

22/ 2016 11th August 2016

- **Monday Munchies  
15th August**
- **Mini Olympics  
Friday 19th August**
- **Swimming starts  
Tuesday 23rd  
August**

Hi Everyone,

**NAPLAN tests show huge improvement in writing narrowly missing National**

**Mean:** With students in years 3 and 5 receiving their individual National Literacy and Numeracy Test results today, I would like to inform our school community how proud we are of the effort and hard work shown by our students, staff and parents.

We recognised 'writing' two years ago was the lowest performance area of the National tests in our years 3 and 5 so we set about addressing this 'dip' with an explicit improvement agenda investing time and resources. We know from past years we had several students individually achieve well above the National mean score but our 'class average' mark was below. Our year 5 students have excelled improving from 433 in 2015 to 474 mean scale score points. This was only 1 point off the National average, our closest mark ever since Naplan testing started in 2008! Our year 3 's have shown improvement in their writing mean score from 370 in 2015 to 382 scale points this year. So as you can see a wonderful academic achievement we wish to continue for years to come. Congratulations children.

**PBL message of the week:** The message of the week is: 'using playground equipment and playing safely and kindly with others.' The message is identified in the new covered area notice board with photos taken by our year 6 team. Students seen demonstrating the weekly message can be given a blue coloured blitz cards that go in the blue box in the office. A prize winner is then drawn out each Thursday morning on the PBL parade.

**School fun 'Writing competition' leading into Olympics:** With the Rio Olympics on and our school improvement focus on writing this year, we have opened our fun writing competition. The theme is for all year levels except prep – 'When I competed at the Rio Olympics.' Prep have separate describe an Olympian sheet if they wish to enter. There will be a small prize for the winning entry from each year level. Entries can be handed into a collection box in the library closing on Friday the 19th August week 6. Also the 'Write 4 fun' website has another writing competition with free entry on line and awesome prizes. Go to [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net). Happy writing everyone.

**Annual Mini- Olympics P&C fundraiser next week:** Parents and students the annual Mini-Olympics is on again next week, Friday the 19th of August 1pm – 2.50pm. This is a fun afternoon with all the children participating in rotational activities for over an hour and a half. Social development, fitness and skill is the educational outcome we are seeking as well as raising valuable funds for the School Parents and Citizens Association. As this is a P&C event, I am asking our available parents and community members through my teachers, requesting your support to make this event as successful as past years. We need at least 30 volunteers to assist with taking simple activities and help rotating the small student groups. Student sponsorship collection can only occur using the official form and all money must be accounted for and placed in an envelope then returned to the school office. I look forward to seeing you all in your sweat gear and enjoying this school event.

**Head lice:** Head lice is going around the school at the moment, can parents/ guardians please check your child/ ren's hair and follow up with the treatment if they have head lice.

**This term:**

- P&C Mini-Olympics major fundraiser Week 6 Friday 19th August
- AFL Auskick every Monday for the next 5 weeks at first break
- Tree planting day – Monday 22nd August.
- Swimming years Prep to Year 4 Tuesday 23rd August
- Culture Day Wednesday September 7th
- Year 4 camp Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September
- 25,50 and 75 token reward days end of term with attendance lunch

Rod Finney  
Principal

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY  
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

## STUDENT AWARDS

Usiam, Thomas T, Nouha,  
James, Zion, Symphony,  
Anjelina, Tamara



## ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES WINNERS



4th Week: 1/2C! Well  
done!

## EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE

Aquilla, Ethan H-M

## SILVER BADGE

Faith, Shelby, Luca, Rubi

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

- ★ **Monday Munchies** — Monday 15th August Hawaiian this day only
- ★ **Mini-Olympics** — Friday 19th August
- ★ **Swimming starts Prep** — Year 4 Tuesday 23rd August
- ★ **Culture Day** — Wednesday 7th September
- ★ **Year 4 Eungella Camp** — Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September

## P&C NEWS

The next P&C Bunning Sausage Sizzle is on: **Saturday 20th August 7:30 — 2:30pm**



**Bunnings North Mackay**

7:30am — 9:30 2 helpers required

9:30am — 12:30pm 3 helpers required

12:30pm — 2:30pm 3 helpers required

If you can help out on the day please contact Michael McGrath on 0418 744882.

