



To the Point

04/ 2015 18th February 2016

Hi Everyone,

Assistant Regional Director enjoyed visit this week: The Assistant Regional Director, Cath Lalor was most impressed with the progress we have made towards our focus on writing plan this year. Mrs Lalor was very pleased to see student writing goals and discussing them one to one with the children in year 3 and then talking to the students on a brief parade about their love of writing. She is looking forward to returning and seeing more impressive improvement in the children's writing. Over coming weeks I will be offering all the children opportunities to just have 'fun writing' with a series of planned activities.

- **Monday Munchies— Monday 22nd Feb**
- **Year 3 Safety Circus Thursday 25th Feb 8:45am**
- **P&C Sausage Sizzle 5th March 8am—3pm**

Breakfast club every day in 2016: I would like to thank Aunty Vic, Chappy Lyn and all the other helpers who are now assisting five days a week in providing our students with some toast in the morning before school. Thank you Bob, our hard working groundsman for installing comfortable bench seats near the hall so the children can sit to eat their toast.

Sporty schools program starts: Each week, I look forward to spending time with the students in years 4, 5 and 6 teaching basketball skills. Every two weeks Miss Armstrong, Mr McDowall, Miss Usher and I rotate our ability grouped teams around four different sports. The children spend half an hour two times a week improving their skills and game play on Friday afternoon. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to come along on Friday afternoons and share their expertise.

Last week's attendance figures as 'Every Day Counts!': A fabulous result last week! Only 37 students in total were absent across the week. This was the best result for a very long time. Well done everyone. Year 1/ 2 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: Every few years the staff and I change the token end of term reward days. The P&C have always supported our student reward days to which we are very grateful for. This year 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.

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.

Rod Finney
Principal

Slade Point

STUDENT AWARDS

Shelby, Braxton, Joshua,
Usai, Matilda, Karbyn,
Sophia, Braden



ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS

3rd Week: 1/2C! Well Done!

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

- ★ **Year 6 shirt orders** — Due by Friday 19th February
- ★ **Monday Munchies** — Monday 22nd February. Notes home this week
- ★ **PCYC Safety Circus Year 3 only** — Thursday 25th February 8:45am in the hall
- ★ **P&C Sausage Sizzle** — 5th March 8am — 3pm at Bunning's
- ★ **Clean up schools day** — Friday 4th March
- ★ **Bravehearts** — Thursday 10th March Prep—Year 5
- ★ **Choral Festival** — Monday 14th March MECC

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Please return the blue order form and payment of **\$35.50** to the office by **Friday 19th February**. We do accept part payments if you require. *Their was a error on the form as when the payment was due.* The shirts normally arrive around the end of term one.

MOBILE LIBRARY



Mobile Library bus comes to our school fortnightly on a Wednesday at 1st break. The bus will be back on **Wednesday 2nd March**. If you would like your child/ren to visit the bus, please grab an membership form from the office to complete. **If you're already a member of the Mackay Council Library, please bring your library card. **Whoever attends the mobile library must come to the office to collect an office pass to attend the mobile library. No pass, no mobile library!**

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is an Education Qld requirement that all students are accounted for each and every school day.

If your child/ren is going to be absent for any reason for any part of the day you must notify the school. Please ring the student absent line before 9am on 49657 360. Admin will be contacting parents/caregivers daily after 9am if you haven't contacted the office if your child/ren are absent. If you got a missed call, please write a note to the class teacher for the next day explaining why they were absent.

If your child has an unexplained absence you will receive an unexplained absence letter from your child, please complete the form and return it to the office. Thank-you Admin

PLAYGROUP



Playgroup has started this morning, **Wednesday 17th February** from 9am until 11am in B Block classroom downstairs. Children age from 0 –5 are welcome to attend. Grab an enrolment form from the office or at arrival. Hopefully we will see you next week!

FACEBOOK

Slade Point SS has a Facebook page. Please search for our school and like the page. We post information on what is happening in the school ie: reminding about the newsletter have gone out, school disco, school photos, rewards day and more.



QSCHOOLS APP



Parents with smartphones are encouraged to download the FREE QSchools App and Slade Point SS to your favourites. This app is fed directly from our website and is a great way to stay updated with current information.

WEBSITE

The school website is updated weekly. It contains important information, date claimers, the current tuck shop price lists, weekly school newsletter plus lots of useful links. www.sladpoinss.eq.edu.au

BUNNING'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE P&C



The first **P&C Bunnings BBQ** is on **Saturday March 5th**. It will be held at Bunnings North Mackay. We require up to 8 parents to share the workload. 3 people minimum per shift. Setup 7:30am. Start 8am. Close 2:30-3pm. Shift 1: 7:30-10am. Shift 2: 10am-12:30pm. Shift 3: 12:30-3pm. Please contact Michael McGrath at mhmcgrath@bigpond with the time you are available to help. Thank you in advance for your support in 2016.

P & C NEWS

Welcome to 2016 Parents and caregivers. The P&C AGM will be held at the School Administration on **Monday March 7th at 6pm**. The AGM will be followed by the first monthly meeting for the year. All executive positions (President, Treasurer, Secretary) and support positions (Fundraising Co-ordinator) will be available. Nomination forms can be collected from the office if you wish to nominate a position. The P&C looks forward to getting your support for 2016.

P&C — EASTER RAFFLE

Any donations for the P&C Easter raffle will be greatly appreciated, please hand them into the office.



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is every Thursday. You can drop in your bank book any day before or on Thursday morning in the green box in the office.

**Any new customers would like an application form please come to the office to collect one or you can open up an account at the Commonwealth Bank.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Choosing what to send for your child's lunch can be a tricky part of School routine. It is important that the children eat nutritious food during the day. The breakfast program at School and brain snack ensures all children start the day with adequate fuel. Some simple lunch solutions are sandwiches with salad fillings and some protein like meat, canned fish or eggs and cheese. If you find they are not being eaten then it may help to involve the child in the preparation. Having a selection of vegetables like cucumber, carrot and cherry tomatoes and fruit for them to choose from and allowing them to actually pack the lunch box may be helpful. Try to send a majority of fresh foods and a small amount of packaged foods and your child's body will be best equipped for good learning.

Part 3 and final instalment of article "10 Ways Gratitude Makes Your Life Better" follows:

"7. You Increase Your Self-control — As David DeSteno says, "When you're faced with a challenging temptation in the moment, rather than solely trying to exert willpower, simply stopping and thinking of some-thing you're grateful for should enhance your ability to make a wiser decision." As life coach Peter Lambert says, gratitude gives you more patience and makes you less selfish.

8. Your Relationships Improve — When you're more grateful and generous to the people who you care most about, your relationships improve. Not only will they feel more appreciated by you, but when they feel more appreciated and cared for, they'll reflect positive feelings back towards you. As opposed to taking each other for granted, when you truly appreciate your significant other, your relationship becomes more magical again.

9. You're Less Materialistic — When you appreciate what you already have, you realize that a bigger house or a new car are not the things that will really make you happier deep down. In fact, material things can actually feel sort of empty and meaningless. But when you're thankful that you have a roof over your head and plenty of food to eat -- something not everyone around the world has -- you won't be as tied to physical things anymore.

10. You Enrich Your Children — Research has shown that when you encourage gratitude in children, it has some remarkable effects. It turns out that kids who are grateful are happier, experience less volatile emotions, and feel that life has more meaning to them.

Gratitude is an emotion that's worth cultivating, as it will make your life better. You can start simply, by thinking of five things in your day today that you're grateful for. "

Chappy Lyn