Dear Parents and Carers,

OW - what a busy week we have just had! Last week was the busiest week I have ever experienced in a school. I know the staff are feeling the same and I am sure all students are would nod in agreement.

We began the week with the official opening of our school’s Indigenous Yarning Circle. This area within the school is available to all students under the supervision of a class teacher or teacher aide. A yarning circle is a traditional indigenous area where groups meet to talk, tell dreamtime stories, teach the young and socialise. Having a yarning circle in our school is a fantastic way to acknowledge our shared indigenous heritage and continue the strong relationships that exist within our school.

The Yarning Circle has been an ongoing project for the past 18 months and projects of this nature require dedication and enthusiasm to see them through to completion. Special thanks must be given to Mrs Joanne Dorante who has been the major driving force behind this project. Also thank you to all our indigenous families who have given up time and energy to assist with the project. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

REPORT CARDS

All of the activities undertaken this semester, in relation to the centenary, have impacted on some classroom learning time. We have made the decision to distribute Semester One Report Cards at the end of Week 1 Term 3. This will allow teachers and students further opportunities for teaching and assessment over the next couple of weeks. Therefore parents can expect to receive their child’s Semester One Report Card on Friday 17th July. (Cont’d)

The children were taught Taba Naba, a traditional island dance.

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On Thursday last week we held our Senior Interhouse Athletics Carnival. We can all be very proud of the way our students conducted themselves on the day and the way they showed their tremendous sportsmanship. This year congratulations go to Herbert who were the winning house with 141 points. Also well done to Pioneer and Burnett houses who tied for second with scores of 127 points each. Below is a list of the age champions from the day. Students in Years 5 and 6 who are being invited to compete for our school in the Southern Suburbs Athletics will be notified this week. The Southern Suburbs Athletics will be held on June 18 at Mackay State High School.

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Herbert House Captains Clarissa Baira and Jorja Fayers-Howroyd
Fridaay saw the whole school in preparation for the Centenary Fair and then on Saturday we held our long awaited fair. Not only was the weather fantastic, but the entire day was a huge success as well. The day began with the roll call at 10:00am. We had a wonderful response with a very large crowd arriving from 9:00am. At 10:00am we rang the school bell and welcomed all of the past students back to the school.

All returning students visited the old school display in the Activity Room and really enjoyed reliving memories from the yesteryear classroom. Thank you to Mrs Saunders for the wonderful display items on show.

On Sunday the Old School Display was open to the public and a number of past students returned and enjoyed a quiet time viewing the vast amount of school items from days past. Thanks to Mrs Turvey and Mrs Saunders for giving up more of their weekend to open the display.
At 12:00pm the Centenary luncheon began with past Principal Mrs Mary Orchard acting as the Master of Ceremony. Thanks must go to Mrs Orchard for the fine job she did at making the luncheon very interactive. Asking question like “how far people had travelled to be here,” “what decade they attended the school” and “who got the ‘cuts’ in the day and why.” It made the luncheon a very enjoyable and often times amusing event for all who attended.
At 3:00pm all the fun of the fair began. Students and adults alike seemed to be really enjoying the community atmosphere of the fair which was the goal of the day. Thanks here must go to the P&C, the executive and members who gave up countless hours to make the afternoon run smoothly. Particular thanks need to go to Ms Calista Butler who took on the massive role of fair coordinator.
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all the fun of the fair
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OUR FAIR

What a fantastic Fair! It was so lovely to see so many people here having a great time supporting our Fair. Organising such an event is an enormous task. Thank you to our Fair Coordinator, Calista Butler, the P&C executive and all of the many parents and friends who worked tirelessly to make this such a memorable event. A special thank you to school staff who added to this success by giving up their time to support their school and community. Together, a formidable team was formed.

“A good team, like a good show, comes into being when the separate individuals working together create, in essence, another separate higher entity – the team – the show – which is better than any of those individuals can ever be on their own.” (Gary David Goldberg)

TIME TO LEARN

Every second of learning time counts. It is so important for students to be involved in every opportunity to learn and improve so that they can grow and develop to their full potential. That is why it is essential that every student arrives at school at about 8:30am so that they can go into their learning environment (their classroom) and organise and prepare so that they are ready to begin their learning for the day at 8:45am. Students who arrive after learning has begun are being disadvantaged as they enter the classroom feeling disorganised, lost and behind. They also have the potential to disrupt the learning of the other students who have already begun their days work.

COLOURMANIA

Friday 29th May was a colourful day at Mackay North State School. Students came dressed in their House colours for Colourmania. Not only did they support their House, they also supported the Student Council in raising money.

Well done to all students who showed House pride. Herbert raised $82, Burnett raised $90 and Pioneer collected $99. A great effort by our students.

