Memorial Dedication
This will occur at the Bucasia Esplanade at 10am on Saturday. As we did not know of this date until a month ago, prior activities have been arranged. Bucasia State School staff have a first aid course booked and that will be conducted onsite on Saturday morning. Bucasia State School prep students are singing the National Anthem at the opening of Relay for Life at 2pm. Because of this, teaching staff will not be able to attend the memorial dedication. P & C have elected to be in attendance so that Bucasia State School can participate, along with Mrs Chapman (SEP teacher). We are requesting that students attend in school uniform so the school can participate. Parents will be supervising their own children and everyone is meeting on the south side where the school sat for Anzac Day. Members of the school band will be playing with Eimeo Road SS & Mackay Northern Beaches SHS. Please support the school by attending. It will be a short ceremony with a RAAF flyover being part of the celebration. Apologies on behalf of the teaching staff have been sent to the organising committee along with an explanation, however, we totally understand that an event such as this cannot be organised around one school.

Arts Day
What a wonderful day – as I wandered around I noticed the many gregarious students who were thoroughly enjoying themselves! I think the cleaners are still having nightmares, but it was great to hear and see the students having such a great time. One child declared to me that it was best day in his life! Later in the year we will be having a Health Day of Excellence & a Technology Day of Excellence as well. In this manner we are thoroughly covering the curriculum and ensuring the children love participating in the activities. Come up next week and have a look at the display of art work in the office foyer.

How to help your child learn
I would like to include in the newsletter each week an excerpt dealing with student learning in an effort to assist parents in helping children achieve their best. It is simply a collection of ideas that may help children to succeed better. Is there anything parents can do at home to help their child do better in school? The answer is yes. Creating a calm and happy home where children can flourish educationally isn’t as easy as it sounds.

Be explicit about your expectations
Most of us are keen to make sure our children’s self-esteem never suffers and we often encourage and praise small successes without making it clear that we expect children to do the hard work to improve. Often, parents don’t tell their children that just “doing OK” or getting straight Cs is unacceptable. It can help for parents to talk about goals that take a lot of hard work, such as going to university or saving up to buy a house, so that kids understand that worthwhile things do take hard work and often involve doing things that they don’t want to do at the time.

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Time to arrive at school
Please ensure your child does not arrive at school prior to 8 a.m. at the very earliest, as there is no one to supervise them at school.
It is preferred that students arrive at 8:30 a.m. as this allows them adequate time to prepare for lessons and does not necessitate them being in the Undercover Area for an extended period of time – it does get quite boring.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
This week’s focus is on teamwork. This is very timely in the lead up to Sports Day, particularly with ball games and encouraging others. Positive encouragement is one of the very best ways in which all members can support a team and is also a great skill for life. Please discuss this with your children as the teachers will be working with this at school.

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June
This is National Reconciliation Week. Visit the website to find out more about the week and how you can get involved.

Lace up and walk safely to school
Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au.

Gifts4Mobiles
The school is collecting old mobiles for disposal. It does not matter if they are working or not, we are very happy to have them as we exchange them for gifts for the school. In this way we reduce the rubbish we are creating, recycling and reusing the old mobile phones. The gifts catalogue includes $100 voucher for 50 mobile phones, $50 voucher for 210 mobile phones up to iPads etc. Please help us by donating the phone you no longer need.

Mathletics Logons
These were handed out to students whose levy has been paid from the school office. If your child does not have a logon, please, ring the office and they will be reprinted and given to them again.

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: Mercurial
A mercurial temperament makes it really difficult to work with people!

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/
Belinda Eckford, Principal

Senior Shirts
Our new Senior shirts have arrived. Thank you to Sarah Cobb and Mrs Carrolt for organising these!

P&C Notices
Next P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June in the school library, starting at 7.00pm. New members are always welcome.

5 cent Challenge
Keep bringing in those 5 cent pieces. As of last parade 5/6B and 5/6S were in front by $1.05. It shows that every cent counts. And update of the leaderboard will be given on Parade tomorrow. The winning class group will receive a pizza party. The competition closes Wednesday 12th June (week 9).

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 24 May
Meet at Foodworks/IGA at 8.00am this Friday to depart as a group at 8.10am. A light breakfast will be available at school upon our arrival. Bring an umbrella/raincoat in case of wet weather. Parents are encouraged to walk too, especially with lower school students.

