Hi Everyone,

Captains and House Captains presentation: This week Mr Alan Whitfield, the Assistant Regional director presented our school leaders with their badges. The badge was pinned on by a family representative or Mr Whitfield. The selected children were reminded of their commitment to the role as school leaders but that no-one is perfect. We all make mistakes and a good leader learns from theirs.

Congratulations to the elected students: Mason O’Connor (Vice-School Captain), Aorangi Sellars-Peepe (Vice-School Captain), Neil Lagos (School Captain) and Libby Surha (School Captain)

Congratulations to the elected students: Nasonah Kris & Kira Belleville (Hook House Captains), Lili Stien-Lehmann & Mere Sellars-McCulloch (Hayman House Captains) and Serege Larry & Blayne Tonga (Lindeman House Captains)

We also introduced the children to a new committee formed this year, the School Student Council: Two children from each class in years 2 to 6 were selected by their classmates to represent them and their ideas at student council meetings. The first meeting was held last week and there are several great ideas I will be discussing with the P&C next month. Well done teachers and students for commencing this initiative.

Gold Coast Suns to visit Thursday: This Thursday we will be visited by the elite AFL players from the Gold Coast Suns. They are visiting Mackay as a brief stopover in pre-season training and scouting for up and coming talent. We are very fortunate to be selected for a school visit. I am sure our students will make them feel welcome and show them the respect special visitors deserve.

PBL School rule expectation for the week: This week the PBL Program focus as mentioned on parade is Be a good learner - all students have the right to learn.

P&C executive presented on parade: This week Mr McGrath introduced our executive team on parade. Please support our parents with any ideas or help you can provide make 2015 a successful one for the students.

New line marking around school: With new car park spaces marked and signage the P&C and I would like to give all parents a general reminder to be careful to park in the designated spaces provided to avoid receiving a parking infringement from the police. Dotted yellow lines are hazard areas allowing for 5 minute set down only. Avoid parking in front of the school gate where there is no parking space painted. Thank you for your assistance as it has taken the P&C many years of requests to finally have safe parking areas.

Rod Finney
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Declan, Isabelle, Djarot, Lane, Jada, Lilli, Jazz, Ella

ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCK WINNERS
4th Week: 5B! Well done!

BUNNING’S SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Saturday 21st March 8am is our 1st fundraiser for our year 5/6 camp. Please return the roster if you are able to help on this day to Miss Usher.

YEAR FIVE/SIX CAMP—FAIRBAIRN DAM
We are planning a year 5/6 camp to Fairbairn Dam again this year — Term 3. Information will be sent home to the year 5/6 parents as soon as possible.
We will also be asking for parents to help us to do fundraising.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking day is Thursday. Please put your bank books in the green box in the office. If you would like an account application form please come into the office.

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL
If your child/ren are late to school after 8:45am please come to the office to collect a late slip. DO NOT go straight to the classroom.

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. Thank-you Admin. If Admin couldn’t get a hold of you, please write a note to your class teacher for the next day!

CONTACT DETAILS: Please make sure your phone numbers/addresses are up to date in the office. If an emergency, we can’t contact you if the phone numbers are not up to date!

INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS
If your child/ren have brought home an internet agreement form, please fill it out ASAP and return it to their teacher or the office. It allows the students to have access to the computers within the school.

QLD PCYC SAFETY CIRCUS
PCYC Sergeant Nigel Dalton will present the safety circus to our year 3 students in the hall on this Thursday 26thFebruary. Parents/guardians are welcome to come along if you have a student in Year 3 only!

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Choral Festival is on March 22nd and 23rd – permission notes due to Mrs Miller ASAP and $20 to the office.

ANZAC 100, MACKAY REMEMBERS
In the Foyer of the old Mackay Town Hall are 14 marble panels inscribed with the names of those men and women from Mackay and District who enlisted in the First World War, Mackay and District World War 1 Honour Roll in foyer of Old Town Hall, with 1592 soldiers’ names.

PLAYGROUP—HAS MOVED CLASSROOMS!!
Wednesday 1-3pm every week of term. Free to attend. Please bring a hat, enclosed shoes and a drink bottle. We meet downstairs in B Block.
Please go to the office if you need directions. Parents supervision required for the duration of the playgroup.

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY
Clean up school day is on Friday 27th February during school time. Medical forms have been sent home to students in Year 4-6. Please fill the form ASAP and return it to your teacher so you are able to leave the school grounds on Friday. Parents/caregivers are able to give your class a hand by helping to clean up, please see your child/ren’s class teacher.

P&C NEWS
* P&C brochure info booklet has been sent home to each family. If you would like to donate $15 per family, please hand back your envelope with your name on front and cash inside and hand it into the Brown P&C Box in the office.
* Chocolate Boxes are to arrive shortly. If you would like a box to sell please fill out the fundraising section on the back of the P&C levy form and return it to the office ASAP.
* Monday Munchies is on next Monday 2nd March.

CHAPLAIN NEWS
I am very happy with the behavior the children are displaying in the School Community. They are embracing the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and as a result we have a harmonious environment in which they can learn and thrive.
We have formed a gardening club and there are many enthusiastic students putting in a good effort in lunch times and Fridays. Ms Armstrong’s class also assists on Fridays and we now have the Cultural Garden looking clean and tidy. We have also started a Tropical Garden near Admin.
The Peace Patrol students are assisting me to present the Value on Parade each week. At the moment we are re-visiting “Have you Filled a Bucket”. Many parents passed favorable comments last year about the way their child embraced the concept. It is an easy way for children to visualize the effect their behavior has on others and themselves. I hope to hear some great bucket-filling stories from the students.
The more we can help children grow in their understanding of the effect their behavior has on others happiness, and that they have control over their behavior, the more they will be influenced towards leading contented and happy lives filled with good relationships and friendships.
Chappy Lyn

COMMUNITY NOTICES
RSPCA—Million Paws Walk
Sunday 17th May Gooseponds (Pool end) Malcomson St, North Mackay. Register and fundraise now at: millionpawswalk.com.au for your chance to win an overseas holiday.

WAKAKIRRI 2015
Our school would like to enter Wakakirri 2015 – Australia’s search for the best Story-Dance! Wakakirri is an annual performing arts festival for primary schools. Each year hundreds of schools across Australia perform in Professional Theatres for audiences of family, friends and the official Wakakirri ‘search’ Panel. Rehearsals will begin term 2 and run for 12 weeks on (approx. day and time). Our school will be performing at (theatre name) (in month). Wakakirri is a non-compulsory extra curricular activity for interested students. Participation numbers are limited and done on a first in first served basis. The total cost per student will be $100. This includes 12 rehearsals with an accredited Wakakirri specialist, costumes, makeup and performance day. Parents can buy tickets to performance day.