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WHAT YOU WANT TO BE PROGRAM

The value we are focussing on until the end of Term 2 is RESPECT. Showing respect involves using good manners in all areas of the school and to all people. We encourage students to be respectful by saying please and thank you, waiting their turn, listening while others are speaking and being a good audience member.

Showing respect to someone means acting in a way that shows consideration of their feelings and well-being. It includes things like not calling people names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don’t do things you know can hurt you.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning.

For Prep – Year 4 students to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience 20 books during the reading period. Year 5 and 6 students are required to read 15 books during this period.

Students record the title of the book, along with the author on their School Reader Record Form. The remainder of the information should be completed on the form before it is returned to school on or before Friday 28 August.

Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

For further information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

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Please support your child in their efforts to complete this challenge. Ask them where their Reading Challenge Record Form is, encourage them to read and help them to complete their form.

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BRAINTEASER

Add 2 to 171 and make it less than eighteen.
Well done to Prep S who are consistently achieving the Attendance Award. This is the third time in four weeks that they have earned the award! The challenge is on for other classes to match their attendance efforts.

### Attendance Award

- **Week 5**: Prep S & 1J
- **Week 6**: Prep S

## CONGRATULATIONS

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**HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!**

There are a limited number of Centenary Books, Souvenirs & Tea-towels available for sale from the office.

**DON’T MISS OUT**
HIGH SCHOOL

It is that time of year ALREADY when we start the process of Transition to high school. Parents of year 6 students will be receiving a phone call this week regarding their child’s high school choice for 2016. This will be a good opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child’s transition or placement in a high school setting. Although this process may cause anxiety and concern for some students (and parents) it is crucial that you and your child have conversations around this program now so you can assist your child in overcoming any reservations they may be having. Further information regarding this program will be sent home as soon as we have been notified by the high schools. Remember, you can start supporting your child NOW in this transition by:

- Visiting the high schools in your area with your child
- DECIDING on a high school for your child
- Completing the enrolment package (school websites)
- Driving past the high school with your child
- Discussing how they will get to and from their new school
- Discussing the new uniform requirements (check the website online)
- Discussing the school’s starting/finishing times and break times (check the website online)
- Discussing the idea that they will have more than one teacher
- Talking about the amount of books they may have and where they will store them
- Discussing the homework expectations in high school (ie more homework)
- Discussing the ‘friends’ who may be going to the same high school
- Discussing who they may ask for help if it is needed
- Asking them if they have any concerns, writing these down and finding out accurate information before responding
- Be POSITIVE and SUPPORTIVE when discussing this process with your child
- Be REASSURED that you and your child will be supported throughout this process and your child will have plenty of time to become familiar with their new school during our transition program in Terms 3 & 4.

SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to those students who attended and participated in the Senior Sports Day last Thursday. All students competed in some or all of the events and special mention must go to the following student:

Max Shanks – 2nd place for Discus

Congratulations everyone who participated on the day!

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Our Junior Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 24th June. We aim to support all students during this event as much as we can but don’t hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns about your child’s participation in this program.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

Many parents who enrol their students in our school ask the question, ‘will my child have their own teacher aide to support them.’ Unfortunately, while I feel our school is very proficient in supporting ALL of our students to ensure they are successful in their school setting, we are not resourced to the extent that ALL students with disabilities have their own teacher aide.

However, I believe this is a GOOD thing!

We are very fortunate at Mackay North State School to have a number of highly skilled and committed teacher aides who go above and beyond their duty each and every day. Our school community is enriched by the variety of experiences and talents our teacher aides bring and we wouldn’t be able to achieve the results that we do without their support and contribution.

Our teacher aides are skilled in providing just ‘enough’ support for students to access their program where required without taking away their independence and responsibilities. This level of support changes depending on the child, the lesson, the time of day, time of the week, the teacher, if they are seated, standing, in their classroom or another area of the school and a number of other factors. This flexible approach ensures that the student is ALWAYS expected to participate and function at a level that is realistic and achievable but also challenges the student to strive for their BEST efforts at the time. In fact, there are many studies that have been published stating that providing a personal assistant to a student with disabilities can be detrimental to their development and academic achievement. An extract from one of these articles has been provided left.

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Rehearsals are going well. Rehearsal times are as follows:

- **Monday** 3:00pm - 4:30pm *(please pick your child up promptly)*
- **Tuesday** lunch
- **Thursday** 8:00am

**REMINDER** Tickets are on sale NOW. Please see the office.

We are looking for an old timber chair to paint as one of our props. If you can help us please contact the office.
Hi beautiful North Mackay School Community,

Thank you again for having me at your school. It’s a real privilege!

Almost the third term already. How quickly the year is flying by.

