Hi Everyone,

**New water coolers coming thanks to market day:** Our recent ‘promote Slade Point Community’ market day raised over $3000 which will be used to support the PBL rewards days like the jumbo waterslide, ten pin bowling and lagoon swim and the sports arena activities. Some of the money will now be used to match the P&C associations dollar for dollar agreement to purchase two brand new water coolers for the covered games area. With recent hot weather it is timely I remind all the children to play in shady areas, use the library and ensure you drink water throughout the day to avoid dehydration and a headache.

**PBL minor and major behaviours reviewed:** Each year the Positive Behaviour For Learning team reviews our major and minor behaviours based on the data received for the year. Any changes have been forwarded and approved by our P&C executive team and a copy can be collected from the office or be read in the classrooms and around the school.

**Annual Christmas concert with community support this year:** Our annual school Christmas concert is fast approaching on Wednesday the 30th of November commencing at 5pm as the P&C will be cooking steak burgers and sausages to purchase for dinner. This year we have joined forces with our Neighbourhood Watch Association to provide ham raffles and lolly bags for the children who stay through to the end. The committee were successful in obtaining a Mackay City Council community events grant of $700. So come along and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful community family event.

**Office changes underway at present:** With 2017 fast approaching my school team and I are busily planning for next year’s classes and school staffing structure. If you have family or friends enrolling in our school for next year could you please help me enormously by phoning the school with student names and details as soon as possible. This greatly assists me in planning for 2017. At present you may have noticed some furniture changes in the office and the return of Mrs Reck part time. Mrs Wakefield is still our relief finance officer up until Thursday the 17th of November when she will take leave for the remainder of the year. I have moved the finance officer position into their own office to better manage the stress of budgeting and keeping accurate records. I would like to welcome Mrs Reck back to the team and pass on my own personal thanks to Mrs Wakefield for an outstanding job performed here at our school since arriving in term two. Our market day and many other financial modifications have been the brainchild of ‘our Lisa.’ Your positiveness and support for all will be sadly missed. We all wish you well and hope to cross paths again very soon.

**Coming up this term:**

- Christmas concert Wednesday night 5.00pm on the 30th November
- Monday 5th of December 9am School Annual Awards Parade
- Year 6 Graduation dinner at Mackay Surf Club – 7th December
- Best wishes with your final pieces of assessments this Semester
- Attendance lunch and reward days planned for last week of term

Rod Finney
Principal
EISTEDDFOD
Thursday 10th November – 2017
Instrumental Program parent meeting – 5.30pm – Beginner String students are performing.

Thursday 17th November – Instrumental Program Parent Interviews – 7.30 – 11.30am

P&C NEWS

- The P&C has voted to run a Uniform shop in 2017 that will be the exclusive supplier of a variety of clothing items to the school. A full clothing range price list will be made available later this term. 400 of the new design school shirts have been ordered for 2017. They are scheduled to arrive in January. We have allowed for 2 shirts per student in the first order. Please get your order forms and payment in by November 30. For 2016 the P&C can only accept cash payments or funds transfer via Internet banking. We are investigating other payment options for 2017. For banking details please email spsspandscsec@y7mail.com 2017 will be the transition year for uniforms and all student will be wearing the new design shirts by 2018.

**TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE**

Parents/Guardians: We have a new text message service starting soon. Please make sure your mobile numbers are up to date. If your student/s are absent from school and no phone call has been made to the absent line/office, you will receive a text message. Please reply to the text with students name and reason.

The text message service will help us if your child/ren have no lunch, forgotten homework or is in sick bay. Please contact the school if you receive a message regarding one of these matters on 49657 333.

Thanks Admin

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

If your child is born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 they are ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2017. Please call to the office for an enrolment pack.

**YR 6 DINNER NIGHT**

Year 6 dinner is on Wednesday 7th December, Surf Club at the Harbour at 6:30pm. Invitations have been sent out to students.

Cost: $25 per adult and $8 per student.

*Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdue fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Please come and bring your family to the Christmas concert Wednesday 30th November at 5:30pm - meet on the grass area near CGA. Hot food and cold drinks available. Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Students to wear free dress, otherwise advised by teachers. Christmas shirts if possible.

FOR SALE

Brand new cordless phones $20. Please ask at the office.

ENROLMENT SURVEYS 2017

- We are looking at student numbers in classes for 2017. Please fill out the off white note and return it to the office. We understand some families may not be 100% sure of their plans for next year, but we ask that you give the best advice possible at this time.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please start returning your overdue library books to the library.

MACKAY NORTH SHS uniforms:

Uniforms can be purchased from Uniform Solutions in Sydney St and Lowes in Canelands.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Parents/Guardians: Please ask your student/s if they need any pencils/glue/erasers before the end of the year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Parents/carers: Please come along to attend our special parade on Friday 11th November 10:30 — 11am in the hall.