Hi Everyone,

School successful in grant submission: Just prior to the holidays two of our specialist staff Mrs McGovern and Mr Obst, applied for a medically based charity grant from the ‘Flagon and Dragon Mackay’ community organisation. Our grant was for $18,900 to put towards FM and teacher amplifier systems in every classroom and the music room. Well wonderful news, we were successful! These new systems will greatly assist the students hearing teacher instruction particularly when they have permanent hearing loss, middle ear infection or fluctuating hearing loss due to a cold or flu. Our school will be the only school in Mackay with this excellent teaching resource in every room. We expect the order to be filled in coming weeks and hopefully completely operational by the beginning of term 4. Congratulations Mrs McGovern and Mr Obst.

Cumberland sports postponed to next week: I was hoping to let you all know of our successes at the Cumberland Sub-district Athletics Championship this week but due to the rain the committee has had to postpone until next Monday. The event is held on Pioneer High school’s main oval and the condition of the running track was deemed to be unsafe in parts. So fingers crossed our selected students aged 9 years and up will be in action next week.

School fun ‘Writing competition’ leading into Olympics and after World Champion visits: This week on parade we had the privilege of having Melinda McCleod, 6 times World BMX Champion present her sister Mia Viti, with her 75 token silver award. Mel then thrilled the younger children with an inspiring speech and sharing her stories. Mel narrowly missed Olympic selection by a couple of inches and is on standby for Rio as first reserve in case of a training mishap. We are all very grateful to have had this moment to spend with her and wish her well in her career. With the Rio Olympics only three weeks away and our improvement focus on writing this year, we will be running another fun writing competition leading into the Olympics. More information will come out next week as the competition opens for all students.

Peace Patrol wonderful student support team: Our Peace Patrol Team is made up of selected students in years 5 and 6 who have been rostered on to assist our younger students during play breaks. These leaders are well trained to identify children who are feeling a little down or appear isolated during play time and provide fun enjoyable games with them. I am very proud of the progress our Peace Patrol members have made and how much you are appreciated by the students and staff.

Basketball reward seats this week: Congratulations to our 3 junior students and their parents for being selected by TJ and our other teacher aides for outstanding effort in group work. I trust you will love the game and the atmosphere this Saturday night.

This term:

- Cumberland sports day moved to Monday 25th July at Pioneer SHS
- P&C Mini-Olympics major fundraiser Friday 19th August
- AFL Auskick starts Monday 25th July
- Swimming years prep to year 4 starts on Tuesday 23rd August
- Year 4 camp Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September
- Culture Day Wednesday September 7th and tree planting day
- 25,50 and 75 token reward days end of term with attendance lunch

Rod Finney
STUDENT AWARDS
Jediah, Declan, Tristan H, Jessica, Kyle, Chance, Lilli, Tamanee

ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES WINNERS
1st Week: 5A! Well done!

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE
Hunter McE, Thomas R, Kelvin

SAPPHIRE BADGE
Blake

SILVER BADGE
Mia V

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2
* Pioneer SHS Year 7 2017 — Info session Wednesday 27th July 6pm
* P&C Meeting — Monday 1st August 6pm
* Monday Munchies — 1st August Ham & Cheese

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Last Friday, the eldest child of our families in Year 4, 5 & 6 was given a blue coloured letter to take home to parents outlining how to complete the annual School Opinion Survey. We encourage all parents/guardians to take a few minutes to complete this survey as your feedback is highly valued. If you require access to the internet or computers, the school is more than happy to assist.

SWIMMING LESSONS—2016
Swimming Lessons for Prep—year 4 will start in Term 3 on Tuesday 23rd August for 8 weeks until Tuesday 25th October.
Payment $78: If you wish to start making payments, weekly/fortnightly please put money inside an envelope with your child’s name/class/swimming into the green box in the office. An invoice has been handed out to those students. We also have the option for centre pay. Please come to the office if you require a form.

“YEAR 7 2017” PIONEER STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Students interested in attending Pioneer SHS in 2017 are able to download an enrolment form from our website. For further information, contact us on 4955 9222. An information session is on Wednesday 27th July 6pm.

“YEAR 7 2017” MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Enrolment information and forms can be obtained from the school website enrolments section.
Scholarships: All applications must be handed into Mackay North SHS office by 26th August or can be emailed to scholarships@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

BASKETBALL — MACKAY METEORS
The next game is on this Saturday night 23rd July at 8pm for anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets are available at the stadium on the night or if you wish to buy them earlier during the week, please go to the stadium and the cost is $15 per adult. Prices vary from a family pass/children, please ask at the stadium. Please come along and support TJ and our Mackay Meteors!

TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS
The year 4, 5 & 6 students had a fantastic competition on the last day of Term 2. Game 1 saw Sladey Rocks up against the Sladey Cheetahs with the Cheetahs coming out on top.
Game 2 was the Slade Point Panthers versus the Sladey Stingers. The Panthers won 8 points to 2. We then pitted the Rocks against the Stingers with the Rocks winning by just 1 point. The grand final was the Cheetahs vs The Panthers with the Cheetahs winning in a close game.
The great exhibition game was a group of Year 4 & 5 students against a teacher/parent/sibling team. The teachers team won in a close game 3 to 2. Many thanks to Jason Miller our guest referee and to Fiona Forrest, Mandy Doull, Tom Irelandes and Alex Finney for participating in a fun game. There will be our annual Milo Cup Basketball game at the end of the year.

INVOICES/PAYMENTS
If you receive an invoice for Swimming, Instrumental Music, Camps etc, if you need to make part payments, please contact us in the office. We accept weekly/fortnightly payments. We also have Centrepay, if you need a form or anymore questions please come and see us in the office. Direct debit and cash only we accept. No EFTPOS facilities available.

YEAR 1 FIRE EXCURSION
Planning meeting next Friday 22nd July at 2pm in the hall. All welcome to come along with any new ideas. Afternoon tea is provided. Thanks Vicki Webster

CULTURE DAY—WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER
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