Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME TO 2015 AT MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. The beginning of the New Year is always such an exciting time. I trust the holiday period provided everyone with special times with their friends and family and the opportunity to recharge and refresh for the year ahead. Welcome back to all returning staff and welcome to new staff members who were not part of the Mackay North State School team in 2014.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE SKOOLBAG APP

Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the Skoolbag app. It is an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. The Skoolbag app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to your phone, including emergency alerts and important updates.

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MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO GROW

72 Prep students and 14 new students from Years 1 to 6 have joined Mackay North this year and I extend a warm welcome to all those families new to our school. Even with the move of Year 7 to secondary school in 2015, Mackay North State School continues to see enrolment growth and in 2015 our school will operate with 16 classes:

- 3 x Prep Year classes
- 2 x Year 1 classes
- 1 x 1/2 composite class
- 3 x Year 2 classes
- 1 x Year 3 class
- 1 x 3/4 composite class
- 2 x Year 4 classes
- 1 x Year 5 class
- 1x 5/6 composite class
- 1 x Year 6

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OUR IMPROVEMENT AGENDA

In 2015 we will commence our improvement focus in the foundation learning area of ‘Reading.’ Our school believes that through high expectations, deep knowledge, targeted teaching and continuous monitoring, ALL students at our school can experience high levels of success in this most important foundational skill and building block for learning. Having said that, we would like to create a parent “Reading Army.” To be part of this “army” we ask parents to give up only 30 minutes of your day between 8:10am and 8:40am to assist with morning reading in all classrooms. No specific skills are needed except the willingness to sit and listen to students read. Please see the attached form on page 11 of this newsletter which is to be completed and returned, or alternatively contact the office to volunteer and register your interest in assisting the students in our school. We will also be focusing on improving student writing ability.

Under a statewide Education Queensland funding initiative called Great Results Guaranteed, Mackay North State School has appointed Mrs Terri Caldow to work with students and teachers in order to work toward achieving our improvement agenda. Terri has been a valued member of our staff as a classroom teacher for a number of years and we look forward to her working in this new role.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

I thoroughly enjoyed our first parade last this week. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to address our entire school. Well done to our students for their exemplary behaviour, particularly our three Prep classes attending their first ever parade. A reminder that our school assembly is held each Friday morning from 8.45am in our Hall which parents and friends are always welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CENTENARY

It is impossible to forget that 2015 is a very special year for our school.

WE ARE TURNING 100 YEARS OLD

The actual date of the centenary is 23rd March and on that day we will host a special parade and be opening time capsules that were buried at the 75th Anniversary. Later in the year we will be holding a “Once in a Century” school fair on the 6th June. There is a centenary meeting planned for the Monday 9th February at 6pm in the school library. Please come along to be participate in the planning of this wonderful celebration.

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff, students, parents and community members who have made the start of the school year run very smoothly. Mackay North has a great reputation in and around the community. We have a very knowledgeable, professional and approachable staff, supportive parents and carers and awesome students. Well done everyone. With high expectations, I am sure 2015 will see our school continue to grow in reputation, achievement and improvement.

Stephen Bobby
how to download skoolbag app

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> School, free push notification alerts
> School events
> School newsletters
> School documents
> School RSS feeds
> School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone Users**

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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
WELCOME BACK
Welcome to the 2015 school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to all new families who are joining our school community and encourage everyone to become as involved as possible in all school events, from the everyday classroom helpers to volunteering some time to help out at the tuckshop and events such as Welcome Back Dance and the Fair.

TERM 1
I was extremely proud of the way our students began the new school year. Thank you to all parents and carers who have done a wonderful job preparing students with uniforms and equipment. This is such an enormous help in allowing your child to settle quickly into a positive learning routine.

We have a busy term ahead with all students encouraged to complete learning tasks and assignments so that they can continue to improve and achieve the very best that they are capable of. As well as the academic programs that continually happen, Year 2 and 3 classes will be involved in swimming lessons beginning in week 3, school photos are scheduled for Friday 13th February, Year 3 free vision checks on 3rd March, Prep and Year 1 swimming lessons beginning in week 7 and MNSS 100th birthday on 23rd March, just to name a few of the other activities for the term.

