much appreciated.

Jewellery, nail polish, haircuts and make-up excessive!
As a school our P & C association supports the school and community decision on student uniform including presentation. Recently I have witnessed some expressive haircuts such as mohawks and undercuts, nail polish on fingers, some make-up and inappropriate jewellery that do not meet the protocols outlined in our school handbook. Hooded jumpers are fine but the hood is not to be worn whilst on school grounds. I have instructed my staff to remind their students of this expectation and to follow up with a phone call to you if this continues into next week. Parents, could you please ensure your child is aware of our school policies on this issue. Thank you very much.

Principal Word of The Week
The ability to increase your own and your child’s knowledge of words have a direct link to improving literacy skills. My word for the week is

Incredulous

Book Fair coming.
Book fair will be held in the library in two weeks time, starting Monday the 20th May. I am requesting some of our P & C members and teaching staff to assist on manning the station particularly Thursday during parade. Your assistance in this manner would be much appreciated as the money raised all goes towards school resources.

Keep striving to reach your potential.
Rod Finney
Principal

P&C Notices

P&C Meeting – Tonight in the school library at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

5 cent Challenge
Keep bringing in those 5 cent pieces. They will be collected today and the leading class group will be updated on parade tomorrow. As of the last week 4M and 4/5B were in the lead. The winning class group at the end of term will get a pizza party.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mothers Day Stall will be held this Friday between first and second break. The gifts are $5 each. Order forms and money need to be returned by TOMORROW at the latest. If you do not have an order form, please write each students name, class and quantity of gifts on a piece of paper and submit with the correct money to the office. If you have younger siblings that do not attend the school they may be included, however the student will be the one choosing the gift, not the siblings. Thank you to the group of mothers who helped with donations of cellophane and ribbon, and of course their time to wrap the presents.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR SPECIAL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS THIS SUNDAY!

Run Around Australia
Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre is hosting a competition called Run Around Australia. All receipts from within the centre are eligible to be put in the box for Bucasia State School. If you want to retain your receipt – take it to the customer service desk where the details will be entered and the receipt stamped. Fresh food outlets receive bonus points. The school will benefit from this competition by receiving prizes at the end of the promotion.

Honourable John-Paul Langbroek
On Friday Kylie West and myself will be attending a morning tea with the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek, State Minister for Education, Training and Employment. If any parent has an issue they would like me to approach Mr Langbroek about please contact me on 0429613249 and I will endeavour to pass your query on.

Tuckshop
The tuckshop is looking for parent volunteers. If you could help out for a couple of hours any morning of the week please drop in and see Marika in the tuckshop.

If you have any queries about the P&C please contact me on 0429613249.
Sarah-Jane Thompson
Bucasia P&C President

Student of the Week 2nd May

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week in the 3rd week of term 2:

| Prep B | Mrs Becker | Shelbee King | For your marvellous attitude and behaviour on our “Room on the Broom” excursion. |
| Prep C | Mrs Clarke | Jaxon Jones | For a huge improvement towards her attitude in class. |
| Yr 1/2S | Ms Smith | Lachelle Murphy | You are an Alphabet Super Star! You know all the initial letters and sounds. |
| Yr 3S | Ms Sweetenham | Troy Coley | For a big improvement in knowing more sight words. |
| Yr 2L | Miss Lorenz | Myrah Dales | For a huge improvement in number facts! Well done! |
| Yr 2/3B | Miss Benjamin & Mrs. Petonan | Latifah Quakawoot | Outstanding work in spelling activities. |
| Yr 3O | Mr O’Hara | Madison Tisdell | A brilliant argument in persuasive writing. Well done! |
| Yr 3S | Ms Swift | Amber Johns | Excellent number facts! |
| Yr 4M | Mrs Morgan | Josh Dixon | For working hard to complete work and participate in warm ups. Way To Go! |
| Yr 4/5B | Mr Brandon | Abbi Finlayson | For great bookwork presentation and class behaviour. |

Jorja McMillan
**Library**

**Book Fair**
Our Book Fair starts the week after NAPLAN and will be held from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2013 in the Bucasia State School Library. We will be open 8:00am to 8:45am, 3:15pm to 4:00pm daily and Tuesday and Friday, both breaks.

The Book Fair will offer a wide range of affordable books and recent titles selected from more than 60 publishers worldwide as well as a range of posters and novelty items. Come in and browse - there’s bound to be something of interest for all ages!

Sue Drew  
Teacher Librarian

**From the Office**

Insert – Updated Student Records Form - Pink

**Community Notices**

**NEED A BABYSITTER?**  
Responsible Year 11 student available for babysitting anytime on the weekend in our local area. Please call 0428611203.

**RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK 2013**  
Join in the walk with your pet to raise money and awareness for animal care in Queensland. It will be held on Sunday 19th May at the Goose Ponds, starting from the Pioneer Pool Entrance on Malcomson Street. You can register on the day, and collect a Pet Sponsorship Form from the school office. The event opens at 7:30am for a 9.00am start, and is 2.5km in distance.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**INFORMATION EVENING**
FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS  
6.30PM ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2013  
MACKAY NORTH COMMUNITY HALL

**MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL** will be conducting a short information evening and a tour of our school for parents of Year 7 students who are considering enrolling here in Year 8 in 2014. Applications for enrolment will be available on the night. Applications for enrolment at Mackay North High School open on 8th July 2013. More information will be provided in future newsletter.

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**THE FARLEIGH STATE SCHOOL**  
P & C ASSOCIATION’S  
**ANNUAL FARLEIGH PALM FETE**  
**FARLEIGH STATE SCHOOL**  
Sunday 19th May 2012 - 8.00am to 1pm

Enjoy the friendly market atmosphere in our lovely grounds. Talk to other palm, cycad and garden enthusiasts. View the collection of palms and cycads from around the world. Relax and enjoy yourself - have a picnic lunch on the lawn at one of Mackay’s largest annual garden markets. Light refreshments available. Buy a hamburger and a cold drink or have a cuppa . The large variety of stalls offers nearly everything that the gardener needs, such as: Up to 100 species of palms, 15 species of cycads, foliage plants, native trees, home cooking, novelties, shrubs, orchids, heliconias, ginger, bromeliads, jewellery, arts, crafts, garden ornaments, jams and pickles. A large raffle with a value of over $200.00 will be drawn on the day. There will be a Jumping Castle, a Giant Slide & other rides available for the children. Admission to the Fete is FREE. Items for sale are limited only by your imagination.

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**SCALE MODEL COMP 2013**
A scale model display and competition, to be held on the Queen’s Birthday weekend, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June at St. Paul’s Uniting Church Hall, Malacister Street. Entries accepted from 8am to noon on Saturday, $2 per entry. Public welcome from 11am to 6pm Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday. $2 per adult, $6 per family. There will be an awards ceremony from 3pm on Sunday, raffles drawn, prizes and trophies presented. For more info, call Greg Martin on 0427 423815 or email: gmart364@bigpond.com