Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Nearing the end of Term 3 gives us an opportunity to sit back and take a quick review of what has happened in this term. When you look back over Term 3 our school has been involved in a number of events - least of which has been six of our seven different year levels participating in school camps, the Wakakirri team competing in the Mackay Regional Finals, our performance group participating in the Mackay Orchestra and Band competition, and preparing for the Eisteddfod schedule. Credit should be given where credit is due. The staff and students of our school during this very busy term have maintained an excellent outlook and focus on education.

Students for the most part, have shown excellent behaviour on the whole across the entire term and our staff has continued to demonstrate outstanding professionalism as teachers of our students. This is despite the fact that teachers and many of the students have suffered one of the worst cold and flu seasons in a long time. We need to remember how lucky our school is!

Coming into the holiday period it is very tempting for all of us to use the TV or online devices as babysitters for the children. As parents you need to be mindful of who and what your children are doing online. An app that has become popular within our school recently is an app called “Musically”. It an app designed to allow the user to film themselves making a music video to a favourite song and then sharing it with friends online; good harmless fun if used appropriately. However, like all social media apps, the potential is there for it to be used inappropriately in the form of bullying. Please ensure you are aware of how your child is using these type of apps online. Below is an article about social networking which is worth a read. Also for further information click on this link: http://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/cybersafety/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf

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RUOK DAY

Last Thursday 8th September was “RUOK Day”. RUOK? is a not for profit organization founded in 2009 with the vision of a world where we are all connected and are protected from suicide, as well as encouraging and equipping everyone to regularly and meaningfully ask, “Are you ok?” At Mackay North State School, our sense of community continues to grow, and this day provided us all with an opportunity to check in with and look after each other – so please take the time to ask someone, “RUOK?”

Social Networking

Social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters, Twitter, Skype, Snapchat, Minecraft and many others. All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they’ve been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many teenagers.

WHAT CAN I DO? As a parent, you can help your child have positive experiences on social networking sites.

- Stay involved in your child’s use of new technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your child. It can be fun for you too!
- Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or game. Some social networking sites (such as Club Penguin) are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.
- Advise children to set their accounts to private so that only people they want to see can view their information.
- Encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted online can be difficult or impossible to remove. An inappropriate image posted today can have a long term impact on their digital reputation.
- Show them how to set up location services on their phone so they are not inadvertently broadcasting their location.
- Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. Never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.
- Report any abuse or inappropriate content to the social networking site and show children how to do this too.
- Learn how to keep a copy of online conversations and how to block people prior to an issue occurring.

For more information on managing your child’s access to particular social networking sites, visit cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx

I would like to wish our North Mackay community a very safe break and see everyone back for, once again, a very busy Term 4.

Stephen Bobby
MACKAY NORTH STATE SCHOOL

READY SET GO.... A transition to Prep

We offer....
* Experienced and welcoming staff
* A well-resourced centre.
* Activity/Information packs
* Involvement with specialist lessons

Technology including interactive whiteboards and ipads.

An educationally rigorous and stimulating program that caters to all students.

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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 grand-parents or other parents that are attending.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Prep Team
STUDENT SAFETY

One of our highest priorities is student safety. We know that our students, your children, are precious and want to ensure that they are safe at all times.

It alarms and concerns us to see our students cross the road into the carpark at the stop, drop and go area, without adult supervision.

We **implore** you to come over to the school gate and walk with your children as they cross the road into the carpark. Young children of primary school age are impulsive and very unaware of their surroundings. They require an adult with them around traffic to teach them how to be safe and to ensure they are safe. Please take the few minutes it takes to get out of your car and walk with your children, or alternately, use the stop, drop and go drive through area where your children are able to stay on the footpath until you pull up to the curb.

END OF TERM 3/START OF TERM 4

Term 3 seems to have been the busiest term yet! As well as the many camps there have been sporting events, Wakakirri, Life Education, Big Sing and school photos, with our annual Twilight Concert happening this week, just to name a few events. A busy term on top of so much illness has definitely contributed to tiredness and general fatigue in both students and staff. We are all looking forward to our holiday break to relax and rejuvenate.

Term 4 begins on Tuesday 4th October, as Monday is the Queen's Birthday holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for learning.

