Hi Everyone,

High student enrolment numbers meant new class formed: Well our goal was 200 children by the 8th day of school and we came very close with a final figure of 197 students. This has meant a considered reshuffle in our lower school to a prep, prep/one, one/two, year two, three, four, five and six classes. Many thanks to our dedicated staff for their efforts in coordinating this transition prior to photo day. Thank you parents for assisting your child in making these adjustments a positive one.

Photos on Thursday: Our annual school photos will occur across Thursday. Can you please try to have your child in full school uniform as the school photos are kept in our history books?

PBL School rule expectation for the week: This week our PBL Program focus is on manners with a minor reflection on feet and hands off expectation. There are many green Responsible Behaviour Award cards coming through my office. Please bring them signed back to school and place in the year level boxes in the office for the end of term movie draw. Remember to demonstrate our three school rules – Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe.

Parent/teacher meetings: This week and next week our teachers will be holding brief parent teacher get togethers. This is a perfect time to ask any classroom routine or teacher expectation questions you may have. I urge all our parents to find the time to attend these meetings.

Safety in and around the school: Many thanks to all parents and community members for adopting safe walking and driving behaviours around our school. Our children are precious and your help is much appreciated. Earlier this week I was informed of an incident where a student used a medical device intended to measure blood sugar levels on the way home from school. The device was not intended for that particular student or any other. I have received advice from health experts that the chance of transmitting communicable diseases is minute and rare but that a general understanding should be conveyed to all parents and students. Blood can carry very small potentially hazardous diseases and this can be transmitted from human to human if their blood comes in contact within the human body. So please always take precautionary steps to cover an open wound (a cut) and apply some form of antiseptic. Some infections causing itching symptoms like chicken pox can also easily be transmitted from person to person. We appreciate your support when informing us of any medical change in your child and the support you provide in following our school protocols.

Writing focus in diaries: Each day your child should be bringing their diary home for you to check for any notes, homework or teacher messages. This is a trial period and already some very positive feedback on better communication has come from our school community. With a writing focus across the school in 2015 we encourage your child to be creatively writing every day. Increasing your child’s vocabulary is a key component in all classes at present. The correct use of a word in a conversation and use in a written sentence is a great start.

Rod Finney
Principal

PLEASE WEAR CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM TOMORROW, THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY! (NO SPORTS UNIFORM!)
YEAR SIX CAMP—FAIRBAIRN DAM

We are planning a year six camp to Fairbairn Dam again this year — Term 3. Information will be sent home to the year six parents as soon as possible. We will also be asking for parents to help us to do fundraising. Please see Miss Usher if you are able to help.

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Students have received a letter regarding Year 6 shirts. If you would a shirt for your child please send note with name/size and $31.50 cash in an envelope into the office.

STUDENT ABSENCES/CONTACT DETAILS

If your child/ren are absent from school please ring the student absent line on 49657 360. Admin will be contacting parents/caregivers daily if you haven’t contacted the office if your child/ren are absent. Thank-you Admin. If Admin couldn’t get a hold of you, please write a note to your class teacher for the next day!

INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS

If your child/ren have brought home an internet agreement form, please fill it out ASAP and return it to their teacher or the office. It allows the students to have access to the computers within the school.

PLAYGROUP-HAS MOVED CLASSROOMS!!

Wednesday 1-3pm every week of term. Free to attend. Please bring a hat, enclosed shoes and a drink bottle. We meet downstairs in B Block. Please go to the office if you need directions. Parents supervision required for the duration of the playgroup.

BRAIN SNACK

Please be mindful of brain snacks for your child/ren as a lot of food is getting wasted as children don’t have much time. Please cut an apple/banana into a half size, suggestions are: cheese, grapes/sultana’s.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

The school chaplain is an integral part of a state school and adds immense value and purpose to our students and the wider community. A school chaplain is a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence and message of hope. Mackay Schools Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting 2015 is at Mackay Baptist Church, cnr of Brisbane and Shakespeare Streets on Wednesday 4th March at 6:30pm For more information please contact Cr Frank Gilbert on: 0427530775 or email: gilbertfj@westnet.com.au

CLASSROOM NEWS

4A: Parent Meeting in the classroom A Block at 3pm on Thursday 12th February.

2A: Parent Meeting in the classroom E Block at 3pm on Thursday 12th February.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Slade Point Athletic Club Sign On Day

Date: Sunday 1st March
Where: Cathy Freeman Oval Wren Street Slade Point
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm
Cost: $110 per athlete

- Includes Registration, Insurance & Club Day levies
  (All new members must bring copy of birth certificate at sign on)
President: Bill Gilbert 0409 508 260
Vice President: Balinda Gall 0417 851 633
Registrar: Amanda Dickson 0437 558 560
Coach: Cheryl Dixon National credited Level 4 Coach 0432 282 182

ATHLETICS COACHING:

Coaching sessions will cover a variety of events including sprints, jumps and hurdles. All sessions are conducted by a qualified Track & Field coach. Come and join us to perfect you running and jumping skills for school carnivals and club competitions in the region.

CHERYL DIXON National Accredited Coach AA Level 4 Jumps Long, High, Triple & Pole Vault AA Level 4 Sprints, Hurdles & Relay ASCA Level 1 CAD Coaching Athletes with a Disability

Sports Medicine Level 1 TRAINING DAYS

Monday to Thursday Time: 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm Age: 10 years to adults
SATURDAY CLUB DAYS Time: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm Years: 4 years to adults
Cheryl Mobile: 0432 282 182 Training fees are not included in registration. Please contact Cheryl for further information.

GUMNUT GEMS EDUCATIONAL CARE

Operational Hours are: 8am—5pm Monday—Thursday. The registered FDC services cares for children from 18 months old to 5 years. Fully qualified —
Early Childhood Degree Educator. Contact number is: 0467 57725