



To the Point

09/ 2017 22nd March 2017

Hi Everyone,

Annual cross country this week: Mr McDowall has set the same course as past years with some older students racing around our fence line along the footpath. We have set the date for this Thursday at 1.30pm being the first race for our youngest children on the oval. The children have been reminded to have their hat and a small water bottle and tie up shoes. We are always needing parent support to help 'man' some key points around the track and help keep the left over students contained in their house areas so if you can assist, please see Mr McDowall or contact the office.

- **Year 4 Gala Day
Friday 24th
March**
- **P&C meeting
Monday 27th
March 6pm!**

Year 5/6 biennial camp fundraiser this Saturday at Bunnings north side:

Miss Usher and Mr McDowall are raising much needed funds for the year 5/6 camp to Fairbairn Dam. The bus cost alone is several thousand dollars. Come along and support our year 5/6 families and school staff at Bunnings north side this Saturday.

Principal's Fun Writing competition closed last Friday: Several entries in the Principal's Fun writing competition were collected last Friday. Presentations will occur on next Monday's parade. Congratulations to all who entered with the topic – What I love about my school! Also presentations to the storybook dress up winners will be on our behaviour parade tomorrow morning at 8.40am.

Reminder P&C Annual General Meeting postponed to Monday March 27th: I encourage all parents, staff and community members to come along and join our Parents and Citizens Association. We are seeking a new president with our long serving outgoing president Michael McGrath needing to step down due to work commitments. The meeting starts promptly in the staffroom at 6pm on Monday the 27th of March.

Financial Auditor here next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Every three years the Departments Finance auditor visits for a couple of days. Mrs Reck and I will be considerably busy with Mr Staunton on Monday the 27th, Tuesday the 28th or Wednesday the 29th next week. Parents, if you require an appointment with me on these three days please book in for Ms Sharon Bond or Mrs Fettel on Tuesday or Wednesday.

School excursions and representative events behaviour reminder: Students with representative season commencing for several cultural and sporting events, I would like to remind you that approval to leave the school grounds for a class excursion/ camp/ musical or sporting event is dependent on the level of trust placed in you as a school representative. In general, any student who is suspended, received a red or several orange cards this term has not demonstrated appropriate school behaviours. Individually, the circumstances of each case is assessed by me and a decision is made based on the safety of all concerned whilst outside the school. I wish you the very best when participating in extra-curricular activities as these are often the most wonderful learning opportunities.

Ride to school day this Friday 24th March at 8am: Due to the weather we have been unable to hold our annual get fit and safe cycling, Ride to School Day. Weather pending, I will meet students and parents with their bike and helmet on at the service station on Slade Point Road at 8am and Ms A will meet students outside the bowls club at 8am as well.

Coming up:

- Friday 24th March - Ride to school day was postponed due to weather
- P&C Easter raffle underway. Annual General Meeting Monday 27th March

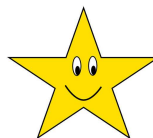
Happy Learning.

Rod Finney
Principal

Slade Point

STUDENT AWARDS

Isaiah, Amaya, Jake,
Caius, Nasir, Blake, Mark,
Ethan



ATTENDANCE — ICE BLOCK WINNERS

8th Week: **2A! Well done!**

EMERALD AWARDS TERM 1

Congratulations to Maureen, Seth L,
Locke, Lara, Josh L

BLITZ WINNERS

Eli & Lara

ADMIN NEWS

- **Diaries:** Please pay \$7 to the office if you haven't paid.
- **Year 5/6 camp:** Green notes have gone home with the invoice. Some parents will get the invoice emailed to them. We are asking for \$50 by the end of Term 1. Please pay by Tuesday 28th March and the form to the office. We do accept part payments and bank transfer or cash. No EFTPOS available!
- **Year 5/6 sausage sizzle Bunning's North Mackay:** Is on this Saturday 25th March. Come along and support the students.

MONDAY MUNCHIES

Monday Munchies will be on Monday 27th March! Ham and Cheese only. Notes home next week.



