Hi Everyone,

The Angels voices descended from heaven: This was the image I had when I sat in the audience last night at the Mackay Entertainment Centre watching our Sladie Singers choir performing in the choral festival. The night is about the love of singing and sharing this with 22 other primary schools across our district. The girls had practised for two days commencing on Sunday with renowned Australian composer and song writer, Paul Jarman. The hard work well and truly paid off with the children singing several beautiful pieces of music. Many thanks must go to our extraordinary music teacher Mrs Linda Miller for leading the children over the two days. I am very proud of you girls.

Emerald award winners list grows: We are all very pleased as a staff to see the wall of fame board in the office increase in student photographs. With the final two weeks of school upon us and reward day looming next week, students are desperately trying their very best to achieve the necessary green cards for this terms cut-off date next week. If your child doesn’t quite make the 25 green tokens then we don’t despair, the score continues to carry through to next term and beyond. I congratulate the following students for achieving their Emerald Award: Harper, Kayden, Neil, Blake, Mia and Jaezel.

Positive Behaviour for Learning School rule expectation for the week: Our Positive Behaviour lessons this week focussed on Being Safe – Keeping your hands, feet and body to yourself and not invading the space of others. I reminded our taller and larger students to be mindful of your space when moving around the school particularly when smaller students are around you. I also reminded the children last Thursday to be ever vigilant when crossing the roads by holding someone’s hand and use the crossing supervisor.

Harmony Day celebration last Friday: Can I congratulate the parents, staff and children for celebrating Harmony Day in the right spirit. Harmony day each year is a day to reflect and appreciate the many cultures that form our nation. Special thanks to the ‘Kindy kids’ for being a part of the whole school photo.

Mr Finney absent later this week: Just a brief note to let parents know I will be out of the school this coming Thursday and Friday. Please keep in contact with your class teacher as always if you have any concerns. Mrs Davy will be the teacher in charge in my absence.

Teacher planning this week: With a strong focus on writing, reading and numeracy across our school the teachers are working closely planning for lessons with Mrs Mian our Head of curriculum this week. I congratulate all our students nearing the second five week unit. A brief ‘interim report’ will come out the first week back after the holidays. A special thank you to our year 3 and 5 students who are focussing heavily on the National Tests coming up in term two. Their efforts are combined to give us the mean average across the year level so their strong support for each other is very pleasing.

Attendance brekky next Thursday week 10: For our attendance this term we will be including those children who have attended for 95% of school days. Next term we be making some changes to our attendance selection policy.

Rod Finney
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS

Nouha, Ella, Eve, Blair, Coen, Zaleah, Maddie, Serege

ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCK WINNERS

8th Week: PYA! Well done!

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE—TERM 1

Javen, Kawarni, Rizia, Harper, Kayden, Neil, Blake, Mia and Jaezel.

YEAR FIVE/SIX CAMP—FAIRBAIRN DAM

Green notes have been handed to Year 5/6 students to go to Emerald for camp in Term 3. Please pay by Wednesday 1st April to secure your place. If we do not receive number of students we will cancel the camp!

TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Cross Country — Wednesday 25th March 1:15pm—parents are welcome to watch
- Prep Photos in Daily Mercury — Wednesday 25th March
- Free Dress Day — Friday 27th March—Gold coin donation
- School Disco — Friday 27th March—Hall 5-7pm
- Monday Munchies — Monday 30th March
- Easter Bonnet Parade — Tuesday 31st March
- Parade — Tuesday 31st March (not Monday)
- Attendance Breakfast 95% - Thursday 2nd April 8am Hall
- 25' Tokens Reward Morning — Thursday 2nd April 9:30am at McCreadys Creek
- Last day of Term 1 — Thursday 2nd April
- School Resumes — Monday 20th April—Term 2 (not a pupil free day)

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 — Once you have sold the box please return the envelope with the money inside to the office ASAP. Money due back by Monday 30th March!

CROSS COUNTRY

OUR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY IS TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 1st April 1:15PM ON THE OVAL. You can wear your house shirt if you wish. Please remember a hat, water bottle and running shoes. The shirts are available for purchase at PSW (was known as Marvic) on Evans Ave, North Mackay.