Sports Day
The sports day is on Friday 7th June. The P&C will be putting on a sausage sizzle (and burgers) on the day and need helpers. Please contact myself if you are available.
Thank you, Sarah-Jane Thompson, P&C President 0429613249

Thank you to Bunnings
We would like to say a huge thank you to Bunnings Mackay, who very kindly donated beautiful flower pots, potting mix and a variety of flowers to our Prep classes for Mother’s Day. We thank you for your generosity. Also a big YOU ROCK must go out to Peter and Kay Coyle (Ellie’s mum and dad) for organising this for us. We loved creating our beautiful Mother’s Day gifts for our lovely mums.
Prep C and Prep B

Student of the Week 16th May
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

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<th>Prep B</th>
<th>Alex Tassan</th>
<th>For a sensational effort at reciting all of your sight words learn so far.</th>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Sahara Bayliss</td>
<td>For being our Alphabet letter and sound Queen!</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2S</td>
<td>Blayd Stephens</td>
<td>For being the 1/2S IT Man</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Sarri Peltonen</td>
<td>For showing good manners and always being ready to learn</td>
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<td>Year 2L</td>
<td>Madison Paskins</td>
<td>For an awesome attitude towards her school work. Well done!</td>
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<td>MacKenna Kerr</td>
<td>An outstanding effort in all areas.</td>
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<td>Yr 3O</td>
<td>Alexander Schmidt</td>
<td>For his confidence and great attitude towards his school work. Well done!!</td>
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<td>Yr 3S</td>
<td>Ashton Griffiths</td>
<td>For his positive attitude and excellent manners.</td>
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<td>Yr 4M</td>
<td>Amy Medwell-Everett</td>
<td>For your continuous efforts to understand new concepts. You are a super star!</td>
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<td>Yr 4/5B</td>
<td>Jacqulyn Wonnocott</td>
<td>For your cooperation and great classroom work.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Daniel Walton</td>
<td>For trying hard in all classroom activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>Ben Ashmore</td>
<td>Being a good role model.</td>
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<td>All of class 4M</td>
<td>For awesome teamwork in music lessons.</td>
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<td>Myrah Dales</td>
<td>Your excellent improvement in long jump technique.</td>
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Chappy Week – Odd Sox Day
To celebrate Chappy Week we are having an Odd Sox Day this Thursday, 23rd May. Wear your odd sox to school, and bring a gold coin donation to help support the Mackay Chaplaincy Service.

Library
Our Book Fair is now on. It will run until Friday 24th May 2013 in the school Library. It is open 8:00am to 8:45am, 3:15pm to 4:00pm daily, and Friday both breaks.
Sue Drew, Teacher Librarian

Community Notices

UnIFY—University For You is now in CQ schools.
Central Queensland Region has committed funding to deliver three unique programs in 2013, to engage like-minded, high achieving and talented students from across the region. Over the course of the year, 500 students with a strong interest or ability in project topics will have the opportunity to connect in on-line higher order thinking challenges via the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

Project 1: Power Up has involved 72 students from 29 schools studying energy production issues and designing solutions through 3D virtual worlds.
Feedback has been very positive from both students and teachers. Other 2013 projects include: Project 2 (May – Aug): Design 3.0 and Project 3 (Sep-Dec): Creative Writing
Nominations for Project 2 are now invited. Projects are open to students in Years 5-9 who have been identified as Gifted or who show talent in the project areas. If you would be interested in your child’s school participating in UnIFY, please contact your principal.

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE
For Lower Income Families
The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.
To be eligible for assistance the students must be in one of the following categories:-
- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE
Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to eligible parent/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus. There are several different types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route, and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms for either of the above allowances, with further details, are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Industrial Street, Mackay, or by telephoning 49518313.

NEED A BABYSITTER?
Rachael Becker, a responsible Year 11 student, is available for babysitting anytime on the weekend in our local area. Please call 0400183635.

CLEANING POSITIONS VACANT
There are two positions available for cleaners at Bucasia State School. Position 1 is 6 hours per day Monday and Friday. Position 2 is 3 hours on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and 2.5 hours on Friday mornings.
For an application package please contact the school office. Applications close on 31st May 2013.

COMING UP AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Are you 10 years old?

10th Birthday Party - for 10 year olds
Sunday, June 9 from 10am to 12noon
The Botanic Gardens Ltd صف 2013 and can not accept bookings or the Tuesday prior to the Botanic Gardens Ltd’s 10th Birthday Party (may be a public holiday and school closure).
Please book your child by 50p.
www.mackaybotanicgardens.com.au
Phone 49514525

Register online before May 31, visit www.mackaybotanicgardens.com.au

The Bungee Jumping Caterpillar
Book Launch at the Botanic Gardens on May 24th from 6.00pm.
RSVP/Bookings are essential on 49527300. The book will be available for purchase from The Gardens Shop at the Botanic Gardens.