

To the Point

10/ 2015 21st April 2015

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term two: I trust you had a relaxing break and some quality family time. I spoke on Monday's parade about getting stuck into learning and how I even saw children reading, writing and counting through the Easter holiday break. We live in a competitive world and a day of learning lost means our children of the same age across the country just gained an advantage. I also stressed to the children the importance of making learning fun such as through games at school and at home.

ANZAC Day March commemorating 100 years: This Saturday I am asking all our parents, staff and students to be a part of this special 100th ANZAC Day March. In our lifetime we will never have another opportunity to be a part of something so important. Our Australian culture is founded on the heroic nature of the men and women who served to protect the rights and freedom we enjoy in our society today.

A friend of mine who operates Mackay Camping and Canvas has very kindly donated enough Australian flags for the children to carry as we proudly march this Saturday morning. We will meet at 8.15am at the Sydney Street Market car park in full school uniform including a hat (preferably maroon). Please bring an umbrella if it is raining but we will still march come hail or sunshine! All parents are invited to join the rear of our student formation and march with us.

National tests this term for years 3 and 5: This term our year 3 and year 5 children are given the opportunity to complete the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. The tests are a great tool to assist in identifying student strengths and weaknesses though it is a parents right to withdrawal their child from part or all of the tests. It can be difficult for some of our students on individual learning programs with reading difficulties to complete the tests putting them under stress. I urge our year 3 and 5 parents with any concerns to come and discuss this as soon as possible with your class teacher.

Two more Emerald awardees this week: This week on parade I presented two more 25 token Emerald award winners to Raedan and Riley. Children receive green tokens for consistently displaying our three school expectations – Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe. Several students are now on their way towards the 50 token Sapphire badge award. Remember students to bring your green token to the office first, take it home for a parent signature and return to the movie raffle box. Congratulations to our 6 movie ticket winners on the last day of school before the holidays.

Positive Behaviour for Learning School rule expectation for the week: Our Positive Behaviour lessons for the next two weeks is to re-focus on following teacher directions at all times. In coming weeks we will again place our 'behaviour matrix' into the newsletter which outlines the behaviours we need to see in our wonderful school. Thank you to all parents for following through on the yellow warnings cards at home. No one is perfect and we make mistakes. The 'yellow warning cards' school consequence simply requires the teacher to re-teach the student the specific rule not being demonstrated as the PBL program is about acknowledging positive behaviours. Term one results show our positive behaviour awards have risen dramatically in 2015 and negative behaviours have diminished considerably.

Coming up this term:

- * Cross country representatives for Cumberland trials week two so keep training over the school break.
- * ANZAC Day school march this Saturday 25th at 8am Sydney St car park.
- * AFL Auskick coming this term. AFL year's 4-6 School program this term too.
- * P&C meeting postponed to next Monday night 27th May at 6pm. Parent and community members welcome.
- ★ Annual Sports day later this term
- ★ Monday Munchies is on next Monday 27th April, notes home today

Rod Finney
Principal

- **ANZAC Day Ceremony school hall Friday 24th April 2pm**
- **Cumberland Cross Country Trials Bucasia SS Thursday 30th April**

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

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EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE—TERM 2

Raedan, Riley

TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * **ANZAC Day Ceremony** — School hall at _____
- * **Monday Munchies** — Monday 27th April notes home today
- * **Cumberland Cross Country** — Bucasia SS Thursday 30th April

FLU INJECTIONS

Indigenous families only; if you would like a flu injection please come to the library on **Tuesday 28th April between 9-10am.**

CUMBERLAND CROSS COUNTRY

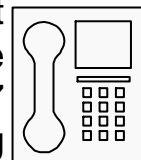


If you have received a medical form to participate in Cross Country at **Bucasia SS** next **Thursday 30th April.**

Please hand in your form to the office ASAP if you haven't done already done this. Also please make sure you have travel arrangements and go straight to Bucasia SS.

STUDENT ABSENCES/ CONTACT DETAILS

If your child/ren are absent from school please ring the **student absent line on 49657 360.** Admin will be contacting parents/caregivers daily if you haven't contacted the office if your child/ren are absent. If Admin couldn't get a hold of you, please write a note to your class teacher for the next day! Thanks!