- Asthma: If your child/ren has asthma, please make sure they have their own asthma puffers with them while on the cross country course.

SCHOOL DISCO — FRIDAY 27TH MARCH HALL 5-7PM

Entry: $2 Food: Pizza $1.50/slice Drinks: $2

Glow products from the Student Council are for sale on the night:

- $0.50 or 3 for $1 — Glow Sticks
- $2.50 — Flashing Necklace
- $2.50 — Flashing Teeth

PREP PHOTOS — DAILY MERCURY

Cherish these milestones forever with your own copy of My Prep Year 2015. Appearing in the Daily Mercury tomorrow Wednesday March 25th.

REWARDS DAY—EMERALD AWARD

Students who have reached 25 tokens so far, have brought home a medical form to attend to McCreadys’s Creek on Thursday 2nd April leaving school at 9:30am and returning around 11am. Please return your medical forms to the office by Tuesday 31st March. (some notes had the date Thursday 1st April) It meant to say THURSDAY 2ND APRIL!

SUNGLASSES — OFFICE

We have a pair of Black Ray Ban sunglasses at the office. If you own them please come to the office to collect them.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

On Parade this week we completed our series on “Have you filled a bucket today” for this year. The main points for this week were concerning facts of living. I explained it is helpful if you are aware of some major disappointments most people share. That you can’t control everything and there are some situations that you must accept and then move on:

10 FACTS OF LIVING

1. Some people will be your good friends and some will not.
2. Sometimes even good friends and family will let you down. Sometimes you will let them down, too.
3. Sometimes you’ll make the team, and sometimes you won’t.
4. Sometimes you’ll win, and sometimes you’ll lose.
5. Some people you like won’t like you back.
6. Sometimes you’ll work hard and get a good grade, and sometimes you’ll work hard and not get a good grade.
7. Some people will judge you even before they get to know you.
8. Some people will say or do things that hurt you very much.
9. Some things in life are just not fair.
10. No one gets to choose the body or the talents they are born with, only what they do with them.

- Please remember special Parade next Tuesday (not Monday). Easter Hat Parade for whole school — prizes for different age groups and all contestants will get a small prize. **Easter Bonnets are a home project & $2 entry fee.
- Classes from Prep and Prep1 will be presenting an item on Parade to complete our Bucket Fillers Series. Please come along to encourage your child.

Chappy Lyn

LIBRARY NEWS

Come along to Dads Read at the Footy.

When: Saturday 28 March, 2015
Time: 4:00pm — 7:30pm | Mackay Stadium

Free Dads Read activities and giveaways will be available from the Community Corner at the Mackay Stadium on Saturday 28 March.

What’s on? Be part of the big read at Mackay Stadium. Make sure you arrive when the gates open and you will receive a free award-winning children’s picture book to keep. At half time the CEO of the Mackay Cutters — Ross Aldridge, will share why he’s a reading dad and how this simple activity can make a difference for children across the region.

Dads Read at the Community Corner: Come and see us at the Community Corner for free giveaways, posters, tattoos, balloons and more, plus lots of great ideas and tips for encouraging dads to read more and why it’s important.

But wait, there’s more: Make sure you grab a postcard from the Dads Read stand, complete your details and return it to your local Mackay library and you’ll receive an activity pack filled with many more exciting resources to support reading and talking with your children from birth. Packs are limited so make sure you visit your library soon!

HARMONY DAY — FRIDAY 20TH MARCH!

The whole school including the Kindergarten made the letters of Harmony Day!

ANZAC DAY

Yellow notes have been sent home. Please fill out the sheet indicating if your children are going to participate in the ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25th April with the school. To the office by Tuesday 31st March.

PIONEER SHS—TEACHER AIDE—SEU

The total number of hours available will be a mix of permanent and temporary hours per week. These are part-time positions. Interested applicants are required to collect an information package from school office, between 8.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday—Friday. Applications close 3.00 pm on 2 April, 2015 and must be addressed to:

The Business Services Manager
Pioneer State High School
PO Box 8279
Mt Pleasant Qld 4740