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We are still struggling with much illness within the school, with less than half of our classes currently unable to achieve our 95% or better attendance. We are looking forward to an illness-free term next term!

Congratulations to all those classes who are achieving our attendance target and to our Attendance Award recipients, 5/6H and 3/4M with 100% in week 9!

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Hello again Mackay North families

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE CELEBRATION**

During September, the education department is celebrating 50 years of speech-language therapy services. Communication is essential for learning, literacy and numeracy development, interacting with others, participation in all class and school activities, and positive self-esteem. Speech-language therapy plays an important role in helping students with speech, language and communication needs. This assistance helps overcome barriers in their learning and helps students achieve to their full potential. The department’s speech-language pathologists make a very important contribution and difference to our students' lives.

**THIS FORTNIGHT’S APP**

Here is my App of the fortnight...well, again a website rather than an App.

With holidays coming up, it is likely students will be spending some time on PCs and devices.

Click on the link: "Ten Privacy Tips for Parents and Carers" which is an Australian Government publication that may assist you to discuss with your child the importance of staying safe when accessing the Internet.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**

If you are looking for a quiet activity during the school holidays, you might like to consider the art competition being held by the Autism Support Group and Get Smashed Art. It’s free to enter so have fun designing! Wouldn’t it be great if one of our North students had the winning design seen on T-shirts across Australia?

The flyer on the following page has all the details
Hoping everyone has a safe and refreshing Spring break.

Until next time, Helen Parker, for the SEP Team
Twilight Concert – Thursday 15th September

All friends and family are invited to attend. Staff and students are looking forward to sharing the results of the students’ hard work with everyone.

As there are seven different groups and over 100 students to warm up and get ready for the concert to start at 6:00pm, we will be following the warm up schedule set out below. Please ensure your child arrives at least 10 minutes before their first ensemble warm up time as the timeline is very tight and there are a lot of groups to prepare before we begin the evening’s program.

Dinner is available for order via the order forms that were sent home in communication books. Please consider the number of ensembles your child is a part of and their warm up schedule when deciding whether to order dinner for them on the night. **No food is to be taken into the warm up rooms or into the hall during the performance so please ensure that you allow yourself enough time to enjoy your dinner before the concert begins at 6:00pm.**

### Twilight Concert: Warm up Schedule

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<td>Students move to the hall ready to start.</td>
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**Eisteddfod Info – 1st Draft**

Dates and times for all our groups’ Eisteddfod performances are listed on the next page. Families and friends are encouraged to come and support their students at their performance. Tickets are available from the MECC. You will need to request seats for the session indicated for each group.

**A second draft of times will be sent home at the start of the next term.**

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<td>12:30pm</td>
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<td>Private transport - no teacher will be attending with these groups. Parent supervision will be required.</td>
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<td><strong>Trios &amp; Quartets</strong></td>
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<td>8:00am</td>
<td>Cultural shirt, Black long pants, Black socks &amp; shoes.</td>
<td>Instrument, Music, School bag, <strong>school shirt to change into afterwards.</strong></td>
<td>Bus back to school (the school is covering the cost of the bus).</td>
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<td>School bag, lunch, water bottle, <strong>school shirt to change into afterwards.</strong></td>
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Changes to rehearsal times due to Twilight Concert...

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<td>Eisteddfod</td>
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<td>Christmas Carols Evening</td>
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Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything ~ Plato
If you are planning on leaving our school, please check for outstanding library books and return them to the library.

Thank you
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.

SCHOOL SOUVENIR TEA-TOWELS

ONLY $5
Make your Holidays go WOW!

Bounce Now’s SUPER Inflatable Party is back for Round Two!
It’s BIGGER, it’s Better and your children are going to absolutely LOVE it at the Mackay Basketball Stadium!

We had a blast last time and this one is going to ROCK!
Monday the 19th is our opening day and it’s going to be HUGE! We have Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol visiting, FREE face painting and Bruce the Mechanical Shark for all to enjoy.

Bounce Now’s SUPER Inflatable Party will be running from 9am-2pm, Monday to Friday for both weeks of the School holidays at Mackay Basketball Stadium. We’re keeping the FUN affordable, prices will remain the same at $10 for one hour and $15 for 2 hours play.
We are looking forward to a SUPER Fun event and can’t wait to see you there once again.

With love and fun,
The team from Bounce Now
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.