Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CONGRATULATIONS
MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL on achieving outstanding NAPLAN results for 2016 across all strands in Years 3 & 5

NAPLAN results are always discussed in the media and are hyped as a measure of how well a school is travelling. It needs to be remembered that NAPLAN is a point in time result for every student who sits the test. NAPLAN results need to be considered over a number of years to gauge the academic growth and development of students. This year I want to share the facts about Mackay North and celebrate the wonderful achievements of students who attend our great school.

MNSS has demonstrated great achievement in National Minimum Standard, Mean Scale Score and Upper Bands in all strands. In Years 3 and Year 5 MNSS achieved results similar to that of like schools, in the state and the nation in most areas.

In the period that NAPLAN has been administered in school MNSS has shown an upwards trend in achievement in 8 out of 10 areas of assessment.

Congratulations to the students and staff for your efforts in the NAPLAN testing program for 2016.

Mackay North SS News

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Queens Birthday Holiday .......................... Mon 3rd Oct
First Day of Term 4 ............................... Tue 4th Oct

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Mackay North SS News

MACKAY ORCHESTRA AND BANDS CONCERTS

Last weekend both our Strings and Instrumental Band groups performed at the annual Mackay Orchestra and Bands Concert. These concerts, that are called MOB, are not a competition against schools. It is a competition of students against the music they perform and all performers receive recognition of how well they performed against the music they had chosen to present.

I am very pleased to announce that the Concert Band received a bronze medal and the Strings received a silver medal for their efforts on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mrs Mora and Mrs Bell for preparing these teams and thank you Mrs Hunt for co-ordinating the instrumental program.

RATS OF TOBRUK

Next Friday 26th August at 5.30pm our school will participate in the second of the annual Rats of Tobruk ceremonies at Queens Park. Our Recorder Band will be performing the National Anthem and the Hymn “Abide with Me” as part of the ceremony and our student leaders will be presenting a speech on behalf of the Rats of Tobruk. Parents are most welcome to attend.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Mackay North State High School 2017 Year 7 enrolments and scholarships are now open. Enrolment forms, information and scholarship applications are available on our school website. A reminder that scholarship applications close on the 26th August. Our next school tour will be held on Friday 9th September at 4pm. We encourage you to attend if you would like to find out more about our school and the wide range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities available to students. Please refer to our school website for further information or contact the school on 4963 1666. Early enrolment will provide certainty for you and your student’s high school education.
WAKAKIRRI

Last Monday evening I attended the regional Wakakirri finals at the MECC. Our school was one of eight schools performing on the night. It was a very enjoyable evening, with all schools performing fantastically.

Our team performed “Annie”. The story of Annie is set in the depths of the 1930's. Annie is a fiery young orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy industrialist, Oliver Warbucks. Quickly, she charms the hearts of the household staff, and even the seemingly cold-hearted Warbucks cannot help but learn to love this wonderful girl. He decides to help Annie find her long lost parents by offering a reward if they would come to him and prove their identity. However, Miss Hannigan, her evil brother, Rooster and a female accomplice plan to impersonate those people to get the reward for themselves which puts Annie in great danger.

The Wakakirri team brought this story to life on stage. 

Well done everyone!

It was pleasing to hear from staff at the MECC, who were the Wakakirri organising team, that the students from our school were the best prepared, most well-mannered and organised of all the schools in attendance. On the evening our school was presented with the Best Public Speaking award. Well done Charli, Shantay and Sierra!

Congratulations need to go to Mrs Daniel and Mrs Scott for their ongoing efforts in preparing the Wakakirri team and performance for 2016. Congratulations also to the many helpers who made this event such as success. We look forward to the next edition of Wakakirri in 2017.
READY SET GO.... A transition to Prep

MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL

EVERY WEDNESDAY
1:30 TILL 2:45

TERM 3
August 10th
August 17th
August 24th
August 31st
September 7th

TERM 4
October 19th
October 26th
November 2nd
November 9th
November 16th
November 23rd

Ready Set Go is a pre-prep program to assist our 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 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 that are attending.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Prep Team
Caring

Next week we move our “What You Want to Be” focus for our school to caring. It is important that we display kindness and concern for others as empathy (the ability to understand and be sensitive to other people’s feelings) helps us to be more deeply attached to our family, friends and even strangers. (Elizabeth Foy Larsen from Parents Magazine) Putting yourself in someone else’s shoes is also a crucial building block for other caring emotions. “It’s how we develop gratitude, hope, and compassion -- which is the ability to act on your empathy,” explains Christine Carter, Ph.D., a sociologist and happiness expert at the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

Caring people are kind, thoughtful, sharing, helpful and understanding. We can demonstrate caring by giving to others in need, showing respect to people, property, animals and the environment, including others in activities and conversations, listening to what others have to say and by being helpful to others.

