



# To the Point

Issue 03/2017 14th February 2017

- Year 3 safety circus  
Friday 24th February

Hi Everyone,

**School Leaders badge ceremony last week:** The Assistant Regional Director, Cath Lalor made a special visit to our school briefly to assist in the presentation of our elected student school leaders for 2017. Mrs Lalor will be visiting later this term to see our students' writing improvement. Like last year, over coming weeks I will be offering all the children opportunities to just have fun writing co-existing with their writing improvement lessons.

**Student Health Checks with local partner:** Slade Point Medical Centre is a partner with our school and will again be offering free school health checks throughout the year for all our students. A very important permission letter regarding your child's health checks will go out today. The first service will be hearing screening commencing Tuesday the 28th February Week 6 of school. If anything is detected by our health professionals a further referral letter to your own doctor will be sent home. We are very fortunate to have this support offered to our students.

**Before and after-school Care anxiously awaiting approval:** Late last year we announced Camp Australia as our contractual partners offering before/ afterschool care and vacation care. Camp Australia are ready to start but must wait until final approval is given before taking up residency in our hall before and after school. A special note will go out immediately when we are given the green light. I apologise for the delay and appreciate how frustrating it is for all concerned.

**Brekky Club needs parent helpers:** With a lower than expected enrolment in prep this year, we have had to form seven classes and less teacher aide time. Our budget was many thousands less than anticipated which has meant a decrease in aide time assisting with running the brekky club. We realised many years ago we needed to offer supplementary toast to our children five days a week. With the shortfall in hours this year I am asking any parents that can commit this term to at least a morning a week from 7.45am preparation through to 8.30am clean up in the tuckshop (new venue) to help serve the children at Brekky Club. I would like to thank Aunty Vic, Mrs Ikupu and all the other staff helpers who have assisted in the past. Please call the office all speak to either of the ladies if you can help.

**Attendance figures as 'Every Day Counts!':** A fabulous result on the Friday of our 2nd week with 100% attendance. This was the best result for a very long time. Well done everyone. Year 3 won the ice-block class reward raffle draw. I look forward to inviting all those students who have more than 95% attendance at the end of the term to our McSladie luncheon.

**PBL reward days revamped:** The P&C have always supported our student reward days to which we are very grateful for. This year again our 25 green token recipients will be invited to attend the Games Extravaganza. Parents always receive a special letter inviting them to a presentation ceremony on our Monday parades. Mrs Hodda does an excellent job of collecting and maintaining the token numbers of each child in the school so we can track this data.

**Hot weather:** With the return of the hot weather this week I would like to remind all students to be sun safe by playing in the shade, hat at school every day and drink plenty of water throughout the day. A head ache is one of the first signs of heat stress.

Principal

Rod Finney  
Principal

## STUDENT DIARIES \$7

Each student has now been invoiced \$7.00 for the diary which was given out on day one or two. Please pay to the school office by the end of this month if possible. Thank you.



*"Caring, Sharing, Learning Together"*

362 Slade Point Road  
PO Box 9150  
SLADE POINT QLD. 4740

Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 1st  
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

Telephone: 4965 7333  
Facsimile: 4965 7300  
Student Absence Line: 4965 7360  
Email: [principal@sladpointss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@sladpointss.eq.edu.au)  
Website: [www.sladpointss.eq.edu.au](http://www.sladpointss.eq.edu.au)  
Home Research Website: <http://sladpointss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au>

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK 3

Jakob, Bodie P, Josh A, Antwone,  
Zayarnte, Tyson T, Locke



## ATTENDANCE — ICE BLOCK WINNERS

3rd Week: 3A! Well done!

## BLITZ WINNERS

4th Week: Ryder and Kiara Well done!

## P & C NEWS

- **P&C AGM** to be held on **Monday March 13th**. 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 tuckshop 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.
- **Uniform Shop:** Monday & Friday only! 8am—9am at the P&C room near Year 1 & 2 classrooms The uniform shop is open Mondays and Fridays. The 2 shirt purchase restriction has been lifted so we can reduce the stock of smaller sizes. Once the smaller size are gone the P&C can order the larger sizes. Please support the P&C Uniform shop. Thank you in advance for your support Michael McGrath P&C President.
- **Facebook page:** Slade Point State School P&C

## TERM 1 DATES

- **Year 3 Safety Circus:** Friday 24th Feb 8:45am in the hall
- **Clean up schools day:** Friday 3rd March
- **Monday Munchies:** Monday 27th Feb
- **Monday Munchies:** Monday 13th March
- **School Working Bee:** Saturday 18th March 8am—12pm we need helpers!
- **Choral Festival:** Monday 20th March
- **Sausage Sizzle Year 5/6 camp:** Saturday 25th March at Bunnings North Mackay
- **Attendance Lunch:** Wednesday 29th March
- **Emerald Rewards Day:** Thursday 30th March **Movie Draw/ Last day of Term 1:** Friday 31st March

## A little bit about Safety Circus.....

"Safety Circus 2017" is a dynamic applied theatre production for Grade 3 students, presented in their respective schools.

The key messages are based on Protective Behaviours, Bike Safety and Bullying Strategies. An experienced young director wrote the drama with reference to current police Protective Behaviour policy. Mackay CQ University students who are studying a Bachelor of Theatre at Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music, will perform Safety Circus over 13 days in February 2017 to schools in the Mackay Regional Council Area. This is the fifth time the Safety Circus has been on tour in Mackay...some of the comments from the evaluation from previous tours are below:

Well done. Congratulations on the positive initiative. Very engaging. Visual props and songs were effective to help the children remember the message.

All the children were fully engaged in watching the show.

Thank you for keeping the messages simple and few. 3 messages are enough for this age. Great show, Great community effort. Well done. It's great to have my safety messages backed up by someone else and in such a fun way for my children to relate to thank you. Catchy music age appropriate. Was very well done. Loved how they engaged with the children and asked questions.

Would love this message delivered to this level every year. Thank you for a great performance.

Sergeant Nigel Dalton  
Mackay District  
Crime Prevention Unit

## YEAR 2 PARENT/ INFORMATION SESSION

This Thursday 16th February from 3pm—3:30pm, Mrs McKean will be conducting an information session. Hoping to see as many parents as possible!

## LATE ARRIVALS/ EARLY DEPARTURES

If you arrive to school **after 8:45am** please come to the office to receive a late slip and hand that to the teacher.

If you need to collect your child/ren please come to the office to collect a leave pass!

**WE ARE WANTING ANY SPARE CURTAINS  
FOR OUR CLASSROOMS PLEASE!**