



To the Point

8/ 2015 17th March 2015

Hi Everyone,

Ride to school day successful: This year the 'ride to school day' campaign was sponsored by Mackay City Council. The students who rode their scooters or push bikes with the correct safety gear were given a water bottle. All students participated in the free fruit provided as part of the healthy campaign. I was very pleased to ride the streets last Friday morning and see smart and safe bicycle skills being demonstrated by our students.

- **Harmony Day Friday 20th March**
- **Free Dress Day/Disco Friday 27th March**

Positive Behaviour for Learning rewarding students: This week we celebrated the presentation of another Emerald award winner and with Mrs Hodda very unwell last Thursday and Friday there were a few more family invites that will be forthcoming this week. Congratulations Rizia on your award.

Monday munchies apology this week: Our super Monday Munchies ladies attempted to contact as many parents as possible due to the cancellation of pizza orders this week due to family commitments of our supplier, Eagle Boys. The Facebook P&C page was excellent though still several parents weren't aware of our new website page that hooks you up immediately with the P&C Facebook page. This is an excellent tool to check on your phone app 'QSchools' before or after school now and then. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these ladies who freely provide this wonderful service for our students. Thank you.

Positive Behaviour for Learning School rule expectation for the week: This week's PBL focus is Be Respectful – show pride in your school. Helping to keep the grounds, buildings and classrooms clean demonstrates pride in your school. All staff are committed to showing pride in the workplace modelling behaviours like picking up others rubbish and being neatly presented for work each day. Showing respect for your school doesn't stop at the gates and acting responsibly whilst in uniform shows pride in your school.

Play group Wednesdays: Our fully funded Free Play Group is on every Wednesday from 1pm til 3pm for any child our under 4 years old in our community. So if you have a young child under the age of 4 then please come along, make new friends and help your child get a head start to their school education.

Harmony Day this Friday: This Friday we are asking the children to wear something orange or an orange ribbon to celebrate Harmony Day. 'Harmony day' is a day to celebrate the journey our nation has taken to be more acceptable of other cultures and beliefs. We live in a multi-cultural society and can learn a great deal from our elders past and present and those who have immigrated to Australia bringing with them a plethora of customs and unique traditions.

Rod Finney
Principal

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Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 3rd
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

"Caring, Sharing, Learning Together"

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STUDENT AWARDS

Jasmine, Georgie, Tom, Reece,
Raedan, Abygail, Klara, Riley



ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCK WINNERS



7th Week: 4A! Well done!

BUNNING'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday 21st March 8am is our 1st fundraiser for our year 5/6 camp. Please come along this Saturday to buy a sausage and support the 5/6 camp!



YEAR FIVE/SIX CAMP—FAIRBAIRN DAM

We are planning a year 5/6 camp to Fairbairn Dam again this year — Term 3.

Green notes were sent home the other week to pay a deposit of \$50 for camp for Term 1. Please pay by Wednesday 1st April to secure your place. We do not want to cancel the camp!

QSCHOOLS APP

1. On your phone please go to **App store** and type in **QSchools** and **download**
2. Go to search for your school
3. Type in **Slade Point State School**
4. Once Slade Point SS is typed in, click on the **Star** beside the name of the school.
5. Browse through our new website!

HARMONY DAY

Please wear **Orange** on **Friday 20th March**. If you have no Orange, please wear your full correct school uniform with closed in shoes and socks.

P&C NEWS

* **P&C brochure info booklet** has been sent home to each family. If you would like to donate **\$15 per family**, please hand back your envelope with your name on front and cash inside and hand it into the Brown P&C Box in the office.