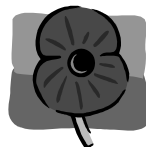
P&C NEWS



Chocolate Boxes — Please return any money or chocolates to the office by **Friday 24th April!**

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

All welcome to attend our **ANZAC Day** ceremony at our school in the hall on **Friday 24th April at 2pm.**



CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcome back for a wonderful term 2 here at Slade Point School.

I would like to encourage parents and students to get involved with the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for schools) testing for this term. These competitions are a way to recognise the talents and achievements of your child by issuing certificates for participation right through to High distinction level.

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. If we don't receive 3 entries, monies will be returned to the families who have brought their entry in. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Subject	Closing Date	Cost
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

Good luck to all participating students!

Mrs Jo Mian

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TOKENS: ONLY GREEN TOKENS FROM Monday 20th April can be placed in the box for the end of term 2 draw. Students need to remember that cards need to come to the office first placed in the Ice-Cream container on the counter (to be placed on our computer system); then go home to be signed by parents; and finally go in the boxes for the end of term draw. Congratulations to all those students who reached 25 tokens last term!

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Our gardening club will continue this term. We are going to be busy getting on top of the weeds that grew over the holidays. Then we will proceed to beautify the school grounds with new plants. Fun Friends program will commence with Year 2 on Friday mornings. The children who participated last year in the program had lots of fun as they learnt many skills to help them with personal and social development. It comes under the name of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Some of the benefits of SEL are listed here from the Pathways to Resilience Trust who provide the training for the Friends and other SEL programs.

What is Social and Emotional Learning?

* Various terms are used to describe Social and Emotional Learning including: personal and social development, emotional literacy, emotional intelligence, social and emotional competence and social, emotional and behavioural skills.

* Social and emotional learning is a process for helping students develop the knowledge, understandings and skills that support learning, positive behaviour and constructive social relationships.

* Social and emotional learning is an approach that teaches students to recognise, regulate and express the social and emotional aspects of their lives so they can operate successfully in the world and manage life tasks.

To operate successfully in the social world, students must build knowledge and understanding of their identity, how relationships are developed and the impact of social contexts on their decision making and behaviour.

Information about Fun Friends: The play-based program teaches children and their families practical, useful strategies for coping with stress, worry, fear and sadness through activities and experiential learning (i.e. use of puppets, storytelling, puppets, art, games). The overarching aim of Fun Friends is to increase social-emotional competence and resilience whilst decreasing and preventing worry and emotional distress. Research shows that as many as 20% of preschool-aged children already exhibit moderate to clinical levels of emotional and behavioural disturbance, indicating the importance of early intervention. Fun Friends aims to prevent the onset of later-life emotional and behavioural difficulties. Some of the skills taught in Fun Friends include:

- * Building a sense of identity;
 - * How to relax and self-soothe;
 - * Social skills;
 - * Recognising and regulating emotions in self and others;
 - * How to be kind, empathic, and make friends;
 - * How to be brave and try new things; and
 - * Positive coping strategies, including positive "green" thinking.
- The objectives of the program have been shown to be well-matched and complementary to educational goals and curriculum in schools for this age group.

Watch for more information about the fund raising for Chaplaincy this term – we are planning to hold a family BBQ and movie night here in the Hall on Saturday 23rd May.

Chappy Lyn

Get your family active and eating well

Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in Mackay in term 2, 2015. There is a few places available but get in quick, the group is filling up fast!

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

BOOK TRAILER COMPETITION

Registrations are open now and close on Saturday, June 27.

Pick up a participant's pack from any library branch for more information.

Need help creating your book trailer? Mackay Regional Council Libraries invite you to join Tristan Bancks via Google Hangouts for two workshops:

Storyboarding basics: Friday, June 5th Gordon White Library Meeting Room 4pm to 5.30pm

Tips and Tricks to Creating a LitVids Entry: Saturday, June 13

Gordon White Library IT Room 9.30am to 3pm
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