Hi Everyone,

Culture Day huge success: This year’s celebrations for culture day were as big as ever. Special guests local member Julie-Anne Gilbert and our local councillor Alison Jones were treated to our own special blend of traditional dances. Over half of our student cohort took part in this year’s presentation and we concluded the morning festivities with our rendition of “We are Australian” led by Mrs Miller. Every class took us on a journey around the world from USA to Africa, past Thailand and home to PNG as the children shared the countries traditional cultures. Food was plenty and very tasty. The indigenous games were a lot of fun and finished off a very successful day of learning. Special thanks to Mrs McKeen, Mrs Walker, Mrs Ikupu, staff and parents for planning and delivering such a special day.

Positive behaviour For Learning Reward day next week: At the end of every term we celebrate our token recipients and conduct our PBL movie raffle. This term the 75 and 100 token students will be visiting Lamberts Beach for a treasure hunt and BBQ with the 25 and 50 token students will be going to the beach and the 50 token students to watch a movie in the library. Reward day will be held on the last Friday. Congratulations to all our awardees.

Year 5/6 Fairbairn camp underway and year 4 Eungella camp concluding: Today our year 5 and 6 students will return from a hectic week. They have worked together as a cohesive unit participating in cooking and preparing meals, canoeing, bush walking, catapulting and climbing ten meter high rock faces. Even though the year 4’s may have only gone for 2 days, they will certainly be challenged facing the cooler temperatures high up on Eungella range and flying through the rainforest on a trapeze wire. They may be exhausted but the memories will last a life time. Thank you to our teachers and parents for providing this valuable learning experience.

Attendance Breakfast on Tuesday 15th September: Special invites will go out for those students who have had less than 3 absences from school this term and this includes late and early notes. Brekky will be served in the hall by our staff from 8.15am. Congratulations to those children with excellent school attendance.

Glasses: A pair of small blue glasses have been handed into the office.

Oz tag invitational day: I have been asked to invite selected students who demonstrate our three school rules and are keen to try Oz tag footy. The students will require their own transport to and from the grounds at Quarry Hill. The day commences at 9.30am through to 2.15pm and there are four divisions and year 5/6 girls and boys. As a school representative a permission note will be sent home on Monday 14th to those who have reached 25/50/75 tokens throughout this term and must be returned by Tuesday 15th September. Only selected students are permitted to attend.

Coming up:
- P&C meeting this Monday 14th September 6pm
- Monday Munchies 14th September
- Attendance Breakfast Tuesday 15th 8:15am—Hall – special invitation
- Wednesday 16th September – Oz tag invitation day
- Reward day Friday 18th September—25, 50, 75, 100 tokens

Rod Finney - Principal
THANK YOU to all of the parents who cooked and helped with serving of the food.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the dances and costumes. Also for helping with displays in the classrooms. All help is greatly appreciated. It was a fantastic day.

YEAR SEVEN—2016

To all parents of next year’s high school students: Please be aware that the district high schools are currently enrolling for next year. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible. Schools are looking now at their enrolments for next year and students numbers for staffing etc. • Please be aware that Mackay North SHS has an enrolment boundary & enrolments from our area are not guaranteed of a place.

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String Ensemble - Tuesday 13th October 1pm
Sladey Singers (Folk Group) - Thursday 22nd October 6.30pm
Sladey Singers - Friday 23rd October 8.30am

EMERALD & SAPPHIRE AWARDS

Medical forms have gone out today to those students who have reached 25 and 50. Students will be going across the road to McCready’s Creek for the morning. Students who reached 50 tokens will be watching a movie in the Library after the beach. Please return the medical form to the office by Wednesday 16th September.

SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Medical forms have gone out today to those students who have reached 75 & 100. Students will be going to Lamberts Beach for a BBQ lunch and games. Please return the medical form to the office by Wednesday 16th September.

MUSIC NEWS

The Big Sing — Friday 11th September (Years 4 — 6 students only) 3:30—4:30pm at Fitzgerald SS.