Our children learn the most from what they see and hear, so it is important that we model caring in our everyday lives. If they see adults in their lives being caring, they too will practise being caring.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A growing body of evidence suggests that family engagement matters for student success. Research shows that family engagement improves school readiness, student achievement, and social skills. (Harvard Family Research Project, Oct 2010)

Parent Teacher interviews are currently occurring across our school. We value the opportunity to meet with you to share information about your child. Every child deserves the chance to perform to their full potential and to enable that, family engagement in their schooling is paramount.

Please take the time to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to talk about your child’s achievements and any support required to allow them to continue their pathway to success.
Ready Set Go

Our Ready Set Go Program for children beginning Prep in 2017 has begun. The aim of the program is to assist children and parents to best prepare for the school environment and the curriculum and learning expectations of the upcoming Prep year.

We have had two afternoons of enthusiastic participation by both the children and their parents. We welcome any children starting Prep next year to attend our Wednesday afternoon sessions, regardless of which school they will be attending in 2017.

Life Education

Harold and the Life Education Van are visiting our school! Lessons will begin this Friday and continue through all of next week. A parent session is also being offered from 8:15am-8:45am on Friday 19th August.

Parents, please go over to the van at this time and introduce yourself to Louise, our Life Education Educator.

For your child to attend, payment of $6.00 must be made, to cover the lesson and a workbook, and the permission form returned. If you have misplaced the permission form, please come to the office to collect another one.
School Photos

This year our school photos are being taken on Tuesday 6th September.

It is preferable that you order and pay for photos online before the day, however if you would rather use the envelope that has been sent home, please ensure your child brings it to school on the day of the photos.

A separate envelope is required for sibling photos if using the envelope system.

ALL students are required to wear the correct, complete school uniform on photo day.

That is:

♦ Black and gold school shirt
♦ Black shorts, skorts or skirt
♦ White socks
♦ Black or white joggers

There are absolutely:

X No coloured shoes
X No coloured laces
X No make-up
X No jewellery
X No large hair accessories
CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Our goal is to have attendance at 95% or above for each class and the school overall. A slight improvement has been achieved from week 4 to week 5 and as the weather continues to improve, I know we will continue to see the attendance percentage for each class increase.

1/2M is the class to beat with attendance. Congratulations to all students and parents in this class for the outstanding attendance over the last two weeks.

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Attendance Award

Week 4 – 1/2M
Week 5 – 1/2M

Students of the Week

Week 4

Di Schmidt
Hello Mackay North families,

Are you looking for school holiday programmes for your child who has a disability? Engedi Mackay offers respite services for people with a disability as well as activity centres. Sue Smart (Engedi Project Support Officer) has advised us of a school holiday programme for which you can apply. The details for the school holiday programme are below.

The Registration / Enrolment Form is too long to attach to the newsletter, so if you would like to apply for the programme please contact me (Helen Parker) directly and I will forward the Registration / Enrolment Form to you. Applications close soon – September 2nd.

On the Holiday Theme…… Multicap also offers holiday packages for adults with a disability. There are a range of tours offered with a high ratio of carer support. I can also send you one of the Multicap fliers if you have an older member of your family who has a disability.

Staff News:

Miss Debbie and Mrs Fenech are both battling injuries at the present time – I am sure you will join me in wishing them a full and speedy recovery very soon.

My technology information this newsletter is another YouTube clip. The theme of the clip is a technique called “Cued Articulation.” Cued Articulation

This information on Cued Articulation comes from our Speech Language Pathologist. It is a very useful technique in assisting students learn speech sounds – especially if the student has significant speech difficulties or has difficulty remembering speech sounds.

Welcome to Issue #4: Use CUED ARTICULATION in YOUR Classroom!

What is it?
Cued Articulation is a system of hand cues developed by Jane Passy, a Speech Language Pathologist. It is a method of teaching consonant sounds and vowel sounds. It is not a sign language.

Each sound has its own movement which logically shows the child
- how the sound is made (e.g., long sound, short sound),
- where the sound is made (e.g., front or back of mouth) and
- if the sound is voiced or voiceless.

Who can it be used for?
These hand movements can be used with children who have
- speech delays
- phonological awareness difficulties
- hearing impairment
- and students learning English as a second language

Cued Articulation is easy to learn and implement in the classroom!

