Hi Everyone,

Outstanding performance by choir at Eisteddfod: Last Friday our Sladie Singers choir lead by the inspirational Mrs Miller performed at their very best taking out the gold award and the overall shield for the ‘Coral Section for schools with 200 or less.’ For those not present like I was, I can only describe their singing as an uplifting experience. This trophy has been in place since 2001 and this is the first time we have won this award. I am so very proud of all the children and staff for their dedication and hard work that is needed to deliver such an outstanding performance. Well done!

Also last week, Pioneer school band performed for our students. Though I missed the performance due to supervising the kids at the Eisteddfod, I heard it was special. Many thanks to our Pioneer High students and teachers for sharing their talents with us. Lovely to catch up with past students still involved with their instrumental music program.

Academic achievement rewarded: Pioneer High School each year offers our year 6 students a chance to win a scholarship for Academic, Sporting and Cultural Achievement. On parade this week, Nicholas Ward-Grodd was presented an Academic Scholarship from the acting Principal, Mr Ian Harrison, Nicholas will receive financial support for uniforms and extra-curricular activities. Congratulations Nicholas.

PBL gold, silver, sapphire and emerald awardees this week: More students were presented with their PBL award on parade this week for consistently demonstrating our three school rules – be a learner, be respectful and be safe. Our school goal this year was to have every student achieve an award level and we still have six weeks to go. These awards are ‘whole school based’ as compared to the many other positive rewards given at a class level. At times we all make mistakes or can be off task so it is consistency that we are endeavouring to instil in the children every day. It is very pleasing to see so many students coming to and from school with a smile on their face most days. I very much look forward to the end of term celebrations. Congratulations to our newest 100 token gold badge recipient, Shinta Jenkins and our wonderful Silver, Sapphire and Emerald awardees.

Student Attendance meets target last week: Our whole school target each week is to stay below 50 student absences. Well done parents and students as we score a 48! This term we will be inviting students to an attendance special lunch in the last week of school. Remember a combination of three absences which includes late or early departures will rule you out of the celebration. Our school target is 95% or higher.

CQ sporty schools and Sporting schools program underway: Currently we are offering two specially funded sporting programs for our students. The CQ sporty program is for all year 3,4,5 students that participate in a number of sports each week. One of those includes lawn bowls where each group will have the benefit of a special opportunity to play on the Slade Point Bowls Cub green. Their support for this program is very much appreciated. The other program is federally funded involving our very own State Basketball Champion, TJ who teaches skills and fun games twice a week during lunch times.

Coming up:

- P&C association Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Day – parade this Friday. Wear any red (sun safe clothing with sleeves) for a gold coin donation. Hair spraying $1
- School Awards day ceremony Monday 7th December.
- Year 6 Graduation dinner Thursday 10th December at the Mackay Surf Club.

Rod Finney - Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Xavier, Summer, Isabel, Hayley, Mataya, Bree, Keelin, Blayne

ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS
2nd Week: 6A! & 3rd Week: 3A! Well Done!

EMERALD AWARD
Zareece

SAPPHIRE AWARD
Raeden, Seth R

GOLD AWARD
Shinta

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
* Mackay North SHS School Tour — Wednesday 28th October 4:30pm meet at the Junior Prefect.
* Daniel Morcombe ‘wear red day’ — Friday 30th October
* Prep Open morning — Wednesday 4th & 11th November 9:30—10:30am
* Greenmount Homestead — Year 2 & 3 excursion Friday 6th November
* Mackay North SHS Enrolment & Ipad Evening — Tuesday 10th November 6pm meet at the Auditorium Senior Centre
* P&C School Disco — Friday 13th November 5:30-7:30pm school hall
* Mackay North SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at MNSHS Hall
* Pioneer SHS — Orientation Day Year 7 2016 Tuesday 1st December 8:30am meet at Pioneer SHS Hall
* Christmas Concert — Thursday 3rd December 5:30pm
* Awards Day — Monday 7th December 8:50am — Hall
* Year 6 Graduation — Mackay Surf Club Thursday 10th December 6:30pm

PREP ENROLMENTS 2016
If your child is born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 they are ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2016. Please call to the office for an enrolment form. Prep Orientation morning is Wednesday 4th November 9:30—10:30am.

