Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Predicted Enrolments

Predicted enrolment numbers will fluctuate between now and Day 8 of 2017. However, our Prep enrolments for next year are steadily growing. If you have a prep aged child or know someone with a prep aged children for 2017, please contact the office as soon as possible. Each State School is staffed on the number of students attending the school on Day 8 at the beginning of a new school year. It is essential for any families who are not returning to Mackay North State School next year to notify the Office. If your family is travelling over the holidays, and may be returning after the first day of school, 23rd January 2017, please contact the Office to complete the required paperwork.

World Teachers’ Day

Friday October 28th is World Teachers’ Day this year. All of the teachers in our school are hard-working and dedicated to supporting students and improving outcomes, and we appreciate their efforts, which often go above and beyond the call of duty. Don’t forget on Friday to say thank you to your child’s teacher; a quiet word in their ear will mean a lot to them.

Mackay North State School Improvement Agenda 2016

* SPELLING
* NUMBER
and always focused on

* READING AND WRITING

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 1

WEEK 1
First Day or School 2017 ........ Mon 23rd Jan

DATE CLAIMER

WEEK 4
Day for Daniel .................................. Fri 28th Oct
World Teachers’ Day .......................... Fri 28th Oct

WEEK 5
Ready-Set-Go Parent Information Sessions ..........Wed 2nd Nov
Instrumental Music Information Afternoon ..........Thurs 3rd Nov
Year 4 Camp .................................... Wed 2nd-Fri 4th Nov
Year 5 Leadership Day ............................ Fri 4th Nov

WEEK 6
Life Ed ‘Talk About It’ .........................Thurs 10th Nov
Remembrance Day .............................. Fri 11th Nov
Life Ed ‘Talk About It’ ............................ Fri 11th Nov

WEEK 7
Years 3-6 Swimming ...... Mon 14th Nov-Wed 16th Nov
School Concert .................................... Thurs 17th Nov

WEEK 8
Years 3-6 swimming .... Mon 21st Nov-Thurs 24th Nov
P&C Meeting ...................................... Thurs 24th Nov

WEEK 9
Years 3-6 Swimming .......................... Mon 28th Nov
Years 3-6 Awards Night ....................... Tues 29th Nov
Christmas Carols Evening ..................... Thurs 1st Dec

WEEK 10
Year 6 Graduation ............................. Tues 6th Dec
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival ............ Wed 7th Dec
Behaviour Rewards Day ....................... Thurs 8th Dec
Last Day of School 2016 ..................... Fri 9th Dec

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PO Box 3012
North Mackay QLD
2017 Classes

Our planning for 2017 has commenced and at this time of year, parents often begin to ask about class placements for next year. Please remember that allocation of students to classes is a very complex process and that a great deal of care and time is taken when making such decisions. The current year level teachers offer suggestions about children for their 2017 classes, as they have been working with these students all year.

The main criteria we use when allocating students to classes are:

**Ability levels** - we aim to have an even spread of ability levels across each class. All children have different abilities in different areas of the curriculum and these needs are taken into consideration.

**Teaching/learning styles** - we take into consideration the match between individual children’s learning styles and the teaching style of individual teachers where possible.

**Friendships** - we try to ensure that all children are in a class with those of whom we feel they are likely to form friendships. At other times, we may choose to separate students who, whilst being friends, are a distracting influence on each other in a classroom, where one is the dominant partner in a friendship or where they are over-reliant on each other to the exclusion of others and need to be encouraged to increase their friendship circle.

**Group dynamics** - we try to ensure that we have an even spread of personality styles, behavioural styles and that the group dynamics will foster an effective classroom.

Each child is considered carefully with the aim being to ensure that each child is placed in a class where they will be given the best chance for happiness and success. If you have any information that you believe will help us when allocating children to classes, please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a member of the administration team.

We are taking enrolments for 2017
Parents and carers of children who are beginning Prep in 2017 are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 2nd November in the Prep Classroom. There are two sessions to choose from; one at 1:30pm and another at 6:00pm.

Alternatively, you could phone our office to make an appointment to ask any questions you may have or discuss your child’s needs.

Enrolment books can be collected from the school office or they can be downloaded from our website. Please phone the office to make an appointment for an enrolment interview once the enrolment book is completed.

We look forward to having the opportunity to work with you and your child in 2017 beyond.

**2017 BOOKLISTS**

Booklists for 2017 have been sent home with all students. If you have not seen one yet, check your child’s school bag or download a list from our website.

We are again partnering with North Mackay Newsagency to offer book packs. Orders submitted and paid for by Monday 7th November 2016, will be packed and be available for collection from the school office in the last week of school this year. Orders received after this date can be collected from North Mackay Newsagency or home delivery can be arranged. Information on how to order is on the back of the booklist.