This term I have had ‘Girls Glow Club’ running for our Grade 6 girls. Unfortunately there are only between five and ten girls out of the 19 in Grade 6 who have been participating which is a huge difference to last year where there were 30 - 40 girls attending although we had Grade 7 girls as well.

Our ‘Good Start’ breakfast program has finally kicked off with around 100 - 150 students passing through between 7.50 - 8.30am. Breakfast is meant to start is 8am and finish at 8.30am. If you would like to donate jams, cream cheese spread, vegemite, honey, tubs of margarine or your time in making some muffins out of cereal (I have lots of different cereal) please come and see me at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. The children and I would greatly appreciate this.

During lunch time I have been running activities with your children. They play some old fashioned games such as elastics, skipping and board games. The children have really taken to these fun activities well. If you can remember any old rhymes to go with the different stages of elastics or skipping please let your child know or write them down and give them to me to teach the children!

Next term ‘Boyz Business’ for our Grade 6 boys will be starting up, so look out for the notes. I will send them home before the term is out. Also look out for notes for our grade 3’s and 4’s as I will be launching a ‘Lunch Box’ program for them as well.

God Bless

Ms Mack/Chappie Jack

READERS CUP

The 2015 Regional Reader’s Cup was held at Alligator Creek State School on Wednesday 27th May. The team were given 5 books to read before the competition day and were quizzed on the books with a series of 50 questions to answer.

Our students did a great job of reading all the books and displayed a high level of comprehension and recall in the competition. We did very well. Out of the six schools participating, Mackay North came second place! I would like to congratulate these students for their involvement in Reader’s Cup and for their excellent behaviour representing our school. Well done to Hannah Britton, Madeleine Cavanagh, Jordan Bonaventura, Cameron Hollis and Zane Cavaliere for your involvement this year.

Thank you to Mrs Cavaliere for transporting the children to and from Alligator Creek School.

Some extra good news - our team will now be competing in the state competition to be held in Brisbane on 3rd September. We will have five more books to read to prepare for this event. The children will be involved in fundraising to help with costs.

This is an exciting opportunity for our children.

Jacqui Maunder
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers at Mackay North State School
on Thursday 18th June 2014 at 8.30am – 12noon

in the Library

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:
• A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?
The course is free
Register for this course by contacting the office at Mackay North State School on 4940 0333

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Colleen Gauci (Guidance Officer, Mackay North State School) who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training in March 2014.

For more information contact
Mackay North State School on 49 400 333

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective
This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P PARENTING SEMINAR

Turning Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These behaviours can interfere with growth and development and can be disruptive for the family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions on how to promote alternative behaviour.

Where: Mackay West State School
Pinder Street Mackay West 4740
Date: Friday 17th July 2014
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am
Cost: FREE
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability aged 2-12 years

For more information contact: Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team
St Lucia, Qld, 4067
Phone: (07) 3365 6499 Email: steppingstones@uq.edu.au
# Mackay North SS News

## Camp Australia Holiday Programs

**Out of this world Holiday Fun**

**Winter 2015**

### QLD Andergrove State School Holiday Club

Fernleigh Avenue Andergrove Mackay QLD 4740
0421 579 532 (06:30-18:00)

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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please); wet weather gear; art packs and suitable clothing for an active and sunny summer day.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

QLD Northview State School - Mackay Holiday Club
54 Pioneer Street Mt Pleasant QLD 4740
0404 460 958 (06:30-18:00)

Monday 29 June 2015 $48.15
Journey into Deep Space
5...4...3...2...1 LIFT OFF!! There are some new astronauts
set for space-town!

Tuesday 30 June 2015 $63.15
Imagination Land
Bring your own mystical paradise to life through
imagination and creative design.

Wednesday 1 July 2015 $63.15
Workshop: My ‘Space’ Garage
Step into an imaginary Space Garage to create and build
materials for an adventure that will defy gravity.

Thursday 2 July 2015 $73.15
Space Matters - QLD
What’s the matter? Today we find out, discovering what
our universe is made of, with some incredible (and fun)
science experiments.

Friday 3 July 2015 $48.15
Twinkle Twinkle You’re the STAR
Stars aren’t just in the Sky! Get ready to ‘shine on’ as we
all bring out our inner stars.

Monday 6 July 2015 $48.15
Ultimate Galaxy Quest
Adventurers ready?! It’s time to blast off on the ultimate
Galaxy Quest!

Tuesday 7 July 2015 $63.15
Galactic Games - QLD
Every Galactic Game under the SUN! Today is all about
FUN!

Wednesday 8 July 2015 $73.15
Minion Mania
Today we pay tribute to our favourite yellow friends, with
all things Minion.

Thursday 9 July 2015 $63.15
Time Warp
Tick Tock, Tick Tock….it’s time to make a clock!

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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