P&C
* Asking for parents helpers for P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on the Saturday 1st of November. Leave your details at the office if you can help.
* Food donations for the Christmas Hamper
* P&C Meeting — Monday 2nd November 6pm in the staffroom

CHAPLAIN NEWS
The Real Me Shines program with the Year 6 girls is well under way. The girls are really enjoying these Friday afternoon sessions. Kylee Morton and her helper, Nicola spend the first hour working with the girls on the Real Me program. The eight sessions cover their femininity, their body and their relationships. The concept is to help empower the girls to become young confident in their identity and self worth. Because this fits right into part of the mission of The Soroptimist organization the local branch, Soroptimist businesses so sometimes circumstances crop up that are unavoidable. I'm sure they will make sure the boys will be in the tuckshop.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Parents/guardians: Please make sure your child/ren have the correct uniforms on! No leggings/ football shorts or any other coloured shorts! **Dresses, Maroon shorts/shorts/kits/skirts with the polo shirt is the correct uniform. We do have 2nd hand uniforms selling for a few dollars each in the tuckshop.

ART ROOM
If anyone has any spare empty clean sauce bottles please hand them in the office.

THANK YOU
YEAR 2 & 3 CAKE STALL
A big thank you to all the Year 2 parents who made items for our cake stall last Friday. Also to the children and parents who supported us by buying them. A special thank you to the following people for giving up their time to set up the stall and sell items on the day: Mrs Ikupu, Mrs Webster, Mrs Feenaghly, Miss McBride, Fiona Forrest, Leanna Ramsamy and Merle Bates. We raised $338 towards the cost of our Greenmount Excursion. Thanks Mrs McKean and Miss Yarrow.

SCHOOL SHIRTS MISSING
Can everyone please check to see if they have their own child’s shirt. A few class mixed up to Tuesday from swimming lessons. Some shirts have names on them, if you have an incorrect shirt, please hand it back to the owner. Thanks!

BOOKFAIR
The Scholastic Book Fair is visiting Slade Point SS commencing on Monday 9th November. The theme for this book fair is Under the Sea. To add to the excitement a colouring in competition will be run with 2 winners from P-2 and 3-6 winning a fabulous book from the book fair. Colouring in and order forms will be handed out next week.

**YR 6 DINNER NIGHT**
Invitations have been sent out to students, please fill out the yellow slip with name/how many adults and student attending with cash and return to the office by Wednesday 18th November. We can only accept Cash and we are not able to process Direct Debit as the Mackay Surf Club requires payment. We will not be accepting any payments after this date due to catering commitments. Please do not miss out or the dinner will be cancelled! **Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdues fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets. Tickets are $25 each person including the student.

FUTURE LEADERS ECO CHALLENGE DAY
Six selected future leaders were chosen to represent our school at the special Eco Challenge day that was run by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority last Friday. Keelin, Wolfe, Daniel, Breannan, Joshua and Locke represented our school very well showing great respect to presenters and by learning a lot about climate change, storm water traps and the importance of picking up your rubbish. We have to strongly encourage everyone to always dispose of your rubbish properly, especially when you travel to the beach. The children will be making a short presentation about what they learnt on assembly next week.

Daniel — gold coin donation towards Daniel Morcombe’s foundation. Special Parade at 8:45am in the hall.

Red Hairspray $1 straight after parade and Red Ice-Blocks $1 each at lunch time. Wear RED for Daniel — gold coin donation towards Daniel Morcombe’s foundation. Special Parade at 8:45am in the hall.