DENTAL FORMS

Dental forms have been handed to students. If you would like your child/ren to visit the van here at school in Term 2 please fill out the form and put it into the dental van box in the office by **Thursday 30th March**. They will not accept late payments.



P&C NEWS

- **P&C AGM is next Monday March 27th.** Please meet at the staff room at the main administration at 5:55pm for a 6pm start. All positions will be vacated. President, Secretary & Treasurer. A new position of Fundraising coordinator will be also be appointed at the AGM. The P&C will also seek to appoint two parents to the tuck shop menu committee. We invite all parents, carers and community member to attend. The AGM will be followed by a normal P&C meeting. Thank you in advance for your support Michael McGrath P&C President.

- **Easter Raffle:** Blue forms have been sent home for students to sell raffle tickets. Please remember to bring the forms and money back to school so we can allocate the tickets to everyone that buys a ticket. **All forms and money are due by Monday 27th March.** Also if you do not wish to participate please still write your students name on the form and cross out the box and sign where provided so we know that you're not selling raffle tickets.



- **Chocolate Box Drive:** The chocolate box drive has started. If your student would like to sell chocolates a parent must accompany him/her after school to pick up the box to sell.



- **Uniform Shop:** Open Monday and Friday's only from 8am to 9am, located at the P&C room. Down near the year 1&2 classrooms. We have old stock uniform shirts, sport shirts, dresses and hats for \$10 each. We are trying to sell all of the old stock before the new stock arrives next term.

Prep photos in the Daily Mercury today, Wednesday 22nd March!

EARTH HOUR 2017

Saturday Mar 25th 8:30 – 9:30pm

In 2017 we are celebrating 10 years of Earth Hour. We are encouraging families to "SWITCH OFF" all electricity for 1 hour. Turn off air conditioners, lights, fans, televisions etc from 8:30 – 9:30pm on Saturday night. The aim of this is to reduce climate change in our local environment. Our actions on climate change will shape the future for our children. This year's theme is about how our actions today will have a big impact on our future planet. You could spend Earth Hour at an outdoor place you love like the beach, the local park or even your backyard or balcony to have a discussion about what the future will be like, and the clean and green world we want for our future.

CASUAL POSITION VACANT



A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Slade Point State Primary School.

The School Crossing Supervisor will be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for

School Crossing Supervisors are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and usually comprise of 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon on alternant weeks, Commencement date (to be advised) with a Pay Rate of \$28.89 per hour.

The successful applicants will be dependent on: The suitable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; (this is paid by the Department)

A Positive Blue Card Notice (This is also paid by the Department and means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the School administration or contact Karen Cantoni (Road Safety officer) on 49 518331.

The School Crossing Supervisors Application is to be returned to the School for the school Principal's recommendation.

CROSS COUNTRY—TERM 1



Cross Country is held on **Thursday 23rd March** 1:30pm start, parents all welcome to attend!

MACKAY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Well done to Krystal Miller from Year 4 who has made the Girls soccer team.



TERM 1 DATES

- **Sausage Sizzle Year 5/6 camp:** Saturday 25th March at Bunnings North Mackay
- **Cross Country:** Thursday 23rd March 1:30pm start
- **Year 4 Gala Day:** Friday 24th March. Please return your notes and \$5
- **Attendance Lunch:** Wednesday 29th March
- **Emerald Rewards Day:** Thursday 30th March
- **Movie Draw/ Last day of Term 1:** Friday 31st March

TERM 2 DATES

- **ANZAC Day:** Monday 24th April in the hall time TBC
- **Mercy College:** Tuesday 2nd May Enrolment Info Night
- **NAPLAN Tests:** Year 3 & 5 Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th May
- **Mackay North SHS:** Enrolments/ School Tour Junior Secondary area Wednesday 17th May 5pm — 6:30pm
- **Bookfair:** Monday 22nd May — Friday 26th May
- **Year 4 Bike Ed:** Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th June
- **Instrumental Music Camp:** Monday 19th — Wednesday 21st June