

# To the Point

35/ 2016 24th November 2016

- Year 6 Orientation day Tuesday 29th November
- Xmas Concert Wednesday 30th November

Hi Everyone,

**Preparation for end of year functions and planning for 2017 well underway:** With only two and half weeks to go this year, my staff have been very busy with installing the latest attendance program, preparing for the Christmas concert, booking reward day venues and transport, completing school reporting procedures, selecting school leaders, taking new enrolments, establishing before and after-school care and preparing for our Annual School Awards. With all of this happening I am busily managing staff retiring or transferring and coordinating classes for next year. We are hoping to have 8 classes again in 2017 but would love to encourage more children to come and experience what Slade Point School has to offer. We also love including those children not living in Slade Point area to be a part of our school family as long as they believe in our three school rules; be a learner, be respectful and be safe. We are very proud of the children's achievements with 2016 being our most successful for school results in academic, sporting and cultural areas. We are an inclusive school and look forward to the new opportunities 2017 will bring.

**Annual Christmas concert a community affair this year:** Recently I was asked by our hard working Neighbourhood Watch Association if we would like to open our school to the wider community for a Slade Point Community Christmas event. I believe our school should be the focal point for any such event as we have always opened our doors to the broader community. The modern day school is not only a place of learning for children, it can be for adults as well. In past years we have run parent classes in computers and parenting tips. Early next year we are planning on offering general health and safety in the home for any members of the public to attend. So next Wednesday at 5:30pm through until around 7.30pm, our school grassed area is the place to be. Bring along a comfortable chair or blanket and your festive spirit to be a part of the spin and win a ham and a Santa bag for the children.

**New water coolers to be installed:** The school community market day raised over \$3000 for the student council. The children had been fundraising for a new water cooler. Our P&C team came on board and offered an incentive to buy a second water cooler for the covered area matching the children's money dollar for dollar. So Mr Bailey and Ms Armstrong have ordered two schmicko shiny new water coolers which will be installed soon.

**Book fair best ever:** Congratulations to Mrs Davy and her hard working team that toiled away for a week before and after school selling over two thousand dollar's worth of books from the latest book fair. With this amount sold, we were able to purchase over \$600 of new books for our awesome library.

**Coming up this term:**

- Year 6 Orientation days to North High, Pioneer & Northern Beaches High School Tuesday 29th November 8:30am
- Christmas concert Wednesday night 5:30pm on the 30th November
- Monday 5th of December 9am School Annual Awards Parade
- Reports cards & book lists go home — Tuesday 6th December
- Rewards day Wednesday 7th December
- Year 6 Graduation dinner at Mackay Surf Club – Wednesday 7th December
- Attendance lunch Thursday 8th December

See you at the Christmas concert.

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

*"Caring, Sharing, Learning Together"*

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## STUDENT AWARDS

Hunter, Chloe, Bailey, Usai,  
Reece, Ethan M, Ivanna, Tamanee



## ATTENDANCE — ICE BLOCKS WINNERS



7th Week: P/1B! Well done!

## EMERALD AWARD

Cody, Brendan

## SAPPHIRE BADGE

Thomas R, Reon, Tamara

## SILVER BADGE

Braxton

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

- Mackay North SHS, Pioneer SHS & Northern Beaches SHS— Year 7— 2017 Orientation Tuesday 29th November. Please arrive at either of those high schools by 8:30am to the hall area.
- Xmas Concert — Wednesday 30th November 5:30pm
- Year 6 lunch @ Sorbello's — Friday 2nd December
- Awards Day — Monday 5th December
- Reports Cards/ Book lists — Tuesday 6th December 2:50pm
- Rewards Day — Wednesday 7th December
- Year 6 Dinner — Wednesday 7th December at the Surf Club 6:30pm
- Attendance Lunch — Thursday 8th December 10:45am hall

## THANK-YOU



Thank-you to Margot Reeves who came last Friday to apply make-up on the Year 6 girls.

## P&C NEWS

- The P&C has voted to run a Uniform shop in 2017 that will be the exclusive supplier of a variety of clothing items to the school. A full clothing range pricelist will be made available later this term. 400 of the new design school shirts have been ordered for 2017. They are scheduled to arrive in January. We have allowed for 2 shirts per student in the first order. **Please get your orders forms and payment in by November 30.** For 2016 the P&C can only accept cash payments or funds transfer via Internet banking. We are investigating other payment options for 2017. For banking details please email [spspandcsec@y7mail.com](mailto:spspandcsec@y7mail.com) 2017 will be the transition year for uniforms and all student will be wearing the new design shirts by 2018.

## \*\*TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE\*\*

**Parents/ Guardians:** We have a new text message service which has commenced last week. Please make sure your **mobile numbers** are up to date. If your student/s are absent from school and no phone call has been made to the absent line/office, you will receive a text message. Please reply to the text with students name and reason. Please save this number 0428 264742 for future reference, you may also send an SMS for an earlier absence.

The text message service will help us if your child/ren have no lunch, forgotten homework or is in sick bay. Please contact the school if you receive a message regarding one of these matters on 49657 333. Thanks Admin



## PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

If your child is born between **1st July 2011** and **30th June 2012** they are **ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2017.** Please call to the office for an enrolment pack.



## \*\*YR 6 DINNER NIGHT\*\*



Year 6 dinner is on **Wednesday 7th December, Surf Club** at the Harbour at **6:30pm.**

Invitations have been sent out to students.

**Cost:** \$25 per adult and \$8 per student.

\*Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. **This money is due this Friday 25th November. We will not be accepting late payments!**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Please come and bring your family to the Christmas concert **Wednesday 30th November at 5:30pm** - meet on the grass area near CGA.



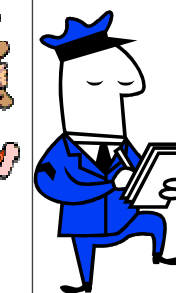
Hot food and cold drinks available. Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Students to wear free dress, otherwise advised by teachers. Christmas shirts if possible.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to John Paap for life long membership for Mackay District Sport.

## 'Stop the Thief'



In recent months the Slade Point Community has been victim to a large number of property crimes that have been committed by opportunistic thieves. These person are targeting vehicles and houses that are left insecure. The 'opportunistic thief' will move from street to street testing car doors and windows/doors of a house

to see if these are unlocked. Once they have found an unlocked house or car door/window, they will enter the car or house for a very brief amount of time and will take any items of value they find, mainly cash, phones, cigarettes and keys. The offenders for these crimes are hard to detect as they are not usually causing damage to 'break in' to the house or car, so they are often not seen or heard committing these offences.

I would like to encourage all residents in the Slade Point Community to actively take ownership of their property and their community by doing the following:

1. Look: Look at your property (house/car) as a thief would. What is not secured that they could take; what is lying around your property that they could use to help them gain entry to your house/car.
2. Remove: Keep valuables out of view or reach; Do not leave items of value on the front seat of the car, or in easy reach of an open window or front door of the house. Do not leave items like cigarettes/tobacco on a table in front of your house.
3. Lock: Even when you are home or out in the yard, lock the doors. Where possible, install a lock handle guard to your security screen. Lock garages and sheds. Always keep car windows and doors locked, even when they are parked at your home.
4. Listen and Call: If you see or hear any suspicious activity, call either of the following;
  - 000 for an emergency
  - 131 444 (Policelink) for non-emergency
  - 1800 333 000 (Crimestoppers) to report information anonymously or online [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au)

Avoiding becoming a victim of these crimes may be as simple as making sure you lock the front door of your house or locking the car doors. 'Lock It or Lose It'.

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