Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and restful family break over the past two weeks. As with every term, Term 3 will also be very busy. Below you will see a list of events that will be occurring during the next ten weeks.

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NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome two new members to our school staff. Welcome to Mrs Helen Parker who will be the new Head of Special Education Services. Mrs Parker has come from Springwood Central State School.

We would also like to welcome Mr Brett O’Donnell who will be replacing Miss Jenna Borellini who is going on maternity leave at the end of Week 2 this term. Mr O’Donnell has come from the Catholic Education system in NSW.

REPORT CARDS

Your children will be bringing home their Semester 1 report cards this Friday. Please take some time to go through this with your child and congratulate them on areas of achievement and discuss areas where they could improve. Perhaps set a goal with them using a reward for improved achievement.

DATA - SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual School Opinion Survey starts this week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online before the end of July. The access details will be included in letters that are printed on BLUE paper which will be given to the oldest child in each family. On this letter is a unique code that can be used to provide your feedback. This code is a single use only code to ensure your privacy. There is also the facility to complete the survey at our school. School computers will be available each morning in the library after 8:15am when Mrs Maunder or Mrs Birrer will be available to direct you.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to the office by telephone, 49400333 or by email, admin@macknortss.eq.edu.au.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 24th June we held our annual Junior Sports Day with the students from Years Prep, 1 and 2 participating. The C&K Kindy students also took part. All students competed in the sprints and relay races for house points, and then in rotation activities based on athletics events. All the students appeared to be having a great day. Below are the results of the sprint finals. Well done to all students.

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TEACH YOUR KIDS ABOUT TIME AND PLACE

By Michael Grose

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time nor place to behave like that!”

My mum’s words came back to me as I watched three kids (tweens and early teens) try to out-wrestle and out-shout each other while they waited in an airport queue with their parents. Their noise and wrestling quite obviously disturbed and interfered with fellow travellers, but their parents made no attempt to rein in their behaviour.

I couldn’t help thinking that there is a time and place for this type of behaviour and THIS WAS NEITHER OF THOSE!

Time and place is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb. It starts by asking yourself as a parent: “What does this social situation reasonably require of my children at their age and stage of development?”

In the above case it’s reasonable to expect tweens and teens to be able to stand in a queue without disturbing others for the ten minutes that it took to get service. It’s should be easy for that age group to show some self-control and consideration for others.

That timeframe may be a stretch for under fives, but some parental attention to distract them from being bored may do the trick. The principle is the same regardless of age or a child’s developmental stage, but the application varies.

SOCIALISING KIDS

It’s a parent’s job to socialise their kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many kids have L Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You do this by:

1. Giving your kids social scripts

There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. Regular behaviour rehearsal

Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. Just-in-time prompts

It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people...”

4. Teaching good manners

Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. Respectful use of consequences

While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

Time and place is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.
COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

At times we all need to collect our children for appointments during school hours. This is perfectly fine and at times necessary. Please be aware of the procedures in place to ensure your children’s safety in these incidents:

- All students leaving school during school hours must be signed out through the office by an adult known to the child, i.e. parent, guardian, known emergency contact or a recognised agency.
- Once you have signed out your child, please wait in the office foyer for him/her. School staff will locate and have your child brought to the office. Parents do not need to enter the playgrounds or go to teachers’ classroom to collect children.

Stephen Bobby
Mackay North SS News

junior sports day
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READER’S CUP TEAM have ICY CUPS FOR SALE at the LIBRARY every WEDNESDAY at 2:45pm from Week 2 until Week 6

We need donations of cordial and plastic disposable cups please. All donations gratefully accepted. Please leave at the library.
WELCOME BACK!
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that everyone enjoyed some quality time with family and friends and had a chance to rest and relax. As always, we have another busy term ahead.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Remember that this program begins on Wednesday 15th July. From this date, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect one sticker for every $10 you spend. These stickers are then placed on a sticker card which is then placed in a collection box, either at our school or at Woolworths. The program ends on Tuesday 8th September. This is the day we have to send in all of the completed sticker cards which are then collated. From there, Woolworths contacts the school to let us know how many points we have to redeem on resources and equipment.

