



Mackay North SS News

Mackay North State School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of Indigenous Australia.

ISSUE 5
1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time last year we were going into lockdown and the facing the dilemma and challenges of learning at home. This year, although experiencing some concerns early this week, we look forward to a relatively 'normal' Easter break and return to on-site school learning in Term 2.

Term 1 has flown by. From the very first day of term, our students have settled into routines and focused on learning as well as taking part in many extra events and activities. They are to be congratulated on all they have attained this term. I am particularly proud of those who put their best effort into all that they do and show kindness, caring and respect while always maintaining Superbee behaviours.

Some of the extra activities this term have included GRIP leadership for our student leaders, our hugely successful playgroup from Weeks 3 to 9, Messtival for our Prep students and kindy friends, swimming lessons for Prep to Year 2, Year 3 Food and Fibre Excursion, our kindness messages for National Day of Action against Bullying, our first ever book swap event, students taking part in afternoon interschool touch football games and in the final week of the term we had our STEAM afternoon for our Year 4 to 6 students, our Fun Run for everyone, the Easter Hat Parade for our Prep to Year 2 students and many Superbee Success Activities for all students who maintained Superbee behaviour across the term. With such a busy term, we all are looking forward to some down-time and rest over the two week break.

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Mackay North State School
Improvement Agenda 2021

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Thank You

*A*s this first term of the year draws to a close, I would like to thank our amazing, dedicated staff for all that they continue to do to make our school such a great place. Our admin, cleaners and grounds staff work tirelessly to make sure that everything is in place for the smooth running of the school. Our teachers and teacher-aides work tirelessly on not only ensuring curriculum learning is current and engaging but they also go above and beyond to research, plan and put into practice many strategies and techniques to support all of our students with behaviour, emotional and social needs and learning. They give up many lunch times, after school time and their family evening time and weekends to ensure your children are well catered for and have the very best possible opportunities to do well and succeed. I am humbled to be part of this fantastic team and encourage you to let them know that you too appreciate all that they do for your children.

Student Code of Conduct

*A*ll state schools in Queensland were required to have developed a Student Code of Conduct ready to implement in 2021. This document replaced the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

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Our Learning and Behaviour statement from the Student Code of Conduct is below.

Mackay North State School considers that all areas of our school are teaching and learning environments. We consider behaviour management to be an opportunity for valuable social learning as well as a means of maximising the success of academic education programs.

*Our **Student Code of Conduct** outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing inappropriate and unacceptable behaviours and responding to these behaviours. This ensures that our expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting our school to create and maintain a positive and productive teaching and learning environment.*

At all times, Mackay North State School seeks to reflect the values and behaviours that are acceptable in our society. We have a clear expectation that, as far as possible, we remain connected to the community that exists outside the school fence and that our students will embrace the appropriate values as their preferred way of behaving. These beliefs influence their decisions, behaviour and social practices.

It is reasonable to expect that not everyone will share the same sets of beliefs, and this contributes to a richly diverse social environment in each school. It can also contribute to differences in expectations and force us to reflect on our own understanding of what we consider acceptable and unacceptable. We encourage any student or parent to make an appointment with the principal to discuss the model of behaviour support and discipline used at this school.

The complete Student Code of Conduct document can be viewed on our website at www.macknortss.eq.edu.au. I encourage everyone to read through this document and I welcome any feedback you may have.

Parent and Community Code of Conduct

The Department of Education has released new resources for schools that outline how parents, carers and visitors should conduct themselves while on school grounds, at school activities and while interacting with others in the school community.

I urge everyone to follow this code of conduct and ensure we are all speaking and behaving appropriately and respectfully as we are the role models for the young people around us.

Di Schmidt

2021 term 2 save the date

1 WEEK	First Day of Term 2	Monday 19th April
	P & C Meeting	Monday 19th April
	Tuckshop Reopens	Thursday 22nd April
	Payment Due for Starlab	Thursday 22nd April
2 WEEK	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Monday 26th April
	Playgroup	Wednesday 28th April
	Starlab	Thursday 29th & Friday 30th April
	Southern Suburbs Cross Country	Friday 30th April
3 WEEK	May Day Public Holiday	Monday 3rd May
	Mothers Day Stall	Friday 7th May

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As we finish off Term 1 it feels a little like deja vu as we head to the Easter holidays again in a cloud of COVID. Luckily we have been able to enjoy a relatively normal term and get on with our core business of learning. The students have also been able to enjoy a myriad of activities – Red Day, Messtival, Rewards Day, Representative Sport, STEAM, Harmony Week, National Day of Action against Bullying plus so much more – all of which has made for a very busy term. A huge thank you to our staff here at Mackay North State School for your efforts this term – you are such an amazing team!

