Hi Everyone,

**Welcome back to Term Three:** With the first week almost gone the students have hit the books hard. Our focus agenda for this year is writing and I am so pleased to see all our students taking a keen interest in improving your writing skills. I look forward to reading your demand writing task for this term and seeing your progress.

**Cumberland sports next week:** Next week we face our arch rivals in the Cumberland interschool athletics championship. Slade Point has a very proud tradition of holding the aggregate trophy for eleven years straight. I am sure our school ambassadors will again put in their best performances trying to qualify for the Mackay Championship. Those children who are 9 years and up and selected prior to the holidays, please bring in your permission forms by this Friday for Mr McDowall. I look forward to you showing good sportsmanship and cleaning up the relay points at the end of the day!

**Semester one reports went out:** I trust all parents found a few moments to touch base with your class teachers whilst collecting your child's report card. I was very pleased to see nearly every student with high ‘effort’ marks. Some students attendance days were disappointing though most were excellent with some ‘zero’ days away recorded. Remember students, every day counts.

**School Touch champions day held last term:** With the Sporting Schools program money, the children participated in touch football lessons all of last term. The program culminated with a round robin interclass touch competition with the winning team taking on the combined parent/teacher team. I was extremely impressed with all players participating. The final was a close game won 3-2 by the oldies. Thank you to Jason, Mrs Miller’s husband, for refereeing all the games and Ms Armstrong for coordinating the whole event. I wasn’t going to mention the dazzling sidestep I put on to slice through the tough defensive line like a Stradbroke Island shark only to be denied a try by referee Miller for supposedly crossing the dead ball line whilst prematurely celebrating in front of the fans! Anyhow, well done team.

**Basketball reward seats again this term:** TJ has informed me there are more home games coming up of which he will be selecting students who work extra hard during group work for the teacher aides.

**This term:**
- Cumberland sports day  Week 2, Tuesday 19th July and then Mackay championship
- P&C mini-olympics major fundraiser 19th August
- AFL Auskick
- Year 4 camp 8th & 9th September
- Swimming years prep to year 4 starts on Tuesday 23rd August
- Culture Day 7th September
- Tree planting day
- 25,50 and 75 token reward days end of term with attendance lunch

Finally, thank you to Ms A for teaching Year 4 over the next 4 weeks with Miss Armstrong on long service leave. Mrs Davy and Mrs Bishop will also be back next week

Rod Finney
Principal
CHAPPY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3.

This term I will be running Friends for Life with the Year 4 class. The Fun Friends and Friends for Life programs teach children to develop skills needed to better cope with the ups and downs of life – for the rest of their lives.

Schools provide a close network or community. A happy, encouraging school environment is an important contributing factor to the sensitive child feeling more confident and brave. The Friends programs help contribute to this.

The Prep/1 and 1/2 classes who completed Fun Friends last term were to have a Green Party to celebrate the completion of the class. However the weather caused sports day to be moved and this resulted in the party being postponed until Term 3.

Next Friday (22nd July) the parents and carers of the Prep/1 and 1/2 classes are invited to join us in Room 7 B Block for this celebration commencing at 1.45pm. The children will demonstrate some the skills they have learnt and we will have yummy green food to celebrate learning how to change red thoughts to green thoughts. I look forward to you joining us.

Regards
Chappy Lyn

CULTURE DAY—WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Planning meeting next Friday 22nd July at 2pm in the hall. All welcome to come along with any new ideas. Afternoon tea is provided.

Thanks
Vicki Webster

BASKETBALL — MACKAY METEORS

The next game is on Saturday night 23rd July at 8pm for anyone who wishes to attend. Please come along and support him and our Mackay Meteors!

Well done to TJ and the Meteors who won in Sunday’s game against Gladstone!