I would encourage families to consider purchasing 2017 booklist requirements through North Mackay Newsagency as a percentage of the sales is reimbursed to the P&C, which in turn supports our students.

**WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY**

*“In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day’s work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years.” ~ Jacques Barzun*

With this in mind, teachers work with students every day in order to help them become the best person they can be and achieve as much as they can. Every little milestone is celebrated, because our teachers care about the students they work with and want the best for them.

World teachers’ Day gives an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to all teachers who dedicated their lives to working with students. I especially want to say a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to our team of teachers here at Mackay North who do an amazing job, going above and beyond their professional duties. Without the commitment they continually show, there would be no camps, excursions, concerts, Wakakirri or extracurricular activities.

Please join with me and take this opportunity to acknowledge our great teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.
CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Our attendance target is 95% or better. Congratulations to all classes who are achieving this target. Particular acknowledgement is given to 6FB for their 98.3% attendance in week 2 and to 1/2M for achieving 100% attendance in week 3!

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Hello again Mackay North Family,

With the school holidays looming soon, ENGEDI has advised they will be offering their school holiday program again. If you would like your child with Special Needs to attend, the details are on the flyer below.

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

**DECEMBER 12TH – 16TH 2016**
**JANUARY 9TH – 13TH 2017**

**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: **21.11.16**
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.
Please contact Engedi Inc. on 49 425 495 or email: admin@engedi.org.au for an enrolment pack.

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GETTING ALONG

As part of our Social Skills programs students have been looking at Mackay North State School’s values and behaviour expectations. One of the areas we have been looking at is Getting Along.

Getting Along means “getting along well with classmates and adults, including those who are different; working well with my classmates; solving problems without fighting; following important school rules; and helping to make my school a better place to live and learn”.

The following are ways students can help themselves to think more about Getting Along:

- **Be Tolerant of Others** - when someone is mean to me, it does not mean that he or she is a totally bad person.
- **Play by the Rules** - by following school rules, school will be a better place to live and learn.
- **Think First** - when someone treats me badly, I need to think about the best way to act.
- **Social Responsibility** - it is important to care for myself and others, to do my best, to give everyone a fair go, to protect everyone’s rights to be free, to be honest, to do what I say I am going to do, to treat others with respect, to act responsibly and to understand, include and be tolerant of others.

Until next time, Helen Parker, for the SEP Team

Mackay District Sports Presentation
Tuesday 22nd November
7:00pm
at
Magpies Sporting Club
Congratulations to the following students who have been shortlisted to join the instrumental program in 2017.

**Strings Shortlist**

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To continue further through the recruitment process these students along with a parent/carer must attend the Family Information Session on Thursday 3rd November at 3:15pm. If it is impossible for you to attend the meeting but would like your child to join the instrumental program please ring the school prior to Thursday 3rd November.
**Mackay North SS News**

**Music**

**Semester 2 Cultural Calendar**

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Folk Group

**ICY CUPS FOR SALE**

Every Thursday 2:45pm at Prep S

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

Jodie Hunt
With Christmas fast approaching, the Salvation Army in Mackay is gearing up to support those in our community for whom Christmas will be a difficult time.

This year, we are asking for your help by donating food for hampers.

When donating, there are a few things to consider:

1) All food items need to have a ‘Best Before’ or ‘Expiry Date’ of AT LEAST April 2017.

2) Please ensure items are non-perishable ie. Not fresh.

3) Some suggested food items include: Long life custard, jellies, Christmas cakes & puddings, tinned ham, potato chips, bags of lollies, tinned fruit, biscuits, cordial and main meal foods such as pasta, pasta sauce etc.

Please bring all your hamper items to the office.

Your generous donations will be presented to the Salvation Army on parade on Friday 2nd December.
If you are planning on leaving our school, please check for outstanding library books and return them to the library. Thank you.
The library is looking for these books:

Guinness World Records 2013
Guinness World Records 2014
Guinness World Records 2015
Guinness World Records 2016

If anyone has these and they would like to donate to the library it would be most appreciated.

Jacqui Maunder & Sandi Birrer
Mackay Family History Society presents
Pioneers of Mackay Charts Exhibition

Over 300 pre 1885 Early Mackay Families
(75 new family names since our last display in 2012 - many descendants remain in this area)

13th to 28th Oct 2016
10am - 2pm
Upstairs Old Town Hall
Sydney Street

Lift available
Parking at rear of Hall
Mackay North SS News

ready, set, go

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.

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Principal
Mr Stephen Bobby
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Mrs Di Schmidt

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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 grandparents or other parents that are attending.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Prep Team
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.

Our Mackay North State School Centenary Book is a great gift at $30 for anyone who has ever attended our fabulous little school or is just interested in history.
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.