



To the Point

23/ 2017 24th July 2017

• School Photos—
next Thursday!

Hi Everyone,

Book launch shines light on our talented students!

During term 2 a number of our students provided illustrations for the Mackay Early Years Language and Literacy Network – *Paint the Town REaD project*. Yesterday, our Head of Curriculum Teacher Mrs Fettell along with 4 of our student illustrators attended a book launch at the Mackay Regional Council Library’s Story Time. Copies of the book will be formally presented to all contributing illustrators **this coming Monday** afternoon at a special 2.30pm parade by our Mayor, Greg Williamson. There are two versions of the story written for our early years students and for our middle to upper primary students. This is a unique opportunity for our students to have contributed to a professionally presented story book. I am confident copies of the story will sit on book shelves for many generations to come along and discover the magic of story time.

Mackay athletics championship held this week.

This week I will be officiating at the Annual Mackay District sports day. I would like to congratulate several of our children selected at the Cumberland trial last Thursday who will represent all our local cluster schools to take on the rest of Mackay elite athletes. Good luck on your performance.

Culture Day fast approaching on September 6th.

Each year our school opens our classroom doors to our school community and invited guests to take part in a wonderful learning experience. This experience is the culmination of hard work studying cultures from around the world and here at home and sharing this through classroom displays. We then ask our parents and staff to contribute special dishes from their countries to share in a communal lunch. The day then concludes with several traditional cultural dances. So mark this date in your calendar as this is one of the unique opportunities our school offers every year. Grandparents and relatives are always welcome on culture day. *Any parents who can assist with dance practice or helping prepare our classrooms please come in and see you classroom teacher.*

Parent opinion surveys out today

Every year the State government surveys parents and staff about our school and this is done through an on-line service. Each family receives an individual log-in to complete the survey questions with this newsletter. The school library computers are available all of next week for any parents before or after school to come in and use. We can assist you with logging-in and help you navigate to the site if needed. Your opinion is highly valued as we are very proud of our school performance and what we offer for our students. We are a family school with strong traditions.

Year 4 and year 5/6 camps this term.

Every year our year 4 students have a valuable opportunity to learn about our local Eungella rainforest and the farming area that provides milk to our local supermarkets. Also every second year our teachers fundraise and plan for our traditional week long camping experience to Fairbairn Educational centre at Fairbairn Dam outside Emerald. As with all excursions our school policy permitting students to attend such trips is dependent on each child demonstrating trustworthy behaviours whilst at school. So continue to work hard children as these camping memories will last you a life time.

Prep to year 4 Swimming starts this term with a surprise bonus for parents.

Recently I applied for on behalf of the school and was successful in a Federal Government sporting schools grant worth \$3000 to help lower the cost of our annual swimming lessons to parents. Mrs Reck and I have set the price for transport and 8 swimming lessons at Marlin Swim School prior to the grant but expect at the end of the sessions there will be a small bonus reimbursing parents. Learning to swim is the most important skill our Australian curriculum delivers.

With flu season upon us look after yourself by washing your hands before eating, cover up when sneezing or coughing using your arm sleeve and rest when needed. Best of luck.

Mr Finney (Principal)

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Several families have overdue accounts with the school. Can parents please pay these as soon as possible so that the school can pay our invoices — especially for the school diary. If a payment system is required, please call to the school office. Centrelink deductions are also available.

ALL ACCOUNTS



ARE NOW DUE

Slade Point

“Caring, Sharing, Learning Together”

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Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 1st.
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

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STUDENT AWARDS WEEK

Eli, Jessiah, Credence,
Josh A, Summer, Ammy,
Balén, Locke



EMERALD AWARDS

Cooper

SAPPHIRES BADGES

Douglas and Bree

PLAYGROUP

PLAY GROUP Playgroup will be on each **Wednesday** at **9-11am** in B Block—the Blue building. *All Welcome!*

SWIMMING 2017

Swimming notes have been sent home to parents. **Cost is \$77.** Medical forms will go home next month. You can pay this off weekly/ fortnightly/ centrepay. Swimming starts on **Tuesday 22nd August.**



PHOTO ENVELOPES



Photo envelopes have been sent home with students. Please complete them and return to the office before / on photo day.

REaD Presentation

A presentation to our students at book launch.



MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Mackay North SHS Enrolment process for students entering Year 7 in 2018.

The enrolment process for Mackay North SHS is underway. Enrolment forms and information can be found on Mackay North SHS school website at www.macknortshs.eq.edu.au

We will be running five tours over the course of the rest of the year. We will be running interviews after these tours to meet your students. Each tour will start promptly at 4:30pm.

Tour Dates – 6th September, and 25th October. We would encourage you to make one of these tours, prior to **Orientation Day on the 28th November.**

For any information regarding the enrolment process, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 49631666.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **Thursday 3rd August** every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees. For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child's shootkey. Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school. If your child has been photographed in a special group (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

CULTURE DAY

Culture day is on **Wednesday 6th September.** Helpers are needed for each class for the day. Please see Mrs Adjrun.



COMMUNITY FAIR/ SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are holding a School Fundraiser/ Market Day/Garage Sale on **Saturday October 21st** and everyone is welcome to attend! On the day we will be having a BBQ, coffee van, face painting, market stalls, Dunk Tank, Jumping Castle, fairy floss + more.

If you would like to have a car boot or a market stall please contact Christine in the office.

COMING SOON!

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD 2017

Wednesday 11th October – 8.30am – Recorder Ensemble and String Ensemble

Friday 20th October – 8.30am – Sladey Singers



CAMP AUSTRALIA

OPEN DAYS - Before and After School Care.

Our Before and After School Care program is having Open Days on the **Monday 31st July and Monday 7th August.** Parents and Carers are invited to come along and meet the Coordinator, ask questions, and see what happens in our great program each school day. We are situated in the School's Assembly Hall and the times are from 6.30am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Please come along and check out what's on offer.



TERM 3 DATES

- **School Photos** — Thursday 3rd August
- **P&C Meeting** — Monday 7th August 6pm
- **Monday Munchies** — Monday 7th August
- **MOB** — Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August
- **5/6 Camp Bunning's Sausage Sizzle** — Saturday 19th August North Mackay
- **Prep—Year 4 swimming starts** — Tuesday 22nd August
- **1A & 2A Freckle Farm** — Friday 24th August
- **Big Sing** — Wednesday 30th August—Friday 1st September
- **Culture Day** — Wednesday 6th September
- **Year 4 Eungella Camp** — Thursday 7th & Friday 8th September
- **Attendance Lunch** — Monday 11th September 10:45 –11:30am
- **Rewards Day** — 25, 50, 75 tokens Thursday 14th September
- **Last day of Term 3** — Friday 15th September