Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

Friday 30th October is World Teachers’ Day. Celebrated in more than 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.

Every day teachers are building skills that translate into future careers. Parents and community members are invited to help demonstrate their appreciation by sending in a message of thanks to our teachers in the communication books. I know they are not looking for this, but it would be a nice gesture for the work they do.

Children are required to attend school every day unless they are ill. Missing days from school has a significant impact on student learning. Students have ten weeks of holidays a year, so it is important to schedule family holidays in this time. The Australian Curriculum is rigorous and students missing days at school miss significant chunks of their learning. As both educators and parents we want our children to have the best opportunity to learn and be successful, so attending school every day is critical.

Our goal as a school, is to ensure our attendance rate is above 94%. We appreciate parents’ support in ensuring their child comes to school on time every day. As we are required to record all absences with explanations on the Education Queensland database please advise us either by phone, email or note when your child is ill.

Outside of the flu season that hit us very hard, our school attendance this year has been very good. We are currently running at 93% attendance for the year to date. We have 7½ weeks to go until the Christmas break – let’s all work hard to be here every day.

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NEW ADOPT-A-COP

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our new school Adopt a Cop – Constable Tracey Van Der Heyden. Tracey will be in attendance on parade this Friday. Please come along to meet her. We would like to thank our previous Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Belinda Young. Belinda has to give up the role as our Adopt-a-Cop as she is due to have her first baby.

We wish her every happiness for the future.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to offer big congratulations to Cameron Hollis from 5/6S who has received an Academic Scholarship to Mackay North State High School for 2016. Cameron works hard at his studies at school and home. He has been involved in a number of extra curricular activities over the past few years and receiving this scholarship is just rewards for his efforts.

COWBOY’S PREMIERSHIP TOUR

Well done to the Prep B class, who as part of their writing program, wrote letters of congratulations to the North Queensland Cowboys on their NRL Premiership win. Mrs Borresen contacted Mackay City Council and negotiated that one of our Prep Student take part in the ceremony last Sunday at the Blue Water Quay. Bailey from Prep B did a fantastic job in speaking to a very large crowd and should be very proud of himself. Thank you to Mrs Borresen and Mackay City Council for allowing our school to be part of the celebrations.

Stephen Bobby
Next week we will begin focusing on the value of responsibility. Being responsible is about knowing what you have to do and being able to do it without supervision or reminders. With responsibility comes independence.

Teaching children responsibility begins very early in their lives, with small jobs at home, such as picking up their toys or putting away their folded clothes. Responsibilities allow children to build character. Most importantly however, is the fact that a child who is given responsibilities from an early age develops self-confidence and learns that they are capable individuals. This can build and boost self-esteem and self-worth in children.

Part of being responsible is learning that consequences are attached, which either can be positive or negative. Allowing your child to experience these consequences and being there to coach, teach, guide and support them to gain independence in their ability to decide and do tasks is a great way to ensure they become independent, responsible adults. This, for all parents, is the ultimate goal for their children.
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers' Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5th October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher's day at Mackay North on Friday 30th October.

In preparation for this day, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful Mackay North teachers and acknowledge the hard work, dedication and professional approach they always contribute to our school community.

DAY FOR DANIEL

The 11th annual Day for Daniel will be held on Friday 30th October. This is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults on keeping children safe, through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

As well as promoting this message at school, we ask that our students wear red and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 30th October. All money raised will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation who continue to work to make a difference in educating children about their personal safety and funding child safety educational resources.
CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Our first week back for the term showed a huge improvement in attendance. Everyone was rested after the holiday and illness seemed to have abated. Alas, week 2 saw the number of illness related absences rise again. I encourage all parents to continue to ensure their children are at school for learning, every day they possibly can be.

Congratulations Prep S and 4E for achieving 100% attendance in our first 2 weeks of Term 4.

I challenge other classes to meet this standard as well.