(Cont’d)
ENGEDI SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 2016!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH DISABILITIES!

Sept 26 – 30 2016!
Come and join us for some great holiday fun, outings and activities!

When: Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 3.30pm
Where: Mackay District Special School,
63 Mansfield Drive, Beaconsfield.
Cost: $10 per day.
Application closing date: 02.09.16

Families are required to be registered with Disability Services.
Due to a limited number of spaces available, bookings are essential.
Any applications received after the close date cannot be accepted.
All enrolments are subject to an assessment prior to the program.

Heaps of fun things to do both inside and out!
Fun outings!
Meet your friends and make some new ones!

For a copy of the program and registration pack, please contact Engedi Inc. on 49425495 or call into the office at 23 Holmes Drive, Beaconsfield.

Until next time, Helen Parker, for the SEP Team
JUNIOR CHOIR
Junior choir are off to a roaring start and are making excellent progress with our two pieces. Permission forms have been sent home. Please ensure you return the note to Mrs Hunt by next Friday 26th August.

MACKAY ORCHESTRA AND BANDS COMPETITION
On the weekend our Concert Band and String Ensemble proudly represented our school at the Mackay Orchestra and Bands Competition at the MCC. Congratulations to the students, Mrs Sue Mora and Mrs Yvonne Bell for their fantastic performances over the weekend. We are pleased to announce that the Concert Band were awarded a Bronze Award and the String Ensemble received a Silver Award for their performances. We received many compliments on how spectacular the students looked in our new cultural shirts. We are very grateful to the P&C for providing the funds for us to purchase the much needed new uniforms – your support of our students is greatly appreciated!

AFRICAN DRUMMING
The African drumming troupe have been enjoying developing their skills under the direction of Mrs Heel. It is important that students in this group attend their rehearsal each week, so that the ensemble can progress as a group.

Rehearsals are every Thursday afternoon from 3:00-3:30pm
UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Rats of Tobruk** will be held on Friday the 26th August. Our recorder ensemble will be joining with the Victoria Park State School recorder ensemble to perform the Anthem and Hymn for this event. Ensemble members are to meet at the Queen’s Park Memorial at 4:40pm dressed in full school uniform. Please return your permission forms by this Friday 19th August.

**Twilight Concert**

Due to the Year 5/6 Camps having to be rescheduled, this year’s Twilight Concert has been moved to Thursday 5th September. The Twilight Concert is a chance for our cultural groups to gain more performance experience and allows them to show case the results of their hard work in a relaxed non-competitive environment. It also allows us to have a practice run of our competition pieces before the Eisteddfod in Term 4. All school families and friends are invited to attend the FREE concert which will be held in the school hall beginning at 6pm on Thursday 15th September.

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Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything ~ Plato

Jodie Hunt
The Student Resource Scheme was introduced to Mackay North State School for 2016 and covers the annual subscription fees to the ICT programs and reprographics supplied throughout the year. The purpose of the scheme is to provide parents with a cost effective alternative through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing practices.

The cost is $50 per student. If you have opted or wish to opt for this scheme, payment is due at the office now and can be paid in full or in part payments.
Mackay Oral Health Services – School Dental Service

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school. Medical/Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by 26th August, 2016.

The school Dental Service will contact the parent/guardian to make an appointment at:

North Mackay School Dental Clinic, Harvey St

If you have any enquiries please phone: 49514241

A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

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$1500

Contact: Carol Harris, 0447 753 235
Email: danandcarol@hotmail.com
All bookings and payments are to be made online

Location: Mackay North State School
Date: Thursday, 23 August 2016
COCKTAILS IN THE CANEFIELDS

10 SEPTEMBER
4PM - 9PM
$60/PP

This year expect...
MORE FOOD, BETTER COCKTAILS,
(a professional mixologist)
A LIVE BAND & A LATER NIGHT!

Tickets includes
DELICIOUS COCKTAIL / on arrival
4 COURSE GOURMET MEAL / served throughout the afternoon & evening
LIVE BAND / Gypsysoul
AWESOME PRIZES / & raffles
PLUS...
COURTESY BUS TO AND FROM / The Railway Hotel, Marian

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT
MACKAY CRICKET
Junior Sign-On

Wednesday 24th August 2016
HARRUP PARK
4pm to 7pm

Including International ‘A’ Series Player Appearances!

Website: mackaycricket.qld.cricket.com.au

JOIN THE FUN!
Skill sessions
Giveaways
Activities
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KIDS CAN CREATE THEIR OWN CRICKET MOMENT
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
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.