**deputy
principal**



TOUCH FOOTBALL



This season we have had 60 students participate in the Mackay School Sport Touch competition. While all teams played well throughout the season it is the Boys White team that made it through to the grand finals this week. While they didn't come away with the win, all of the boys braved the rain and turned on their skills to produce a very close game. Congratulations to all of our teams on a great season full of enthusiastic participation and excellent sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Mrs Manttan, Mrs Biddle, Mr Williams, Mrs Bird and Kristen Sims for taking the time to coach and manage the touch teams this year. We are all very grateful for giving up your time to provide this opportunity for our students.

NAPLAN

As children progress through their school years, it is important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

Over the last week all students in Years 3 and 5 have had the opportunity to participate in a practice NAPLAN test which is being completed online this year. Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN tests between the 11th May and 21st May.

ATTENDANCE

While we continue to give the message around the importance of education and attending school every day, we continue to see a percentage of students who have frequent days off or are consistently late to school. Punctual and regular attendance at school is critical for student outcomes. Unless a child is unwell then they should attend school. Not only does it provide them with optimal opportunities for improving their academic achievement but it also develops other areas such as organisational skills, social interaction and development, communication and teamwork skills and resilience. If you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child to school every day, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss how we may be able to support you. Congratulations to our Preppies for Weeks 7 and 8.

WEEK 7

PB	PS	1B	1/2HG	3M	4JH	4W	5S	6M	4M	4W	5B	5S	6H	6M	60
96.8	100	92.2	93.0	95.7	95.8	92.5	88.0	88.7	92.7	94.3	97.6	87.2	88.0	94.6	83.1

WEEK 8

PB	PS	1B	1/2HG	3M	4JH	4W	5S	6M	4M	4W	5B	5S	6H	6M	60
97.6	93.8	89.6	87.0	96.5	93.3	91.7	92.8	90.4	94.5	95.2	93.6	93.6	89.6	95.4	90.8

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SMART Reading Tips for the Holidays

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It comes as no surprise that children love school holidays! Being free of the restraints of going to school every day and being able to relax is a valuable part of growing up. The regular reading that is a part of many children's school day suddenly comes to an end as there are far more interesting things to do on vacation than read a book, right? With holidays right around the corner, use these tips for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over the Easter break.

Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest instalment from a favourite series, holidays provide the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.

Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.

Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading.

You can:

-  look for license plates from different states
-  try to find the alphabet on the number plates
-  count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see
-  read street signs and billboards you see along the way

Have a 'screen free night' each week. Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read. Having your children see you read and talk about books adds value to this reading time. Another approach to the screen free night may be to invest in reading lamps or book lights so that children can read in bed before sleep.

Fun in the kitchen.

- a) Simple recipes, like pancakes, provide your child with some 'hands on' reading and learning how to follow a series of steps.
- b) Let them pretend that the kitchen is a café where they can order from a 'menu' that they have written (e.g. milkshakes, biscuits, fruit, crackers etc)

Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special holiday Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.

Whatever you may be up to over the Easter break, ENJOY!!

Kristy Scott

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Mackay North State School currently has a **PERMANENT** position for a

Schools Officer Grounds and Facilities (Groundsman)

**position
vacant**

Applicants should have knowledge, experience and skills as listed.

- Meticulous attention to lawn and garden care and maintenance
- Handyman skills to attend to general repairs and maintenance
- Ability to work safely within workplace health and safety guidelines
- Ability to work under instruction, unsupervised and be able to follow procedures
- Pride in work and work environment
- Positive working relationship with others
- Working with Children Blue Card
- Driver's licence



Resumes can be forwarded to
principal@macknortss.eq.edu
or dropped into the school office

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Easter Greetings Mackay North family

Firstly,

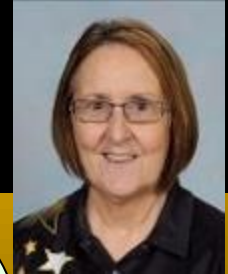
Did you know that this [Friday \(April 2nd\)](#) is World Autism Day?

World Autism Awareness Day is observed on **April 2nd across the world.**

The day recognises and spreads awareness for the rights of people with autism. The condition typically starts during childhood and continues into adulthood.

Last newsletter I let you know to keep an eye out for community features to turn orange – this fortnight keep an eye out for [BLUE](#). Autism associations ask us to wear [Blue for Kindness](#).

