Hi Everyone,

Tree planting day tainted with a little sadness: Ms Armstrong and the year 4’s taught all the children and some adults including myself, how to plant new trees and shrubs that we hope will one day grow into our very own forest. Unfortunately some misguided individuals ripped fifteen of the plants straight out of their new homes in the nourishing soil. The students and Ms Armstrong have tried to repair them and replant so hopefully this will be a one off only act of vandalism. I have informed our local police officer who is making enquiries. The idea of our new forest is to provide breathable air and sustain our environment for generations to come.

Students excel at Regional Athletics: Five of our talented athletes were chosen to represent Mackay District this year to compete in the two day track and field Capricornia Regional Championships. Zoey, Sophia, Nic and Javen performed admirably and placed very highly making several finals. Sophia had an outstanding carnival being selected in the 100m sprints narrowly missing selection in the 200m. Sophia will now go onto represent our Region at the State Championships in Brisbane. We acknowledge Rizia’s selection though she was unable to attend. We are very proud of all our athletes’ efforts and thank Mr McDowall for giving up his time to be there to manage the students.

Recent Mini — Olympics P&C enjoyable event: Last Friday, we held the annual Mini — Olympics P&C fundraiser. The children participated in six events across the afternoon ranging from egg and spoon races, sack races through to the old tug-of war. The older students were put through their paces with several team sports such as basketball and AFL drills through to the skilful execution of badminton and gymnastics rolls. All students were given an envelope they could use to seek sponsorship and pick a prize depending on how much money they had raised. All envelopes with money or no money raised must be returned to the office this week please so Mrs McGrath can tally the amount and order the prizes before the end of term.

Sausages sizzled on the weekend for P&C event: Last Saturday morning some of my staff and I stepped into fill in for our P&C President who was very ill and assist where possible. I very much enjoyed spending the morning cooking with a fun and enthusiastic team. On behalf of President Michael and the students, thank you to Mrs Ikupu, Ms Armstrong, Ms Donnelly, Ms Timor, Mrs Power, Mr Dawson, Mr Chabbi and Ms Grieshaber for your time and effort last Saturday.

PBL message of the week: The message of the week is: ‘before and after school behaviour, acting responsibly’. Please remember to sit on the yellow line, sit quietly and walk home safely and efficiently. Blitz cards have been going out all week. Best of luck in the draw.

This term:
- Swimming for years prep to year 4 has started every Tuesday, till next term
- The Big Sing Wednesday 31st August until Friday 2nd September
- Culture Day Wednesday September 7th
- Year 4 camp Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September
- 25,50 and 75 token reward days end of term with attendance lunch
- Slade Point Community Drive – Garage sales and markets Saturday 22nd October 8.30am – 12.30pm

Rod Finney
Principal

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Monday Munchies 29th August
**STUDENT ABSENCES**

It is an Education QLD requirement that all students are accounted for each and every school day. If your child/ren is going to be absent for any reason for any part of the day you must notify the school. Please ring the student absent line on 49657 360.

**QPARENTS**

A letter has been sent out to all parents/guardians to see who would like to join up for Qparents. If you do decide to join please fill out the letter and return it to the office. This will be active in Term 4 and you can access your child/ren’s student’s information online, view and update attendance and student details, view and download report cards and invoices, make payments online and stay connected to your school.

**CAPRICORNIA ATHLETICS**

Well done to these students:

- **Sophia** won her heats and came 2nd in 100m, 4th in 200m and 7th in 800m. Sophia will now compete in the Cap team in October.
- **Zoey** came 4th in 200m
- **Nicolas** came 6th in Discus
- **Javen** came 10th in Discus

**NATIONAL TREE DAY**

This week the Year 4 class was involved in running a tree planting day. We were able to get all of the equipment needed including the plants from the Mackay Regional Council, Bunning’s and Mackay Toyota. With their kind donations we were able to put in a large number of plants. The year 4 children did an amazing job teaching the other students how to plant and should be congratulated on a job well done!

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Belle, Bodie, Rubi, Samantha, Mia, Cody, Abbey, Morgan

**ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES WINNERS**

6th Week: 1/2C! Well done!

**BLITZ CARD**

7th Week: Abbey 5A! Well done!

**EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE**

Morgan

**SAPPHIRE BADGE**

Kody

**GOLD BADGE**

Nate, Kleo

**GOLD BADGE**

Mia V

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2**

- **Monday Munchies** — Monday 29th August (ham and cheese only)
- **The Big Sing** — Wednesday 31st August —Friday 2nd September
- **P&C Meeting** — Monday 5th September 6pm in the Admin Building—staffroom
- **Culture Day** — Wednesday 7th September
- **Year 4 Eungella Camp** — Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September
- **School Fundraiser / Market Day:** Saturday 22nd October 8:30am-12:30pm

**ADDRESS/EMAIL/PHONE NUMBERS**

If you have changed address/email and phone numbers, please update your details with the office ASAP!

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 8:30AM—12:30PM**

We are holding a School Fundraiser/Market Day/Garage Sale in October and everyone is welcome to attend! On the day we will be having a BBQ, coffee van, face painting, over 60 market stalls, Old MacDonald farm, Jumping Castle + more.

The school is holding a meeting next Thursday 1st September in the Admin building, staffroom at 3pm. We are looking for any interested parent/s or guardians that would like to come along to find out more and be willing to assist.

**CHAPLAIN NEWS**

The Soroptimist Mackay organization has agreed to sponsor our Yr 6 girls for the Real Me Shines Program again this year. I appreciate their generosity in partnering with our School for the fourth year.

If any of you are interested in finding out more of what the Soroptimist Organisation represents and about their goals then you are invited to attend a Friendship Dinner on next Tuesday as per the following details:

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY**

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 8:30AM—12:30PM

- P&C Crusty Pie Drive — order forms and money must be returned by this **Thursday August 25th**.
- Father’s Day Stall — are looking for any donations from parents to help go towards the father’s day stall. Please hand them into the office and much appreciated.

**P&C NEWS**

- **Monday Munchies** — Monday 29th August ham and cheese only
- **Father’s Day Stall** — are looking for any donations from parents to help go towards the father’s day stall.
- **P&C Crusty Pie Drive** — order forms and money must be returned by this **Thursday August 25th**.
- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** — A big thank you from the President Michael McGrath to all the volunteer, current and new, who stepped up to help and made the fundraiser a success. Raised over $800.
- **Mini-Olympics** — The final fundraising tally won’t be known for a few weeks yet, but a big thank you to Kelly McGrath for organising the event again this year, and thank you to staff and parents for support on the day.

**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 form.

**PREP INFORMATION SESSION**

19th October 5-6pm in the Prep room.