

To the Point

08/ 2017 13th March 2017

Hi Everyone,

New irrigation system fully operational on our oval: A huge thank you must go to our groundsman Mr Bailey who has worked tirelessly with Dowdens to dig up and replace parts of our original pop up sprinkler system on the oval. We received a grant last year to purchase a new pump but unfortunately all the pipes were blocked and the sprinkler heads failed to work. During the steamy weather last week the system was overhauled and pump primed ready to let the water flow. Unfortunately the old spear underground required several hours of hand pumping to clear the sand from continually clogging up the new pump. As a result of all this hard work, today I observed the sprinkler heads bursting to life out of the ground like a firework in the night sky providing lifesaving water for our very thirsty straw coloured fields of grass.

- P&C has been postponed until Monday 27th March!

P&C Annual General Meeting postponed to Monday March 27th: Unfortunately our outgoing president is unable to make out meeting tonight so the executive wishes to apologise postponing the meeting until Monday March 27th.

Regional Director and our Assistant Regional Director visited: Last Tuesday I had Mrs Kim Fredericks, Central Queensland Regional Director and Mrs Lalor (ARD) visit our school. We spent some time catching up on the progress of the school and our writing improvement agenda. There was just enough time to visit a couple of classrooms, our beautiful library and meet some of the staff during lunch break.

Principal's Fun Writing competition closes Friday: Many entries are coming in for the Principal's Fun writing competition which is due to close this Friday the 17th March 2017 at 2.50pm. Some of the entries are very informative and written with feeling around the topic - 'What I love about my school and why?' Please remember the writing can be no longer than one A4 page. Correct spelling is a must so have someone check your entry! There will be a prize for the most interesting piece of writing in each year level.

Coming up:

- 17th March Ride to school day
- P and C Easter raffle underway

Rod Finney
Principal

Slade Point

STUDENT AWARDS

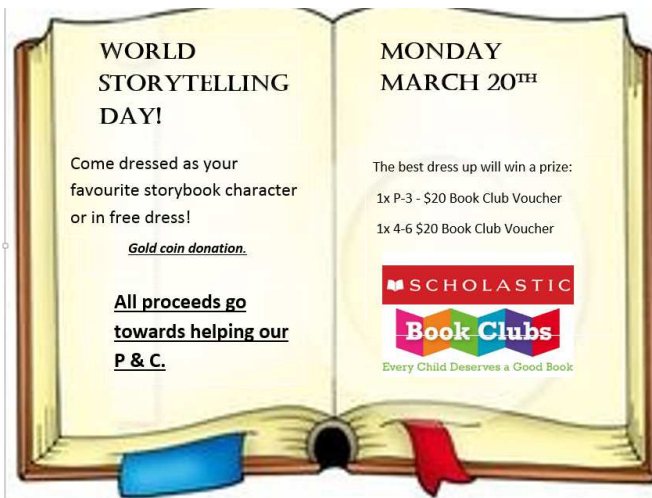
Jessica, Nate, Jocoda,
Finn, Samantha, Faith,
Tristan, Anjelina



ATTENDANCE — ICE BLOCK WINNERS

7th Week: 4A! Well done!

World Story Telling Day: Monday 20th March come dressed as your favourite character from one of your favourite books. Gold coin donations and there will be a prize for best dressed for Prep — 3 and years 4 — 6!



ADMIN NEWS

- **Diaries:** Please pay \$7 to the office if you haven't paid.
- **Year 5/6 camp:** Green notes have gone home with the invoice. Some parents will get the invoice emailed to them. We are asking for \$50 by the end of Term 1. Please pay by Tuesday 28th March and the form to the office. We do accept part payments and bank transfer or cash. No EFTPOS available!
- **Year 5/6 sausage sizzle Bunning's:** Notes have gone home regarding if you can help on the day. Please return the form to Miss Usher.
- **Slade Point Medical forms:** Please return your forms if you wish your child/ren to have a health check from the Medical Centre. They will be here at school from next Tuesday 14th March.

