Hi Everyone,

Week two already and we are full steam ahead: At the P&C meeting last night I shared our calendar plan for this term which included reward days, end of year school awards ceremony and other up and coming events. We also discussed the attendance breaky in the last week and possibly a day time disco again on the last day. Safety on Pheasant Street was discussed at length and I urge all motorists to drive below forty past our school especially at the end of the school day. Our student, staff and parent safety is our number one priority.

Quadrennial School Review (QSR) underway: At this week’s staff meeting we will be using the 2014 audit data to determine the key areas will focus on over the next four years. Small surveys containing parental ideas and feedback will commence shortly. Your input is valued and very much appreciated.

Leadership badges awarded to senior students: On parade this week I had the pleasure of presenting several year 6 students with their leadership badges. This badge is awarded when a child in year 6 can demonstrate all of the skills and attributes of a quality leader. I am hoping a few more will earn their badge before the end of the year. Not all children are born leaders and this requires a considerable deal of dedication. I personally find learning to persevere (to not give up) and patience the most challenging. Congratulations to our 100 gold awardee this week Mia Viti and to our Silver and Sapphire achievers. Well done students.

Strings and choir to perform at Eisteddfod: Our talented team of string musicians, the angel voices of the Sladie Singers and their highly committed instructors Mrs Miller and Ms. Menzies will again take on the very best performers in Mackay. Win, place or miss the top three we are all very proud of the commitment to learning you have shown. Mrs Bishop and I will accompany the choir next Friday to their performance at the MECC. We are both very much looking forward to hearing you sing.

Attendance week one close to target: Each week we aim for 50 absentees across the entire school or less. Week one was 54. The best class for high attendance was P/1. Year 6 finally had their name drawn out of the attendance box. Well done!

Pupil free day next Monday 19th October: All staff are required to attend work for professional development. The teaching staff will be attend shared PD at Andergrove school commencing at 8:30am and the teacher aides will be participating in training here at school with visiting aides from Andergrove school as a shared cluster approach to developing our skills.

Coming up:

- Swimming lessons years prep to 4 started again this week and continue every Tuesday for another 2 weeks.
- Pupil free day Monday 19th week 3.
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner Thursday 10th December at the Mackay Surf Club.
- School awards day ceremony Monday 7th December.

Rod Finney - Principal
CONTACT NUMBERS

STUDENT AWARDS
Chloe, Aisissia, Tyrion, Zayden, Sophie, Locke, Jada, Cooper

ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS
1st Week: 6A! Well Done!

EMERALD AWARD
Brendan

SAPPHIRE AWARD
Amerah, Tiarna

SILVER AWARD
Jasmine

GOLD AWARD
Mia

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
- Swimming — Tuesday 20th October
- Student Free Day (No School) — Monday 19th October
- Daniel Morcombe ‘wear red day’ — Friday 30th October
- Mackay North SHS School Tour — Wednesday 28th October 4:30pm meet by the Junior Precinct
- Prep Open morning — Wednesday 4th November 9:30—10:30am
- Mackay North SHS Enrolment & Ipad Evening — Tuesday 10th November 6pm meet at the Auditorium Senior Centre
- Prep Open morning — Wednesday 11th November 9:30—10:30am
- Mackay North SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at MNSHS Hall
- Pioneer SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at Pioneer SHS Hall
- Christmas Concert — Thursday 3rd December 5:30pm
- Awards Day — Monday 7th December 8:50am — Hall
- Year 6 Graduation — Mackay Surf Club Thursday 10th December 6:30pm Attendance Breakfast — Thursday 10th December
- Rewards Day — 25, 50, 75, 100 — Thursday 10th December

PREP ENROLLMENTS 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.

**YR 6 DINNER NIGHT**
Invitations have been sent out to students yesterday, please fill out the yellow slip with name/how many adults and student attending with cash and return it to the office by Wednesday 18th November. We can only accept Cash and we are not able to process Direct Debit as the Mackay Surf Club requires payment. We will not be accepting any payments after this date due to catering commitments. Please do not miss out or the dinner will be cancelled!
- Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdue fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets. Tickets are $25 each person including the student.

P&C
- Asking for parents helpers for P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on the Saturday 1st of November. Leave your details at the office if you can help.
- Food donations for the Christmas Hamper
- Daniel Morcombe Day — Friday 30th October. Gold coin Donation to wear a red shirt and $1 to get hair spray and $1 for red ice block.

C&K KINDY
Icy Cups will be on sale each Friday for $.50c outside the prep room.

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD
Sladey Singers (Folk Group) — Thursday 22nd October 6.30pm.
Sladey Singers — Friday 23rd October 8.30am.

No strings tomorrow Wednesday 14th October! Miss Menzies will be at the MECC.

MACKAY NORTH SHS
If you are requiring to buy school shirts for Year 7 2016 next year, please buy them at the Mackay North SHS office.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES
If your child/ren are absent from school and the office can’t get a hold of you via the phone. Your child/ren might take home an unexplained absence letter. Please fill out the letter and return it to the office ASAP. We need to have all absences explained.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

AFL
AFL Queensland would like to invite you to participate in the 2015-16 AFL Queensland Summer Development program in conjunction with the Gold Coast SUNS Academy. The program has been designed to assist in developing yourself by focusing on the key fundamentals of Australian Football including skills, conditioning, knowledge, to assist yourself as an athlete in going to the next level.

The 2015-16 AFL Queensland Summer Development program in conjunction with the Gold Coast SUNS Academy will run for 6 weeks prior to Christmas and 4 weeks post-Christmas.
- Pre-Christmas Training: 9-Nov, 16-Nov, 23-Nov, 30-Nov, 7-Dec, 14-Dec
- Post-Christmas Training: 18-Jan, 27-Jan, 1-Feb, 8-Feb 4:30pm to 6:00pm
- Harrup Park Oval 3, Lamb Street - Mackay
- Age Groups
  - Under 14 Boys - 2002 & 2003
  - Under 16 Boys - 2000 & 2001
- Cost Per Player
  - Pay before 1st November > $70.00
  - Pay after 1st November > $80.00
- Payment by cash or cheque accepted or online bank transfer (preferred)

Players receive training singlet, water bottle, cap, and access to physiotherapist, Personal Trainer, high performance coaching and one on one development planning + 10 week program.

To register please go to www.Mackay.AFLQ.com.au and click on the Summer Development link at the top of the page.

Kind Regards
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SHOE LEFT IN OFFICE
A right shoe size 8 girls, pink with blue laces ‘be fit, be you’ if this belongs to you, please collect it from the office.