Hi Everyone,

We were successful in $40,000 School Sport Infrastructure grant: Earlier in the year I applied for this grant in the hope of building a half-court basketball, come netball and tennis court at a later date. Our existing basketball court is too far down the oval for the students to use each lunch break and it is beginning to require some maintenance. I am hoping that this new structure will be used by our students and others in our community. It is expected this project will be completed by mid-year 2016 though I would very much like this to be sooner. It is wonderful to receive this support from the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.

On school premises: Recently whilst I was at a two day training seminar with many other Principal colleagues I was reminded of the Departments expectations for any person or persons visiting a school premises. In order to conduct our school business of educating young children, it is necessary to ensure we provide a safe and supportive environment conducive to learning. Considering this it is reasonable that the Department expects staff and parents who are on the school site to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Staff and community members cannot be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance or be suffering from any serious illness that places the children or others at risk. Any persons deemed to be under such influence will be asked to remove themselves from the school site. As Principal I have numerous powers assigned to me to ensure the safety of those on the school site. I trust this is easily understood and if you ever have any concerns regarding others on our school site please make me aware of this.

Update on school security and a thank you: I would like to take the positives out of any school damage caused recently and thank the wonderful families that vigilantly report any suspicious activity on our school grounds. I have confirmed the installation of state of the art CCTV cameras in recent days. Please encourage community members to use the school oval areas but not to be around the buildings or gardens.

Chappy back from training: Chappy Lynn was pleased to be back this week after a weeklong conference where she learned a great deal to support our students. The message of the week was to be organised – have your school things ready and be in the right frame of mind to learn. A valuable lesson for all of us I would think.

Coming up:
- Chappy’s Movie night Saturday 22nd August
- Swimming starts August 25th
- Mini Olympics Friday 28th August
- Culture Day Thurs 3rd Sept

Rod Finney
Principal
MINI OLYMPICS P&C
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
The Mini-Olympics booklets have been handed out to all students. Please make sure students are safe when they are fundraising.

Fundraising: If students have finished their fundraising, please return the money to the office on Friday 28th August. Do not forget to fill out the section about selecting your prizes. Every $10 you raise, you can receive a prize. Parent helpers are also needed for this afternoon please.

CULTURE DAY—HULA SKIRTS
Could each child from Grade 2 & 3 please buy a hula skirt for Culture Day which is on Thursday 3rd September.

P&C FATHERS DAY STALL
Father’s day is on Sunday 6th September. P&C are having a stall on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th September.
We are looking for donations of anything that can be a gift for dad for the stall. Please drop them into the office or to Mrs Madden.

BLOCK-OUT CURTAINS
We are looking for some block-out curtains for our classrooms (to help reduce glare on the whiteboards). If you have some curtains you no longer need, please donate them to the school.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
Medical forms, packing list and the latest invoice have been handed out to the students who are going on camp. Please fill out the forms ASAP and return them to the office.
Remember it is still very cold in Emerald at night. Please buy appropriate warm clothing.

C&K KINDY
Kindy will be selling cupcakes on Friday 21st August. Cupcakes will be $1 each and the donation will be made to the RSPCA.

MUSIC NEWS
MOB—Sunday 23rd August
The 2015 MOB competition is being held at Mackay Christian College, Quarry St, North Mackay.

EMERALD AWARD
CULTURE DAY—HULA SKIRTS
please
Thursday 3rd September.

P&C Mini Olympics —
office or to Mrs Madden.

Fun with Maths —
Year 5&6 Emerald camp —
Year 4 Eungella camp —

Fun with Maths —
Year 1st
2nd

Year 5&6 Emerald camp —
Monday 7th
— Friday 11th September

Year 4 Eungella camp — Thursday 10th
— Friday 11th September

Last day of Term 3 — Friday 18th
September

PREP ENROLMENTS 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.

Year Level: Cost: $6.00 (1 child)
I give permission for my child to attend the “Fun with Maths” session at Slade Point State School on
Signed (parent / guardian):

Fun Friends with the Year 1/2 and Friends for Life
with the Year 4 classes are going well. The children are learning to recognize the varying emotions in their bodies and relaxing techniques to help with anxiety.

On Parade this week we covered the importance of being organized in the class room. It is absolutely essential the children have sharpen pencils, and all the basic equipment they need to do their work. I have witnessed a lot of wasted learning time when they do not have a ruler or rubber. As parents, could you please do a check that your child has pencils, coloured pencils, ruler, rubber, scissors, glue and exercise books. They will then be ready to be a learner who is doing their best.

Chappy Lyn

MACKAY NORTH SHS
YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
You will also need to register for the Enrolment and iPad Information Evening on either next Wednesday 19th August or Tuesday 10th Nov at 6pm in the Senior Centre Auditorium.

YEAR 7—2016 HIGH SCHOOL
Parents/caregivers: Please start enrolling your child for high school now. Please get an enrolment form from the website or the high school you have chosen. Most high schools have already had their information evening, which gives you a lot of information.

CHAPLAIN NEWS
I have been away at Chaplaincy Conference. This is an Annual event which every School Chaplain in Queensland attends. It is a great time of exchanging ideas among the 700 School Chaplains and training from top professionals.

Please send 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)
I give permission for my child to attend the “Fun with Maths” session at Slade Point State School on
Signed (parent / guardian):

Green notes have been sent home. Please fill the form out with the money inside an envelope to the office ASAP. Please don’t let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Jo Mian
Head of Curriculum

SWIMMING LESSONS—2015
Swimming Lessons for Prepar—Year 4 will start next Tuesday 25th Aug for 8 weeks until Tuesday 27th October. Payment $70:
A permission/ medical form has been handed out to students. Please fill them out ASAP (even without payment) and return to the office. If you do not wish for your child/ren to swim, please write a note to the office or give the school a call, so that the invoices can be removed in the system.