CONGRATULATIONS

Attendance Award
Week 1 – PS 100%
Week 2 – 4E 100%

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GOOD LUCK MRS DAY

Those who could attend Parade last Friday would have heard the very exciting news that our Mrs Toni Day is one of the three State finalists for the Queensland Netball Umpire of the Year. Our fingers are crossed for Mrs Day as she flies out to Brisbane on Friday for the awards ceremony. Next newsletter I am hoping to pass on that she has won the award! Good luck Mrs Day!

This week Guide Dogs Queensland is offering a Low Vision Mobility Expo. If you have a member of your family or a friend with low vision you may want to let them know of the free event being held at Souths League Club on Thursday October 22nd. In the morning Guide Dogs Qld is offering a free seminar for carers and partners. The afternoon session is for people who are blind or vision impaired, as well as any other interested person.

Mackay District Special School is also providing a free event this month. This event is an expo of Disability Service Providers in the Mackay District. They did call for an RSVP by last Friday, so let them know ASAP if you would like to attend this Expo:

Mackay District Special School would like to invite you to attend an event which is currently being organised to benefit all carers of children and youth with disabilities living in the Mackay region. We are encouraging all families of students with special needs to attend the Disability Service Providers Expo being held at Mackay District Special School

Friday 30th October 2015
8:00am - 11:00am

This expo will look at services that are available for, during and after a child’s schooling years. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to seek information about services and network with other local service providers whilst interacting with families. Tania De Brincat will conduct a music therapy sessions for the students.

If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact the Admin Office on 49641333 or vhill14@eq.edu.au by Friday 16th October.

Helen Parker
Eisteddfod!
Below are the details for each groups’ Eisteddfod performances.

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Parents..... you can now pay school invoices using your CRN and invoice number.

Simply type the following into the address bar to go the website:


N.B. YOU MUST TYPE THE WHOLE ADDRESS INTO THE ADDRESS BAR SO THAT THE CORRECT PAYMENT PAGE IS DISPLAYED. IT WILL ASK FOR YOUR CRN AND INVOICE NUMBER NOT YOUR BILLER CODE.
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AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The school centenary tea-towels are only $12 each. These would make great Christmas presents on their own or use them to wrap your gifts. Limited number available.

Do you have Lego your child no longer plays with?

We are asking for donations of any unwanted Lego pieces.

All donations will be gratefully accepted at the office.

Thank you.
A baby fell out of a twenty storey building, landed on the ground and lived.

How is this possible?

The baby fell out of a ground storey window.

ICY CUPS FOR SALE

Every Wednesday

2:45pm

at Prep S

We are collecting donations of cordial and SMALL plastic disposable cups.

All donations gratefully accepted.

Please deliver to PS classroom.

School Banking Term 4

New Rewards Launched

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the school office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

The reward items touching down to planet in Term 4 are (available while stocks last):

*Outer Space Glider
*Outer Space Savers Money Box

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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
World Café

culture Sharing Group

Do you want to meet people and make new friends?
Do you want to practice your English?
Would you like to share and learn about different cultures?

CHILDREN WELCOME

There is a different activity each week. We do craft, cooking, conversation games and small projects. We celebrate and learn about different cultures in Mackay.

When: Every Tuesday 10:30am to 12:00pm
Where: George Street Neighbourhood Centre
       4 George Street, South Mackay

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
PLEASE CONTACT: Lyn, Multicultural Community Worker
Ph: 4957 7222
Email: multi@georgestreetnc.org.au
COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASSES

George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc. is offering FREE ENGLISH CLASSES for people born in another country.

These classes are being held on Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday Classes
6:00pm - 7:00pm

At Shakespeare Child and Family Centre
43 Shakespeare Street, Mackay
(corner of Shakespeare & Macrossan Street)

Please bring writing paper, pen and a gold coin ($1.00 or $2.00) to cover

For more information please call the Multicultural Worker on 4957 7222

George Street
Neighbourhood Centre
These advertisers support us. Please support them.

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