*If you are shopping at Woolworths, please collect the stickers and support our school.*

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
How is your child going with the Premier’s Reading Challenge? We have already had some of our students complete the challenge and hand in their recording forms. Well done to those students. Please encourage your child to continue reading and filling in the details on the recording form. These forms need to be returned to school by Friday 28th August.

CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS
We all know that the more you do something the better you become at it. That’s why it is so important for our children to attend school every single school day so that they are learning and improving.

1M and 2A and finished Term 2 with a very positive attendance record. Let’s all make Term 3 an outstanding term with high attendance right across the whole school.

WEEK 9 ABSENCES

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Instrumental Music

No lessons or ensembles for instrumental students Week 1 this term as Mrs Bell and Ms Mora are attending the Maryborough Music Conference. Lessons and band practice for our woodwind students will begin in week 2. Strings lessons will begin in week 3 for Years 3 – 5 students and String Ensemble will begin in week 4 when Year 6 students have returned from camp.

Both our String Ensemble and Concert Band will be participating in the Mackay Orchestra and Bands Competition (MOB) on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd August. (This is the same weekend as Optiminds. The organiser of MOB is aware of this and will do his best to ensure that schools involved in both events do not have a clash of times. Therefore our performances will most likely be on Saturday 22nd August. However dates and times will not be confirmed until closer to the event).

Year 2/3 Choir

This term I will be starting a choir for any interested students in Year 2 and Year 3. Rehearsals will be during 1st lunch on Fridays.

Twilight Concert

We know that families are very busy and have a lot of demands on their time. Therefore this year we have decided to have one Twilight Concert showcasing all of our school music groups. The Twilight Concert will include performances by our string, brass and woodwind students, Recorder Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir. We realise that some of our cultural students are involved in two or three different groups and therefore the program for the evening will be devised to give these students the smoothest changeover possible between performances.

Term 3 Rehearsals

Senior Choir (Years 4-7) – be Wednesday 1st lunch.
Recorder Band – Thursday 1st lunch.
Junior Choir (Years 2 & 3) – Friday 1st lunch.

“I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning” - Plato

Jodie Hunt
Ready Set Go is a pre-prep program to assist children and parents to best prepare for the curriculum and learning expectations of the upcoming Prep Year. Any children starting Prep next year are welcome to attend regardless of which school they will be attending.

Purpose of the Program:

♦ To provide an orientation and skill based program to help prepare our future students for the Prep Curriculum in the year ahead.
♦ To model and provide activities and ideas for parents to work on with their children at home to ensure that they have the best opportunity to succeed in the Prep Year.
♦ To foster and build relationships between teachers, students and parents prior to the commencement of the school year.
♦ To provide opportunities for our future Prep students to interact with one another and build relationships prior to commencing school.

If you are interested in attending please complete an enrolment form and return it to the school office. You do not have to attend every session. Please remember that students must attend with an adult, but this may be grandparents or other parents who are attending.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Prep Team
AUSKICK is returning to Mackay North State School in Term 3, 2015! When children sign up to NAB AFL Auskick, they receive their very own Sherrin football and backpack loaded with awesome stuff!

**Times:** 3:20pm-4:20pm  
**Start Date:** Thursday 30th July  
**End Date:** Thursday 17th September

First session is Thursday 30th July from 3:20pm. Payment ($70) can be made preferably online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) or via cash/cheque on the day. For more info please call Dean Backwell on 0403 190 702.

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**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH OF NORTH MACKAY & NORTHERN BEACHES**

**SACRAMENTAL PROCESS**

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF:**
- Reconciliation (First Confession)
- Confirmation
- First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

**will commence with Parent Information Night**

**DATE:** TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2015  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**VENUE:** St Joseph’s School Hall, Canberra Street, North Mackay  
(Parking available St Joseph’s Church Car Park  
21 - 23 Grendon Street, North Mackay  
For further details, contact Parish Office 4957 4855  
Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**BRAINTEASER**

A father and son were involved in a car accident and rushed to hospital. On seeing the unconscious young boy, the surgeon exclaimed, “Oh no! That’s my son!” How can this be true?

The surgeon was the boy’s mother.
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