Hi Everyone,

**Students enjoy Meteors semi-final:** Most years I try to link with the Mackay Meteors basketball side to employ a male teacher aide if I am in need of replacing a staff member. In 2014 we farewelled Mr Cedar to Gladstone sadly and this year ‘TJ’ joined out teaching team. As part of our School/ Meteors program TJ selected four deserving students to attend the semi-final game last Saturday night at the Mackay basketball stadium. They included Dylan Adjrun, Tamara Ovenden, Tamanee Namai-Glanville and Lili Stein-Lehmann. Though the game went very late and TJ’s team went down by a couple of points in the dying minutes the children’s experiences will last a lifetime. Thank you TJ and Joel Khalu the meteors coach for offering our students this chance of a lifetime.

Zoey excels in athletics.

**Capricornia Athletics:** Next week Zoey Tonga will go on to represent Mackay District at the Capricornia Regional Athletics championship. Mr McDowall will also attend this competition as a team manager. This year was one of our largest group of students selected to compete at the Mackay sports day. I congratulate all of those representatives and wish Zoey all the best.

Break in’s continue sadly: Again last week I was forced to call the police and forensic officers to collect evidence of the perpetrators causing malicious damage to our beautiful school or breaking in and stealing possessions. Unfortunately much of this evidence points directly at our past students now aged in their teens. We belong to a tight nit community and we have always supported each other. Parents and community members have chased these few disappointing individuals out of our school and reported their names to the police. I am saddened that they have so little care for their own community school and that they disrespect their own family name. In coming weeks top of the range CCTV cameras will be installed across the school to deter anyone from accessing the building area. This footage is guaranteed to be off high quality and will be made available to police to charge any such offenders.

**Coming up:**
- Chappy Lyn’s movie night fundraiser on Saturday 22nd August
- Camps for Year 4 and 5/6 week 9
- Fun with maths day’ 1st of September
- Swimming lessons Prep to Year 4 starts Tuesday 25th September

Rod Finney - Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
RJ, Hamard, Kingston P, Lille, Rizia, Zac B, Tiare, Kirrah

ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES
4th Week: 6A! Well Done!

EMERALD AWARD
Klara, Duker, Brandi, Zoey, Nicholas, Tamanee, Kingston P, Samantha

SAPPHIRE AWARD
Seth, Lilli, Declan, Nathan, Maia, Mareikura, Finn

SILVER AWARD
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COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3
- Monday Munchies — Monday 17th August. Notes home today
- Chappy Lyn’s movie night — Saturday 22nd August
- Swimming starts — Tuesday 25th August Prep — Year 4 only
- P&C Mini Olympics — Friday 28th August 1:30pm
- Fun with Maths — Tuesday 1st September Prep-Year 6. $6 each child
- Culture Day — Thursday 3rd September
- Year 5&6 Emerald camp — Monday 7th — Friday 11th September
- Year 4 Eungella camp — Thursday 10th — Friday 11th September
- Last day of Term 3 — Friday 18th September

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once the sheet is completed pop it into the collection box in our office. Please write your name and school on it. Please give the office (not into the box) any spare stickers, then we can place them onto the cards.

MINI OLYMPICS P&C FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
The Mini-Olympics booklets have been handed out to all students. Please make sure students are safe when they are fundraising.

Fundraising: If any students have finished their fundraising, please return their money to the office on Friday 28th August. Do not forget to fill out the section about selecting your prizes. Every $10 you raise, you can receive a prize.

MUSIC NEWS
MOB—Sunday 23rd August
The 2015 MOB competition is being held at Mackay Christian College, Quarry St, North Mackay.

CULTURE DAY—HULA SKIRTS
Could each child from Grade 2 & 3 please buy a hula skirt for Culture Day which is on Thursday 3rd September.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2016
If your child is born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2016. Please call to the office for an enrolment form. Prep Information session is Wednesday 21st October 5-6pm in the Prep room.

MACKAY NORTH SHS YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
You will also need to register for the Enrolment and iPad Information Evening on either next Wednesday 19th August or Tuesday 10th November at 6pm in the Senior Centre Auditorium.

YEAR 7 –2016 HIGH SCHOOL
Parents/caregivers: Please start enrolling your child for high school now. Please grab an enrolment form from the website or the high school you have chosen. Most high schools have already had their information evening, which gives you a lot of information.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
Medical forms, packing list and the latest invoice have been handed out to the students who are going on camp. Please fill out the forms ASAP and return them to the office. Remember it is still very cold in Emerald. Please buy appropriate warm clothing.

SWIMMING LESSONS—2015
Swimming Lessons for Prep—Year 4 will start in on Tuesday 25th Aug for 8 weeks until Tuesday 27th October. Payment $70: If you wish to start making payments, weekly/fortnightly please put money inside an envelope with your child’s name/class/swimming into the box in the office. A permission/medical form has been handed out to students. Please fill them out ASAP (even without payment) and return to the office.

CURRICULUM CORNER
“FUN with MATHS” which is on Tuesday 1st September day count down has begun (Week 8). Each child from prep to year 6 will be attending this session at the school for a small cost of $6.00 each. The day will give opportunity for all students to explore Maths concepts by participating in games and hands on activities to assist in a thorough understanding of each concept. A terrific way for our students to learn!

Please begin sending in your child’s payment in an envelope with the following details on it: CHILD’S NAME, CLASS, and add “Fun with Maths” title. Also include the permission slip below:

FUN WITH MATHS Permission Form
Child’s Name:

Year Level: __________ Cost: $6.00 (1 child)
I give permission for my child to attend the Fun with Math’s session at Slade Point State School on __________
Signed (parent / guardian):

Green notes have been sent home. Please fill the form out with the money inside an envelope to the office ASAP. Please don’t let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Jo Mian
Head of Curriculum

STUDENT ABSENCES
The office phones parents/ caregivers daily to fix up your students absence for the day. If the office can’t get a hold of the parent/ caregiver, can you please...