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 day 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.
Rod Finney
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Hunter, Chloe, Bailey, Usai, Reece, Ethan M, Iavina, Tamanné

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
  spsspandcsec@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 opportunist
thieves. These person are targeting
vehicles and houses that are left
insecure. The ‘opportunist 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 item 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

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

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