Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3: I trust you all had a relaxing break and some quality family time. Unfortunately we had some minor vandalism last Friday with a rock thrown through a window in B Block. These actions cost our school a great deal. We are endeavouring to install CCTV cameras throughout the school once we can source the funding as they are approximately $1000 a camera and associated equipment.

Welcome new staff: On behalf of the school and community I welcome Ms. Thorpe, Ms. Yarrow and Mrs Ansieiwicz for stepping in and covering Ms. Doraente, Mrs Litzow and Ms. Armstrong in their absence.

Reward day and movie tickets brings huge smiles to student face: Last day of term I had the privilege of spending half a day with our Sapphire, Emerald and Silver award winners. Congratulations to our six movie ticket winners. I trust you enjoyed a movie at the cinemas over the holidays.

Playgrounds need sand only: Our two playgrounds are awaiting the arrival of sand after being inspected by Building Asset Services. A huge thank you to our groundsman Mr Bailey. The mound of dirt and left over rubble on the oval from the hall construction has been removed as well. Some of this has repaired the staff carpark and entrance to the hall though four huge truck loads were taken away. We plan to one day install a half-court basketball in this space pending funding.

Hook house win again: Congratulations to all three houses, spectators and staff for a fun filled sports day. Well done to Hook house for winning overall though both Lindeman and Hayman were hot on their heels all day.

‘Fun with maths’ – all prep to yr.6: This term our Head of Curriculum Mrs Mian has organised a special ‘fun with maths’ event for all students to participate at a cost of $6 each. ‘Fun with maths’ program is extremely popular and has visited most of our Mackay neighbourhood schools. We would like to give our children the same exciting learning opportunities as well. More information will be in next week’s newsletter.

School Facebook, website and student diaries key communication tools: Please sign up to our school Facebook page, use the QSchools app on your phone, visit our website or record a message for the class teacher to keep abreast of school news and planning.

Coming up:
*Before end of July – Student, staff and parent school surveys out.
*Week two - Cumberland athletics for selected students
*Chappy Lyn’s movie night fundraiser in August
*Camps for yr.4 and 5/6 later in term
*Fun with maths day

Rod Finney - Principal
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. This starts Wednesday 15th July. Once the sheet is completed pop it into the collection box in our office. Please write your name and school on it.

END OF THE TERM MOVIE VOUCHERS

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P&C NEWS

The P&C need two volunteers to commit for the rest of the year to run Monday Munchies each fortnight. Sadly the parent running Monday Munchies has left the school. Without your support we will not be able to continue this service. If you are interested please see Marjory Madden or the office.

CHAPPY NEWS

Welcome to Term 3. This term I am running the Fun Friends program with the Year 1/2, Mrs Ridgway’s class. Mrs McKeen’s Year 2 completed the course last term and celebrated with a green party – green to remind them to think green (positive thoughts).

The Year 4 class will be participating in the next level called Friends for Life. Each program targets the different developmental challenges associated with the relevant age.

National Research Council and Institute of Medicine Prevention research shows that there is a high prevalence of anxiety disorders in childhood and youth. Anxiety in childhood is the most common risk factor for depression in adolescence and early adulthood.

Early intervention programs are therefore necessary and beneficial as they help to prevent the development of anxiety and depression by increasing emotional resilience and promoting coping skills before more serious emotional difficulties may occur. The Friends program written by Dr Paula Barrett has been recognized by the World Health Organization as the best practice for the prevention and treatment of anxiety and depression in children.

CHAPPY NEWS

If any parents would like to have information about how they can reinforce at home the skills the children are learning, I would be very happy to run an information session for parents. This term we will be running another Family Movie Night. Please mark Saturday 22nd August on your calendars. Another fund raiser coming up on Sunday 2nd August is a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. I will be looking for Year 6 parents and students to assist with this one as the funds will be used for costs associated with the Real Me Shines and Strength programs that the Year 6 students participate in during Term 4.

Chappy Lyn

SPORTS DAY 2015

Our Age Champions:

Kawarni Kris and Sophia Mau — 9 years.
Masi Keitchell-Mills and Zoey Tonga — 10 years.

Our Age Champions:

Max Hicks and Libby Surha — 11 years.
Serege Larry and Kira Belleville — 12 years.

Our winners for 2015 is …

HOOK!!!

Nasonah and Kira with their trophy.
Lindeman won ‘Field’.
Hook won ‘Track’ and Hook and Hayman won ‘Ball Games’.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Before the break we had some wonderful students place items into the “Mackay Show” in the categories for “Handwriting” and “Children’s Art”. As a result of them entering the following students were awarded prizes.

- Sophia Mau
- Bree Atkinson
- Josh Larsen
- Brandi Sign
- Madonna Waldon

We would like to thank these students for taking the time to prepare items for the “Mackay Show” and congratulate them on their achievement. Thank-you to the teachers that assisted in the preparation of these items as well.

“FUN with MATHS” day count down has begun (Week 6) . Each child from prep to year 6 will be attending this session at the school for a small cost of $6.00 each. The day will give opportunity for all students to explore Maths concepts by participating in games and hands on activities to assist in a thorough understanding of each concept. A terrific way for our students to learn!

Please begin sending in your child’s payment in an envelope with the following details on it: CHILD’S NAME, CLASS, and add “Fun with Maths” title. Also include the permission slip below:

FUN WITH MATHS Permission Form
Child’s Name: _______________________________
Year Level:      __________   Cost: $6.00 (1 child)
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I give permission for my child to attend the “Fun with Math’s” session at Slade Point State School on ________________
Signed (parent / guardian): _______________________

The office and teachers will keep record of all families that have paid prior to the Maths day. Reminders will be given over the following weeks. Please don’t let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Jo Mian
Head of Curriculum

REPORT CARDS

If anyone didn’t receive their child/ren’s Report Cards from Term 2, they are in the office to collect!