* **Chocolate Boxes** have arrived. If you would like a box to sell please fill out the fundraising section on the back of the P&C levy form and return it to the office ASAP. Every box has 30 chocolates inside and they have the same chocolates and are \$2 each. We have 2 types of coloured boxes, purple and red. Do not worry if you see different students with a different coloured box to yours. Once you have sold the box please return the envelope with the money inside to the office ASAP. **Money due back by Monday 30th March.**

* **P&C Meeting was cancelled last night and new date TBC.**

DENTAL VAN NOTES



A Medical History/Consent form has been issued to your child/ren and must be fully completed with Medicare card details on the back and signed by a parent/legal guardian and returned to the school office in the box that is labelled "**School Dental forms**" by **Friday 20th March 2015**. **If forms are returned late there is no guarantee your child can be seen by the dentist.** Dates to be advised when the dental van will arrive at school. Further enquires please phone **0409 064 344**.

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Parent Meeting - Thursday 9th March 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Choral Festival - extra rehearsal Friday 20th March 8am

Choral Festival - 22nd (Mercy College) and 23rd March (MECC)

Instrumental Camp - Sunday 29th March - Wednesday 1st April - congratulations to Libby Surha and Neil Lagos who were selected to attend this camp.



SWIMMING LESSONS



* Swimming Lessons for **Prep—year 4** will start in **Term 3 & 4** for 8 lessons. Permission forms will be sent home next term with an invoice. The cost is approximately \$70 per child. The swim centre has requested that students have their own goggles and swim caps.

* **If you would like to start making payments either \$10/\$20 per week/fortnight, please put your money into an envelope with child's name, class and swimming to the office in the green box. Please do not come on the actual due date to start paying money. If you are having financial problems, please see us. Thank-you!**

CURRICULUM CORNER

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for schools) are about to begin for 2015. These competitions are a great way for parents and teachers to identify the strengths and weaknesses that students have in the areas of Technology, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and maths. They also recognise the talents and achievements of your child by issuing certificates for participation right through to High distinction level.

We would like to encourage all students to have a go at these competitions below. If your child would like to participate in a competition please forward the correct money in an envelope to the office staff by the due date for that subject area. We need a **minimum of 3 students** to participate in each subject area for us to book the competition. Good luck to all participating students!

Subject	Closing Date	Cost
Digi Tech:	21st April	\$8.80
Science:	6th May	\$8.80
Writing:	18th May	\$18.70
Spelling:	19th May	\$12.10
English:	30th June	\$8.80
Maths:	14th July	\$8.80

Mrs Jo Mian
HOC

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Prep and Year 1 are presenting an item on Parade in the last week of this term. It will reinforce the theme of "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" that we have been following this term on Parade. So parents this would be a good day to come to a School Parade and see your children perform before the rest of the School.

I have also been spending some lunch times with the Preps and Year 1s teaching them a couple of dances ready for the School disco on Friday 27th March.

Year 2 enjoyed time with me playing some organized games yesterday in the lunch break. Thanks to the Year 6 Peace Patrol girls who helped out.

The P&C have allowed me to run an Easter Hat Parade this term. I am required to fund raise to cover the costs of my third day at the School. Please get behind me in this fund raising endeavor. The judging will take place on Parade, Tuesday 31st March. The children will need to make their creations at home. If they are looking for ideas there are lots of suggestions and pictures on the internet to help inspire their imagination. The cost will be \$2 to enter and there will be substantial prizes for the different age groups.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

7 WAYS TO CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE WHEN YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING ELSE

Part 3 of a Generation Next Blog posted by Dr Ramesh Manocha:

2. Change your focus. – From the awareness of your thoughts and emotions you become able to consciously redirect your focus. It's time to take it willingly away from something that drags you down, and zero it in on something that inspires you. Focus on the next logical, meaningful step. There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. So keep your hope alive through positive awareness. Don't let the pain make you desperate. Don't let the negativity wear off on you. Don't let the bitterness steal your sweetness. Spend your energy moving forward. Change your thoughts and you change your reality. Our thoughts are the makers of our moods, the inventors of our dreams, and the creators of our will. That's why we must sort through them carefully, and choose to respond only to those that will help us build the life we want, and the outlook we want to hold as we're living it.

Chappy Lyn