P&C NEWS

- **P&C AGM is being postponed until Monday March 27th.** Please meet at the staff room at the main administration at 5:55pm for a 6pm start. All positions will be vacated. President, Secretary & Treasurer. A new position of Fundraising coordinator will be also be appointed at the AGM. The P&C will also seek to appoint two parents to the tuck shop menu committee. We invite all parents, carers and community member to attend. The AGM will be followed by a normal P&C meeting. Thank you in advance for your support Michael McGrath P&C President.

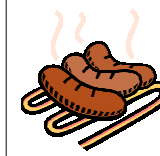
- **Easter Raffle:** Blue forms have been sent home for students to sell raffle tickets. Please remember to bring the forms and money back to school so we can allocate the tickets to everyone that buys a ticket. **All forms and money are due by Monday 27th March.** Also if you do not wish to participate please still write your students name on the form and cross out the box and sign where provided so we know that you're not selling raffle tickets.



- **Chocolate Box Drive:** There will be a chocolate box drive starting this week. If your student would like to sell chocolates a parent must accompany him/her after school to pick up the box to sell. This will start from Wednesday 15th March, once the chocolates have arrived.
- **Uniform Shop:** Open Monday and Friday's only from 8am to 9am, located at the P&C room. Down near the year 1&2 classrooms. We have old stock uniform shirts, sport shirts, dresses and hats for \$10 each. We are trying to sell all of the old stock before the new stock arrives next term.



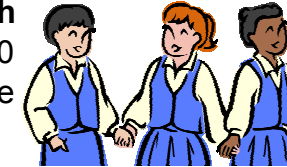
BUNNING'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE YEAR 5/6 CAMP



The first Bunnings BBQ is on **Saturday March 25th.** It will be held at Bunnings North Mackay. Thank you in advance for your support in 2017. Notes have been handed out.

CHORAL FESTIVAL—MUSIC

Choral Festival **March 19th and 20th** – notes and \$10 participation fee due to the office now.



Instrumental Music Camp (Year 6 only) – expression of interest notes due back by March 3rd.

Music Requirements – please check your children have all their gear for music. Years 3 – 6 need a Yamaha recorder and display folder. There are still several students who do not have the necessary equipment for their music lessons.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE “CAMP AUSTRALIA”

Before and After School Care has started! Please go online at www.campastralia.com.au or phone 1300105343 to make your bookings for your child/ren if you would them to attend.

EARTH HOUR 2017 Saturday Mar 25th 8:30 – 9:30pm

In 2017 we are celebrating 10 years of Earth Hour. We are encouraging families to “SWITCH OFF” all electricity for 1 hour. Turn off air conditioners, lights, fans, televisions etc from 8:30 – 9:30pm on Saturday night. The aim of this is to reduce climate change in our local environment. Our actions on climate change will shape the future for our children. This year's theme is about how our actions today will have a big impact on our future planet. You could spend Earth Hour at an outdoor place you love like the beach, the local park or even your backyard or balcony to have a discussion about what the future will be like, and the clean and green world we want for our future.

CROSS COUNTRY—TERM 1



Cross Country is held on **Thursday 23rd March.**

TERM 1 DATES

- **Choral Festival:** Sunday 19th/ Monday 20th March
- **Sausage Sizzle Year 5/6 camp:** Saturday 25th March at Bunnings North Mackay
- **Cross Country:** Thursday 23rd March
- **Year 4 Gala Day:** Friday 24th March. Notes will go home soon
- **Attendance Lunch:** Wednesday 29th March
- **Emerald Rewards Day:** Thursday 30th March
- **Movie Draw/ Last day of Term 1:** Friday 31st March

TERM 2 DATES

- **ANZAC Day:** Monday 24th April in the hall time TBC
- **Mercy College:** Tuesday 2nd May Enrolment Info Night
- **NAPLAN Tests:** Year 3 & 5 Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th May
- **Mackay North SHS:** Enrolments/ School Tour Junior Secondary area Wednesday 17th May 5pm — 6:30pm
- **Bookfair:** Monday 22nd May — Friday 26th May
- **Year 4 Bike Ed:** Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th June
- **Instrumental Music Camp:** Monday 19th — Wednesday 21st June
- **Movie Draw/ Last day of Term 2:** Friday 23rd June