Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

**YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP**

Last week I had the great pleasure of attending the Canberra trip with our current year 6 students along with Mrs McVean, Mrs Dorante and Mrs Grant. From the outset may I say these students were wonderful ambassadors for their families and for our school. At numerous locations along the trip they were complimented on their attitude to learning, their manners and behaviour.

**WELL DONE EVERYONE IN YEAR 6!**

While on the trip students were able to participate in visiting both the Old and New Parliament Houses, the War Memorial, Questacon, the National Dinosaur Museum, the zoo and lots of other venues. On a trip to the snowfields the children and adults were able to participate in tobogganing and of course the annual snowball fight.

Below you will see some photos of the children while they were on camp.

As a school we are also pleased to acknowledge the contributions made by the Australian Government towards the cost of our camp. Under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme each student who undertakes an educational tour to the national capital and participates in a variety of educational programmes will be entitled to a rebate of $120.00 towards the travel. These programmes enhance the students’ understanding of our history, culture, heritage and democracy.

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NEW SHADE SHELTER FOR THE PREP AREA

If you are driving past School Street you will notice there is a frame that has been placed around the Prep playground.

This playground is meant to have a new blue shade shelter over it but unfortunately it was stolen the night before it was due to be put up.

A new one is currently being organised but if you have any information about anyone being seen removing a bright blue shade cloth cover from the grounds last Thursday evening, that information would be greatly appreciated and passed on to the police.

The shade sail stolen on Thursday night 31st July 2014 is very similar to the one pictured.

2015 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Parents and caregivers with children starting Prep in 2015 are asked to make contact with the school at their earliest convenience to enrol for next year. Please encourage relatives and friends who are considering enrolment for 2015 to make contact with the school.

While the start of the 2015 school year may seem a long way off the official staffing process for next year has begun and early knowledge of enrolments assists us greatly with our planning.
ATTENDANCE
We are still having attendance issues with a small number of children and their families.

We **NEED** your children at school every day if we are going to teach them and help them improve to reach their full potential.

How do **YOU** work with us to achieve this?

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**Jump Rope for Heart**

Mackay North is again supporting the Heart Foundation in 2014 by participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. This is a great way for your child to get fit, have fun and support a very worthy cause. Sponsorship forms have been sent home this week. If your child wishes to raise money, there are some fabulous prizes to be won. Our Jump Off Day Activities will be held on the 20th and 21st August during PE lessons. All money raised and sponsorship forms must be returned by Friday 29th August. If your child is not going to collect any money, please return the form straight away so that it is not lost.

Thanks for your support for the Heart Foundation.

**Sue McGann**

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**WANTED**

**CLEAN, GLASS JARS WITH LIDS**

If you have any please take them to Mrs Saunders’ classroom.
PREP/YEAR ONE CAMP

Last Friday night the Prep and Year One students returned to school at 5:00pm to enjoy their camp experience. They got to toast marshmallows before enjoying a delicious dinner. The Preps settled down to watch a movie while the Year Ones washed their dinner dishes.

After the Preps left for home the Year Ones participated in a variety of activities including searching for night animals, looking through a telescope to view the night sky and using chalk to draw many different pictures about space in general. They enjoyed Milo and a biscuit for supper and after setting up their bed, changing into pyjamas and brushing their teeth, they snuggled down to drift off to sleep as they watched a movie.

I would like to congratulate all of the students on their great behaviour while having so much fun on this camp experience. Thank you to the parents who allowed their children to come along and take part in this valuable learning experience. The teachers who put so much of their own time into planning and organising and then attending the camp should be congratulated and thanked as well. They are truly a dedicated and professional group who strive to provide the best opportunities for your children to ensure they feel comfortable and part of the school community. This event not only allows the students to experience something different, but they learn to meet new challenges, engage with fellow classmates in a different setting and build positive relationships with teachers they work with. In turn, this builds confidence and self-esteem that contributes to better engagement and improvement with learning.
BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE CONCERT

Our very talented Choirs, Recorder Band and Drumming Troupe entertained audiences at Bunnings Warehouse on the morning of Sunday 3rd August. They shone with their performances, representing our school really well and making us truly proud of both their performance and their behaviour. Congratulations to all students involved and to Ms Chuang for the tireless work and passion she gives to teaching and coaching our students.
Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the school opinion survey. It is a great way for you to share your opinion on what you see being done well at our school and what could be improved and done better.