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This fortnight look for a
BLUE
Mackay Council Fountain



Did you know.....? **Over 1 in 70 children born in Australia today are being diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. We don't know why, but it is believed genetics, diet and environment may all play roles in its increase.**

With so many children being diagnosed, it is said that if you don't know someone with autism already, you will. It is important to us as a community to promote understanding and help these children enjoy the same opportunities in their lives as every child deserves.

Secondly,

An interesting chart for your consideration.....



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Thirdly,

Browsing the net, as one does, I found this group of Easter Egg apps that may offer some learning fun for wet, inside days. There is Colouring, Dress the Bunny, Find the Lost Eggs and seven other activities.

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10 Free Easter Apps to Keep Your Kids Entertained This Easter.



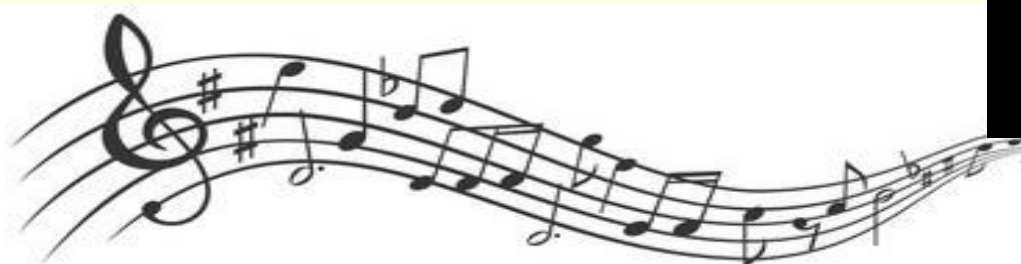
Until next time,

Safe, happy, COVID-free holidays, Helen Parker (for the SEP team)

REHEARSAL TIMETABLE

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Junior Choir	Strings Recorder Band	Senior Choir	BWP

music



DATE	EVENT	ENSEMBLE
	TERM 2	
April 24	School ANZAC Day Parade	Recorder Ensemble
April 25	ANZAC Day March	Recorder Ensemble
May	Choral Fanfare	Choirs
June 13-16	Instrumental Camp	Selected Yr6 Instrumental Students

Jodie Hunt

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WEEK 6

**student of
the week**



WEEK 7



WEEK 8



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MACKAY YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Who's in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to better handle conflict?



Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people aged 10 - 18.

The group aims to

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed when your child is abusive.

Starts: 2021 Term 2 Tuesday 27th April 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 29th April 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 29th April 5.00pm-7.00pm

FREE

Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
CASA Office Cnr Gregory & Alfred Sts
Contact: Karen 0417 223 747 4951 4299
Email n-nite@myss.org.au

Colleen Ganci

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Change over time

Dear 3 have been learning about Mackay, Our Unique Community, this term. We have been exploring what has changed and what has stayed the same. Mrs Saunders was kind enough to talk to the students about our school and how it has changed over time. We also visited the lookout at Lamberts Beach and Mrs Dorante talked to us about how the view from the hill had changed in some ways, but stayed the same in other ways.

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**The Starlab is
coming to Mackay
North State School
in term two.**

**exciting
news!**

When: Thursday 29th – Friday 30th April 2021

Where: Mackay North State School

Cost: \$6.50

Payment due by: 22nd April 2021

**A huge thank you to our P&C
who subsidised the cost and
reduced it by half for all
students!**

What is the Starlab?

Starlab Education provide quality, curriculum-based, interactive astronomy and earth science programs with a Cosmodome Science Theatre & Planetarium. Mackay North students will receive all the excitement and educational benefits of a fixed planetarium, observatory or sky theatre right here at school.



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After our AGM on Monday 22nd March we have welcomed back:

- 🌀 Louise Goss (President),
- 🌀 Trina Hughes (Vice President),
- 🌀 Janessa Healzewood (Secretary),
- 🌀 Natasha Adams (Treasurer),
- 🌀 Gayna Turnbull (Bookkeeper),
- 🌀 Sherry Pidgeon (Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Convenor)

and we have welcomed

- 🌀 Lena Abell (Tuckshop Assistant) to officially join the team.



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We welcome new members, helpers and volunteers; no matter how small the task you can do for us we welcome it with arms wide open.

Term 1 has seen us manage our first ever Pie Drive through Bushman's Bakery. Albeit we had a few little hiccups, we are calling it a success with raising \$2275. We are sure it also gave families an easy night's dinner. Also we successfully fed most of the school with Pizza and tuckshop on Monday with our ever-popular Red Day. This raised \$938 on pizza and drinks alone.

I would love to thank our amazing P&C executives and parent helpers who made these two fundraisers happen. Without you fabulous people these events wouldn't be able to go ahead. You all know who you are so please, treat yourself....you deserve it.

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