UNIFORM
Our school dress policy indicates that students are required to wear closed in black (preferably) or white shoes. We also ask that coloured laces are removed from shoes and only black or white laces are used.

A plain watch (not coloured) and studs or sleepers may be worn to school. Necklaces, coloured and dangly earrings are to be kept for out-of-school use.

Sports shirts can be worn to school on Friday, with our black and gold t-shirt worn from Monday to Thursday. Black shorts, skorts or skirts are to be worn as part of our uniform, not bike pants or tights.

Hair should be neat and tidy with shoulder length or longer hair tied back. There should be no unnatural colouring in hair, tracks, Mohawks or rats’ tails.

As every family has signed an enrolment agreement that indicates support of our school policies and procedures, I thank you for ensuring that your child/children are attending school in correct uniform each day.

DRESS CODE - DO
- Black and gold school shirt
- Black shorts, skorts or skirts
- Black shoes
- White socks
- Black/gold hair ties
- Bucket hat
- Long hair tied back

DRESS CODE - DON’T
- Coloured shirt
- Bike pants/tights
- Coloured shoelaces
- Coloured hair
- Tracks, Mohawk, rat’s tail
- Caps
- Necklaces, dangly earrings

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**DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

The drop-off and pick-up area on Willis Street is a very busy place, especially in the afternoon. For the safety of our students, parents are asked to either drive through the drop-off and pick-up zone (DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA) to collect their children or park in the centre parking and walk across to collect them. Please do not call children across to the centre parking area on their own as there are cars pulling out and driving through continually and it is difficult to see children walking across on their own.

**CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

This year we will continue to award the class with the highest attendance each week with a certificate and treat from the tuckshop. It is important for learning and improvement to occur that students are at school every school day, all day, unless there is a truly valid reason such as illness. A family holiday during school time is not deemed to be a valid reason as school holidays are scheduled for these activities.

Di Schmidt

**WELCOME**

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I hope everyone had an opportunity to relax on the holidays and found the transition to a new school year as stress free as possible. It has been wonderful to see the students return from their Christmas holidays excited about a new school year, new classroom and/or new teachers. We have worked hard at ensuring the students have a smooth and supportive transition into their new classes and have been very proud of their efforts in learning new class routines and expectations so quickly. If you have any concerns about your child settling in please don’t hesitate to speak with their teacher or come and see us in the SEP.

**NEW FAMILIES**

We have welcomed seven new families to the SEP this year (so far). I would like to welcome you all to our school community and look forward to working with you and your children to ensure their year is a smooth and successful one.

**STAFF**

I am continuing in the role of Acting HOSES this term alongside our teachers Mrs Iona Fettell and Mrs McGovern. Our teacher aides include Mrs Debbie Smith, Mrs Toni Day, Mrs Trish Fenech and Mrs Louise Stander as our Administrative Assistant. Please feel free to come and see our wonderful Team if you have any concerns or questions about your child’s program in the SEP.

Mondy Daniel
Hi Parents & Students,

I hope everyone had a really refreshing Christmas break. I am looking forward to this year and the exciting things that are in store. A little bit about myself for those who are new to the school. I am the school Chappy (Chaplain) and known as Ms Mack. My role here is to support children, staff and parents and our school community - spiritually, emotionally and in the area of community development. This role also includes classroom support and behaviour management. I have a good listening ear and can be utilised as a sounding board, in confidence. If you need to see me please make an appointment with the our lovely school administrator, Mrs Scott.

At the end of February/beginning of March we will have our “Good Start” breakfast program up and running.

If there is enough interest, during 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} terms we will have our Boyz Business and Glow Girls Prevention and Endurance Programs for Year 6 students in preparation for high school.