## SWIMMING LESSONS—2016



Swimming Lessons for Prep—year 4 will start in Term 3 on **Tuesday 23rd Aug for 8 weeks until Tuesday 25th October.**

**Payment \$78:** If you wish to start making payments, weekly/fortnightly please put money inside an envelope with your child's name/class/swimming into the green box in the office. An invoice has been handed out to those students. We also have the option for centre pay. Please come to the office if you require a form.

**Medical/ permission forms have been handed out to all students in Prep—Year 4. Please fill it out and return to the office by Friday 19th August.**

## “YEAR 7 2017”

## MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment information and forms can be obtained from the school website enrolments section.

**Scholarships:** All applications must be handed into Mackay North SHS office by 26th August or can be emailed to [scholarships@macknortshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@macknortshs.eq.edu.au)

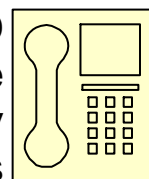
## BASKETBALL — MACKAY METEORS



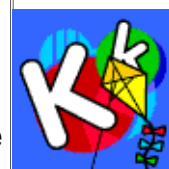
Well done to TJ and the Meteors who won in Saturday's game against Ipswich.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

It is an Education QLD requirement that all students are accounted for each and every school day. If your child/ren is going to be absent for any reason for any part of the day you must notify the school. **Please ring the student absent line on 49657 360.**



## MINI OLYMPICS



Please return all money and the booklet with your chosen prize by **Friday 19th August.**

## LIBRARY NEWS



We are concerned about the borrowing rates of some of our students at Slade Point SS. Do you know how many books your child has borrowed this week, this month, this year? I can get that information easily! So here we go:

Parents will receive a new book mark when you bring your child/ children to the library. I wonder what will happen when you receive ten book marks!

There will be three prizes per week issued from a Lucky Dip for every book borrowed by students, starting Monday 8th August.

Book Week is featuring the theme “Australia: Story Country”. We will be pulling out all our beautiful Australian books. Please feel free to visit our wonderful library then and any other time. You have a facility to be very proud of.

And a gentle reminder: Many authors recommend that children who read three books per night will have a much better start for school: one new book, one favourite book and the book that he/she read the night before. Let's all get the literacy rates improving for all our students.



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

8:30AM—12:30PM

We are having our 1st School Fundraiser in October and everyone is welcome to attend! On the day we will be having BBQ, coffee van, face painting, over 60 market stalls, animal farm, jumping castle + more.

## CULTURE DAY NEWS



The students have been rehearsing for the **Wednesday 7th September Cultural Concert.** Girls will need a Hula Skirt and Lei. Reject shop Canelands, Dollars and Sense Victoria St, Thrifty's Mt Pleasant (stock these items) This year the concert will begin at 1.40pm.

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

My time at Chaplaincy Conference ran by my employer SU Qld was a very enjoyable time with lots of great information and ideas. With over 600 Chaplains from Qld and approx. 200 Office and field support staff there is a real buzz as we swap stories and listen to world-class speakers. I have come back motivated and focused. The Year 4 class commenced Friends for Life on Monday. We have proper workbooks for the students to use thanks to generous sponsorship by Vander Feld Machinery. The following article in this week's Generation Next newsletter is about the impact of negative self-talk. The Friends program teaches strategies to help overcome this and here is another innovative approach. “Generation Next Newsletter 9th August 2016 Blog Tackling Negative Self-talk In Youth”  
Posted on July 29, 2016 by Imogen.

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## ADDRESS / PHONE NUMBERS



If you have changed address / phone numbers, please update your details with the office ASAP!