NEWSLETTER NO.19 - 24th July 2013

DARK SIDE OF TECHNOLOGY
An Information Session with Brad Huddleston — 30th July
This is a very important issue that is becoming more and more salient as technology advances. Put succinctly, every time your child logs onto the internet s/he is inviting people into your home — do you know who they are?
Parents are invited to attend at 3.15pm in the school library. Afternoon tea will be supplied by school. This has been organised in conjunction with Nigel Dalton. Please come along and also invite a friend to attend for their child’s safety. Nigel has suggested that the parents who attended on the last day that he talked about this topic, personally invite 3-4 other parents. Please let the office know if you are attending for catering purposes.
Brad will also talk with year 5 & 6 students at 1:35 in the library on that same day on that same topic.

Updating of school records
We have had some embarrassing and humorous, albeit not very effective, attempts to contact parents in the past couple of weeks. We have discovered that some of our phone contacts are not current. If you have recently changed anything relevant to the school and your child, in regard to personal contacts, please send a note in, ring us or do whatever to update your contact information and phone numbers. This will assist us immensely when we have emergencies, we won’t be as embarrassed and you will be contacted!

Learning
http://www.starfall.com/
This is a free website to teach children to read with phonics. It is particularly for preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students. There are exciting phonics games and online interactive books.

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From the school library:
Our Bucasia State School Library catalogue is now available 24 hours a day through the following link: http://bucasiass.cmnweb.libcode.com.au/index.php?mode=nor m&f0 This link also provides access to a range of online resources including ebooks, book trailers and fun videos in the 'Library News' section. Currently, students are encouraged to read the CBCA shortlisted titles for 2013 and try the shortlisted book activities as we count down to Bookweek in week 7 of this term.

Appointments with Teachers
Many parents attempt to catch their child’s teacher in an effort to communicate for very many reasons. Can I persuade you to make appointments? There are many reasons for this and the main one is that the teacher can give you their undivided attention while you discuss pertinent matters. Although it is convenient to ‘catch the teacher’, sometimes it can result in less than you would want because the teacher is often coping with numerous other issues at the same time. Appointments can be made via the school office or directly with the teacher.

New QSchool app
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Our STAR rule for this week is in regard to: Respect – Wait your turn, being patient – there are a lot of people to have a turn and you will get yours. It is sometimes very hard to be patient in a class or a school where there are many, however, everyone deserves a turn and should have it.

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:

Redact

Redact(ed) tr.v. Edit something: to edit, revise, or delete content in preparation for publication. "The documents were redacted so personal information wasn’t released to the public.”

Cobuild Dictionary website: http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Belinda Eckford
Principal

P&C Notices

Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 7.00pm in the school library. New members are always welcome.

Fundraising meeting
My apologies, I put in last week’s newsletter that the fundraising meetings was to be held tomorrow at 11.30am, this was actually held last Thursday. However, If you are interested in helping out with any fundraising activities please see Marika Kerr, Kerry Hapgood-Strickland, Kylie West or myself and we will take your details. Thank you.

Safe Food Handling Course
This course has been rescheduled. The Food Safety / Food Handling training session will now be held on Monday 19th August in the school library (computer room) from 1pm-2.45pm. It will be presented by Mackay Regional Council and there is no charge. This is an interesting course for any adult who would like to assist with any barbecues or other food event for the school. You will receive valuable knowledge and also a Safe Food Handling certificate which you can add to your resume to impress future employers. Please let Kerry Hapgood-Strickland know by the end of the day on 11th August if you would like to attend as she needs to give the lady presenting the course the attendance figures on the 12th.

Money raised from Fundraising Events
All the funds raised by the P&C got to the P&C bank account. A restriction of the P&C is that we are not permitted to raise money for external sources. So if an event is held by the P&C then you can be assured that the funds will be kept to be used by the P&C for school related projects. This fundraising includes, but is not limited to, the Mother’s Day Stall, Father’s Day Stall, Sports Day, 5 Cent Challenge, election barbecues, sports day barbecues. This money assists in keeping down the costs of Senior Shirts, buses for school excursions and providing home readers. This year we are raising funds for a path for the Stop, Drop and Go shelter. The lower school playground has also been earmarked for a revamp.

As always, if you have any queries about any P&C matters please contact myself on 0429613249.

Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson, President P&C

Head Lice
There been many reported cases of head lice throughout the school recently. Please ensure that you check your child’s hair thoroughly and treat if necessary.

Footy Colours Day & Reading on the Lawn
September is cancer awareness month, but we are getting an early start! We are combining our fundraising through Footy Colours Day with the commencement of National Literacy and Numeracy month on Monday 29th July.

