



To the Point

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Hi Everyone,

Cumberland Athletics Average Trophy Champions again: Well wonderful news. I had momentarily sent a congratulations to another school in our Sub-district this morning only to receive exciting news that due to a miscalculation in enrolment numbers from two other schools, we had moved up from third to first. My commiserations to those two other schools but awesome news for our Champion athletes and school community. We have held that trophy for twelve years straight now.

- **Monday Munchies**
Mon 1st August (Ham & Cheese)
- **P&C meeting Monday**
1st July 6pm

Sophia has outstanding sports day: Sophia Mau in year five had an excellent day at the Cumberland Athletics Championships last Monday being crowned 10 years girls Age Champion. We also had 10 other students selected in the Cumberland representative team from their recent performances. Our students have the highest percentage of children selected out of all nine schools. A wonderful achievement to be very proud of.

School fun 'Writing competition' leading into Olympics: With the Olympics only two weeks away, we will be running a fun writing competition leading into the Olympic Ceremony. The competition will be slightly altered for the prep students but the main theme is for all year levels – 'When I competed at the Rio Olympics.' There will be a small prize for the winning entry from each year level. Entries can be handed into a collection box in the library closing on Friday the 19th August week 6. Posters will be placed around the school for ideas. Happy writing.

U-Hear app free to use: This week we have completed nearly all our students hearing screener tests using the free app you can download from apple iTunes store. The app is called U-hear and it is a simple screener test you can use with a set of headphones and a quiet place to perform the check. I encourage all our school community to use the app for yourself, older parents and family members. At school, we record and collate the results sending home a note for the children that showed moderate to severe hearing loss in one or both ears advising parents to first have their ears checked by a doctor. If further investigation is required parents can book a free hearing test at Community Health or the Aboriginal and Islander Health Service for Indigenous students. More advanced results received from parents reporting back to the school have shown fluctuating hearing loss which can be caused by an infection or blockage. This can have dramatic effects on your child's ability to hear teacher instructions and other sounds including their own speech. Recently we were successful with an \$18,900 grant from Mackay Flagon and Dragon Club to fully install FM and amplifier systems in every classroom this term hopefully. These systems will greatly enhance students hearing ability and reduce the risk of related voice issues for our teachers.

This term:

- Friday 29th July Mackay District Athletics competition
- AFL Auskick every Monday for the next 5 weeks at first break
- P&C mini-Olympics major fundraiser Week 6 Friday 19th August
- Swimming years prep to year 4
- Culture Day Wednesday September 7th and tree planting day
- Year 4 camp later in term
- 25,50 and 75 token reward days end of term with attendance lunch

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

Home Research Website: <http://sladpointss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au>

STUDENT AWARDS

**Sebastian, Taylah,
Madelyn, Ethan, Maleek,
Brendan, Darci, Israel**



ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES WINNERS



**2nd Week: 2A! Well
done!**

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE

**Cornelius, Maureen, Tristan H,
Ernestine, Reon**

SAPPHIRE BADGE

Dasaru, Bree

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

- **P&C Meeting** — Monday 1st August 6pm
- **Monday Munchies** — 1st August Ham & Cheese
- **Mini Olympics** — Friday 19th August
- **Swimming starts** — Tuesday 23rd August
- **Big Sing** — Wednesday 31st August — Friday 2nd September
- **Culture Day** — Wednesday 7th September



BASKETBALL — MACKAY METEORS

Well done to Mackay Meteors for winning and TJ for scoring the most points in last Saturday's game. Next game is on **Saturday 6th August**.

CULTURE DAY NEWS

Thanks to the parents and students who attended our Culture Day meeting last week. Students have begun dance practice but if you have a cultural item you would like to contribute, you are most welcome. Thanks Aunty Vicki

CHAPPY NEWS

The Fun Friends Party last Friday was a hit. The children did a great job of demonstrating some of the skills they had learnt over the last term and then devouring all the green food. Hopefully they will remember to turn those red thoughts into green thoughts.

Year 4 will commence Friends for Life this term. Most of these students will have participated in Fun Friends a couple of years ago. Friends for Life covers the same skill set and is a great chance to reinforce those skills but in a more mature way.

I will be away next week at the Annual Chaplains' Conference. It's very motivating mixing with the 600 approx other chaplains and hearing their stories and ideas. I'm hoping to bring back some fresh activities.

Primary Camp Eagle will be held next term Fri 28th – Sun 30th October. PCE is a great camp with lots of fun, friendship and discovery. The camp is for Year 6 students in Mackay, who have a chaplain service in their school. Campers will have the opportunity to meet and make friends with other Year 6 students who will be going to the same high school. The weekend is packed with great food, and fun activities including a messy obstacle course. They'll also meet with their High School Chappy and discover who and what God is about. Please see me for further details. The cost including food is \$50. You will need to bring your own camping gear.

Chappy Lyn

CUMBERLAND SPORTS



Well done to these following students:

Sophia — 1st in 100m, 200m, 800m & 3rd in High Jump

Wolfe — 1st in Discus

Nicolas — 1st in Shot Put & Discus

Jamie-Lee — 2nd in 800m & Long Jump

Zoey — 2nd in 100m, 200m & 3rd in 800m

Breannon — 2nd in 800m

Aaron — 1st in Long Jump

Rizia — 2nd in High Jump

Raedan — 3rd in 200m & 800m

Javen — 1st in Discus