If you had not managed to get the time to go online to do this survey, please try to take advantage of the extension that has been given until this Friday 8th August.

**READING**

Practice makes perfect in almost everything we do and reading is no different. It is so important for children to read and be read to everyday. Not only does this improve the ability to read and understand what is read, it also provides the opportunity to develop knowledge and creative thinking. It strengthens the brain and helps build new connections. This then assists with learning in other areas, particularly with becoming better spellers and writers.

Reading is a good choice of activity to do just before bedtime as it is a great way to relax the body and calm the mind. The constant movement, flashing lights and noise which bombard our senses when we’re watching TV, looking at a computer or playing an electronic game are actually quite stressful and stimulating for our brains. Doing these activities just before bedtime are not inductive of a restful night’s sleep.

While reading with your child during the next few weeks, remember to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge Record sheet that your child has. Currently, 26 students in our school have completed this challenge and I am sure that every one of our students is capable of doing this before the September 5th deadline.

**ABSENCES**

There are times when your child is sick or cannot attend school for another reason. It is preferable to keep children at home when they are not well for their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. When absence from school occurs it is essential that you contact the school and let us know that your child is away, the reason and the expected day they will return. Our rolls are official documents requiring accurate data to be entered and kept. Prompt notification of absences is appreciated.

**CLASS WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

TERM 3
Week 1 – 4H
Week 2 – 3A

CONGRATULATIONS!
NEW ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Louise Stander back to the SEP as our new Administration Officer. Louise will join us in the next couple of weeks working on administration duties and also spending some time working with our students. Louise has worked with us previously so is familiar with our students and teachers. We are thrilled to have you on our TEAM Louise and look forward to working with you further in the future.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Last Friday night I attended the Prep/Year 1 School Camp at the school hall. It was a very busy but entertaining evening with all students enjoying the opportunity to stay late at school and partake in some night activities including star gazing through a telescope, charades, stories, looking for nocturnal animals and enjoying a sausage sizzle for dinner. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to mix with a wide range of peers in a relaxed and stimulating environment while exploring some new interests and events. I have included some photos of our year one students enjoying this exciting experience. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and volunteers who organized such a full and engaging program for the students.

Seth using finger puppets in the Puppet Theatre

Seth and Charlotte cooking up a feast in the kitchen

Lachlan roasting a marshmallow on the fire

Lachlan gazing at the moon
This Friday night our school will be performing at the Mackay Entertainment Centre in Wakakirri 2014. Participating students are from years 5-7 and have worked very hard over the past few months to ensure their performance on Friday is entertaining to all who attend. On behalf of the Wakakirri Team, I would like to thank these students for their hard work and wish them all the best for their performance. I am very proud of their effort and will be there to support them on the night.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Wednesday 13 August
4.30pm – 6.00pm

INFORMATION SESSION
for
Students with disabilities
and Parents/Carers
Mackay North State High School
Auditorium Senior Centre

WAKAKIRRI
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Prep/Year 1 Camp

Last Friday, 1st August, was Camp Night for our Prep and Year 1 students. All students arrived at 5pm for a fun afternoon of play, toasting marshmallows and dinner. After a movie, the Prep students went home. Our Year 1 students stayed on and participated in a number of Science activities about the night sky, to fit in with our Science curriculum. After that, they set up their beds and slept overnight in the hall. They need to be commended for their fantastic behaviour and for making the evening an enjoyable time for everyone. Well done Year 1s! Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

Prep and Year 1 Teachers.
Our very talented students performing at the Lunchbox Concert at Canelands on 16th July.
**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. 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!

**Kristy Scott and Wilma Grant**
“There is no substitute for reading in the life of a child” - May Ellen Chase.

**VISIT YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

We want to support you to read at home with your child. Any student who visits the library with a parent can borrow up to 4 books a week.

Mums, Dads and Carers you are most welcome for a cuppa while you browse the shelves with your child.

We have a great selection and would love to see you there!
Come along and say hello!

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**Library Opening Hours**

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Monday 4th August - 6:00pm - Library - All Welcome
SCHOOL FEES

Class levies for all year levels are now overdue.

Payments can be made at the office by cash, cheque (made Payable to Mackay North State School) or eftpos.