God Bless

Jacquie McIlwraith (Alias Ms Mack)

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**ATSI Homework Program**

Welcome back to all and especially our new Indigenous families. Mackay North State School has an Indigenous Engagement Family-Child/ren Homework Activities Program which will be conducted in the Library on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2.45pm-3.45pm. If Monday is a Public Holiday, it will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

You or a designated adult family member eg.. grandmother, grandfather, uncle or aunt \textbf{(not an older sibling)} \textbf{MUST attend.} If you or another adult family member can’t help supervise \textbf{AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK}, your child/ren will not be able to participate in this program. Light refreshments will be supplied.

All parents with children attending will have to fill out an enrolment/contract form before the program commences. Program will commence on Monday 2nd Feb.

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**Sign-on Dates for Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club**

There will be representatives at the Mackay Regional Sports Expo Sign- On day at the MECC on 8/2/15 (9am-1pm)

'Come and Try Day’ on the field at Mackay Norths Leagues Club on 28/2/14 (10am-2pm)
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Whenever your child needs to take medicine at school, the form below must be filled out and brought to the office along with the medication.

## Request to Administer Medication at School

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**Allergies:**

Please list all medications that your child requires during school hours. Please also list medication administered at home and any emergency medications.

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**Parent/Carer**

Print name: ______________________

Signature: ______________________ Date: / /

I hereby request that school staff administer the necessary medication to my child while at school.

I agree to notify the school, in writing, if there are any changes in the above medication.

**Authorising Practitioner**

Print name: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Signature: ______________________ Date: / /

**NOTE:**

For school staff to administer over-the-counter medication, authorisation is required from a medical practitioner.

The following points are for security and safety purposes, and are requirements of the *Health (Doses and Dosages) Regulation 1005/2019*:

- The parent notifies the school in writing to administer medication. This may include written guidelines from the prescribing health practitioner, including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide medication in original pharmacy labelled container to the school.
- Ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time/s to be taken.
- Notify the school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction is to be accompanied by a letter from a prescibing health practitioner or change of label from a pharmacy.
- The student has received a dose at home without ill effect.
- Advise the school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.
- Where parents are working with a prescibing health practitioner to determine a dose for that day (e.g. insulin, Rivaroxil) parents will provide a letter from the prescribing health practitioner instructing that parents will be responsible for notifying the school of the adjusted dose.
- This form will be reviewed annually or as the students is prescibed a change in medication.

The Queensland Government has established a set of procedures for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information within the Queensland public sector, based on the information Privacy Principles. The information Privacy Principles are incorporated into the Queensland Government’s *Information Standards 4.2 Information Collection*.

Last updated: 23/03/10

Great state, great opportunity.

Uncontrolled copy: Refer to the Department of Education, Training and Employment Policy and Procedure Register at [http://orac.det.qld.gov.au](http://orac.det.qld.gov.au) to ensure you have the most current version of this document.
We are looking for information for descendants of the first 37 students who enrolled on 23rd March 1915.

We are asking anyone with information on the following people to contact the school.

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NEW LEGISLATION CONCERNING
SMOKING AROUND SCHOOLS FOR 2015

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-
state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times — during and after school hours, on weekends and
during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regu-
lar cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

School land is defined as land on which a:

- state school provides education programs under the Education (General
- non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or
  special education under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State
  Schools) Act 2011 state or non-state school provides other educational
  facilities, instruction or activities, for example, sports grounds, and in-
  cluding land that is owned or leased by the school.

FIVE METRE BUFFER

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land
boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not
extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

If you wish to report a breach of these tobacco laws, contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68).
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.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, 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

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.

Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their children to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several 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.

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“READING ARMY” FORM

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ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE YOUR PLANS... (4Ws + H)

WHO... you are with
WHAT... you are doing
WHERE... you are going or have been
WHEN... you left
HOW... you are travelling

- FEELING UNSAFE remove yourself. Always safety first.
- LISTEN to your body. Trust & act on your instincts.
- BE ALERT & AWARE ditch your headphones & be aware of your surroundings.
- AVOID walking alone & shortcuts. Walk with a mate.

If you have any information call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000