Hi Everyone,

**Students performing well at Eisteddfod:** Today on parade I reminded the children that we are not only an academic and sporting school but also a cultural school. From playing an instrument through to dancing, solo singing and choir, the students have again shown how multi-talented they are. Congratulations to all our pupils who have had the courage to have a go performing in front of an audience and adjudicator and well done to those that won a place.

**PBL token awardees this week:** Congratulations to our silver, sapphire and emerald award winners. A special mention to our newest 100 token gold badge recipient, Blake Forrest. Keep striving to demonstrate our three school rules to be a learner; be respectful and be safe all day every day. Thank you parents and family who managed to make it to parade to support your child in pinning on the badge.

**Attendance not as good this week:** Our target each week is to be below 50 student absentee across the whole school. Last week was a disappointing 75. Several students commented on being away for the long weekend just gone. There was no designated public holiday on Friday only a pupil free day Monday. This greatly affected our data and places parents at risk of prosecution. Our school has an excellent record for supporting our parents who has a child fall below 85% attendance. Please contact us for assistance if your child has a concerning number of days absent. I urge you to plan family trips for the school holiday period. We can and will help your child if providing them lunch or no clean school uniform is an issue. We are a family school here to help where possible. As the school learning motto says, ‘Everyday counts!’

**Pupil free training day a cluster approach:** As a collaborative team our staff combined with Andergrove to engage in innovative numeracy strategies and identifying a ‘C’ standard student piece of writing remembering that a ‘C’ result means performing at your required grade level. Since the introduction of an Australian Curriculum for all schools, moderating student work samples has been a critical component to attributing an individual assessment mark for student reporting. An ‘A’ or ‘B’ result particularly in literacy and numeracy equates to the student performing in the top 1 to 20 percent in the country.

Student learning success is not the number of A’s, B’s or C’s your child receives on the end of Semester report. A successful learner is the person that has shown improvement in their knowledge and understanding. Individual improvement for all our students is always our key focus in accordance with the State Schooling vision – ‘Every Student Succeeding.’

**Coming up:**
- Pioneer High band to perform this Friday in the hall at 9am for our students.
- Mrs Bishop and Mr Finney to supervise choir students on bus performing at MECC in Eisteddfod.
- Some selected students in year 4/5 attending environmental learning day with Miss Armstrong this Friday 23rd October. Also Year 4 attending bowls afternoon as part of CQ Sporty school program same afternoon.
- Swimming lessons Years Prep to 4 will finish with the final lesson next Tuesday 27th.

Rod Finney - Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Amerah, James, Zane, Maleek, Tyson, Madonna, Jamie-Lee, Aorangi

ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS
2nd Week: ! Well Done!

EMERALD AWARD
James

SAPPHIRE AWARD
Amerah, Xander

SILVER AWARD
Nathan, Reece, Freda, Nolear

GOLD AWARD
Blake

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
* Monday Munchies — Monday 26th October
* Daniel Morcombe ‘wear red day’ — Friday 30th October
* Mackay North SHS School Tour — Wednesday 28th October 4:30pm meet at the Junior Precinct
* Prep Open morning — Wednesday 4th & 11th November 9:30—10:30am
* Mackay North SHS Enrolment & Ipad Evening — Tuesday 10th November 6pm meet at the Auditorium Senior Centre
* Mackay North SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at MNSHS Hall
* Pioneer SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at Pioneer SHS Hall
* Christmas Concert — Thursday 3rd December 5:30pm
* Awards Day — Monday 7th December 8:50am — Hall
* Year 6 Graduation — Mackay Surf Club Thursday 10th December 6:30pm
* Attendance Lunch — Wednesday 9th December
* Rewards Day — 25, 50, 75, 100 Thursday 10th December

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.

**YR 6 DINNER NIGHT**
Invitations have been sent out to students yesterday, please fill out the yellow slip with name/how many adults and student attending with cash and return it to the office by Wednesday 18th November. We can only accept Cash and we are not able to process Direct Debit as the Mackay Surf Club requires payment. We will not be accepting any payments after this date due to catering commitments. Please do not miss out or the dinner will be cancelled!

*Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdue fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets. Tickets are $25 each person including the student.

P&C
* Asking for parents helpers for P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on the Saturday 1st of November. Leave your details at the office if you can help.
* Food donations for the Christmas Hamper
* Daniel Morcombe Day — Friday 30th October. Gold coin Donation to wear a red shirt and $1 to get hair spray and $1 for red ice block.

ART ROOM
If anyone has any spare empty clean sauce bottles please hand them into the office.

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD
Sladey Singers (Folk Group) — Thursday 22nd October 6.30pm.
Sladey Singers — Friday 23rd October 8.30am.

STUDENT BANKING
Congratulations Daniel on receiving a Bronze Award achieving 10 deposits for this year and Ammy on receiving a Silver Award achieving 20 deposits for this year. Well done!

CAKE STALL
Year 2&3 will be hosting a cake stall this Friday 23rd October at 1st break. This is to raise money for our History excursion to Greenmount Homestead. .50c—$2 for tasty treats.

YEAR 4 EUNGElla CAMP