Parents can send in Visa/MasterCard payments with their child (fill out bottom section of invoice and include CCV number), phone the office and give Visa/MasterCard details or direct deposit into the school bank account (details on the bottom section of the invoice).

The school now has Centrepay. If parents/guardians are interested in this payment option, forms are available at the school office.

School Account Details

BSB - 064707  Account Number - 00090722

Fees are as follows:

Prep  -  $ 39
Year 1 -  $ 63
Year 2 -  $ 50
Year 3 -  $ 50
Year 4 - $110
Year 5 -  $ 85
Year 6 -  $ 35
Year 7 -  $ 33

Please see the office to pay any outstanding fees ASAP.

Debbie Scott

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT FAMILY - CHILD/REN HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

This program is for the Indigenous children of Mackay North State School to participate in. It is held in the Library - every Monday and Wednesday 2:45pm - 3:45pm

Please feel free to bring your children. Supervision is required by a parent/guardian or an adult family member to come on your behalf eg. Grandmother, Grandfather, Uncle or Aunty (not an older sibling) but it has to be family. If you or another adult family member can’t help supervise, AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK, your child/ren will not be able to participate in this program.

Light refreshments will be supplied. All parents with children attending need to fill out an enrolment form before the program commences.
UPCOMING EVENTS

♦ **CRAFT MORNING** on **Tuesday 12th August** at 9am in the Library.

Come along and help make simple craft items to be sold at the Father’s Day Stall on 5th September. Items will also be made in preparation for the School Centenary Fair in June 2015. Bring your ideas and creativity and enjoy a “Stitch/Glue n Chat.”

♦ **BOOK WEEK 18th – 22nd August 2014**

“Dress up as your favourite Character” on Friday 22nd August 2014. Gold coin donations used to purchase “Arts & Craft supplies” for lunch time activities in the library.

♦ **RED DAY on 22nd August** - “Pizza Day”.

♦ **FATHER’S DAY STALL on 5th September**

All monies raised will be put towards setting up a “FREE” Breakfast program in Term 4. Gifts from $1 - $10. Donations and volunteers needed. (More info about the Breakfast Club towards the end of term 3)

The P & C aims to help and support our teachers to make our school ‘The Best Place’ for our children. Come along to a craft morning, a meeting or a morning tea and be part of the school community. We look forward to meeting you.

**P & C EXECUTIVES**

Deb Clark (President)      Calista Butler (Vice President)
Jenya Loxton (Secretary)           Allison Coleman (Treasurer)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

When you use the ‘Tuckshop’ you are supporting your P & C school community. Among other things, the P & C supply all the Communication Books to your children at the beginning of the school year at **no charge to you**.
CAR BOOT SALE

WHEN: SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 2014

WHERE: St Ambrose Anglican Church Grounds
Glenpark St
North Mackay

SITE: $15 per car – Collected on the day, spaces limited so book early.

STARTING: 7am ARRIVAL for 8-12.00 SALES

CONTACT TO BOOK: 0400 678 242

ALSO INCLUDED: Craft, cakes, plants, sausage sizzle and cold drinks
From the Sandpit to Adulthood

Maggie Dent
quietly improving lives

Resilience Building Blocks from Birth to 16

Parent Seminar

Every parent wants their children to grow up happy, healthy, strong and kind. That’s what resilience is all about. We can strengthen children’s capacity to manage adolescence better - and we can also build this life-coping capacity during adolescence. In this seminar, Maggie explores her 10 key resilience building blocks for childhood as well as looking at the essential value of healthy support during adolescence. She acknowledges there is no “perfect” way and that challenge, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

Date: Friday 15th August 2014
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Mackay Christian College JNR campus
Ambrose Way, North Mackay
Cost: $10 per person

Booking: Christien at mackayrg@ecta.org.au or 04 1791 5355
Mackay Child Friendly Community Action Group

Presents

Children’s Expo and Movie Night

Date: Friday 12th September 2014
Where: Mackay PCYC, Norris Road
Expo starting at 5:30pm
The Incredibles screening at 7:30pm

📍 FREE Family Event
📍 Snack bar will be available
📍 Demonstrations from Fit Mums and Bubs & Smarty’s Fit Food and Fun KinderMoves between 6pm-7pm.

For More Information please call 4957 7222
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.