Football is all about spirit, strength, courage and the fight to win. Those touched by cancer need the same qualities to win their fight against the disease. By wearing your football team’s colours, and making a donation, you will help us fight cancer and save lives. Students are welcome to colour their hair also, but please keep faces clean and unpainted. So show your true colours next Monday and donate to a worthy cause.

The students will also be participating in some maths activities on the day, as well as enjoying some reading out on the lawn.

Deadly Australians – 30th July 2013
Learn the secrets of the Deadly Australians that inhabit our forests and seas, and understand the contributions they make to our ecosystem. The ‘Deadly Australians’ is a public awareness programme, educating Australian children about the dangers of the venous wildlife that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea. The programme uses both live and preserved exhibits. Some of the animals displayed are jellyfish, spiders and snakes, with pythons, lizards and freshwater turtles displayed with a ‘hands on’ session. The cost is $5.50 per child and $11.00 per family, and children with special needs free. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. There will be 2 sessions held in the hall, with Prep to Year 2’s at 8.50am-9.50am, and the Year 3’s to 6’s at 9.50am-10.50am. Please pay money to the office as soon as possible.
Student of the Week – 16th July

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

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<th>Prop B</th>
<th>Indi-Marie Summers</th>
<th>For your tremendous participation in all classroom activities. You are fantastic.</th>
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<td>Prop C</td>
<td>Aayyan Akhtar</td>
<td>Welcome to our class. You are a star.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2S</td>
<td>Ms Smith</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Ms Swettenham</td>
<td>For a fantastic improvement with your addition number facts.</td>
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<td>Yr 2L</td>
<td>Miss Lorenz</td>
<td>For a fantastic attitude and trying super hard.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3B</td>
<td>Miss Benjamin &amp; Mrs. Peltonen</td>
<td>For great confidence in front of the class.</td>
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<td>Yr 3O</td>
<td>Mr O'Hare</td>
<td>For trying her hardest to complete set tasks.</td>
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<td>Yr 3S</td>
<td>Ms Swift</td>
<td>For being a mathematical money master. Way to go!</td>
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<td>Yr 4M</td>
<td>Mrs Morgan</td>
<td>For being a role model student.</td>
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<td>Mr Brandon</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>For a top effort at Cumberland Sports Day.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6</td>
<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>For your wonderful effort and determination in class work.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>For always being a STAR student in Music lessons.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>For your outstanding achievements at Cumberland Athletics. You are a record breaker!</td>
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Library Notice

Bookclub brochures for issue 5 have been distributed. Any orders and money need to be back at school by Friday 26th July.

Community Notices

Don't Forget the Market Night!!
Join in the fun and festivities at the Market Night at Elmeo Road C&K on Friday 2nd August 2013 at 7.00pm. Located at 30 Arana Drive, Rural View (next to Marin’s Swim School). Cost $10 entry (includes free glass of sparkling, nibbles and entry into the door prize). This is a great opportunity to leave the kids at home to enjoy a night shopping, finding unique gifts, winning some of the fantastic prizes on offer and just socialising. Lock it in your diary now so you don't miss out.

Mackay Junior Touch
We are once again holding a Junior Competition with U16’s & Open’s (boys or girls) starting Monday 5th August, and U10, U12 & U14 (boys or girls) starting Friday 9th August. Games start from 3.30pm-6.00pm Mondays and 3.30pm-8.15pm (last time slot) on Fridays (depending on amount of teams). The cost is $55 per player or $130 per family of 3 or more. We are having a Sign On Day on Friday 26th July 3.00pm-7.00pm and on Sunday 28th July 12.00pm-4.00pm. 

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MILMAN STATE SCHOOL proudly celebrates its Centenary on the weekend of August 10th and 11th. The main events of the official program will take place on Saturday August 10th.

If you have previously attended, taught at or been associated with Milman State School we would love to hear from you, and have you attend our celebrations.

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nomination form and more information can be found on the Mackay Touch Website under Juniors or contact Mackay Junior Touch Coordination, Dean Cheetham, on 0428926797 or email dsch7267@bigpond.net.au.

POSITION VACANT
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)
Immediate Start

Helping Hands Bucasia is looking for passionate and dedicated people who want to work with a friendly, supportive and professional team at our Bucasia service. If you have previous experience in OSHC or a similar program and are instrumental in creating an environment that is active and engaging for a mixed age range of children then we want to hear from you! Send your resume and a covering letter that outlines why you feel you are suitable for this position to kathk@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Stay Safe at Cane Train Crossings!!
The sugar mills are crushing, so please be prepared for cane train activity. Mackay Sugar urges all motorists and residents to be alert when approaching cane train crossings. Children – don't play near railway lines or crossings, it's not safe! Motorists – look out for cane trains; don't try to race the cane train across the crossing, it's not worth the risk! For all community enquiries, contact the Mackay Sugar Communications department on 4953 8339.