

# To the Point

11/ 2015 28th April 2015

Hi Everyone,

**Largest school attendance at ANZAC Day March for many years:**

Last Saturday very impressive numbers of our students and parents paid their respects to the ANZACS and other soldiers protecting our widespread shores. As we proudly marched towards the City's cenotaph many positive comments could be heard by the staff, students and parents. It was a tremendous roll up and having our kindy families join us too capped off the day. Many thanks to those students, parents and staff who marched with us on this important National day of commemoration. Special thanks to True Blue Camping and Canvas for donating the flags given to the children who attended on the day.

- **ANZAC Day Ceremony school hall Friday 24th April 2pm**
- **Cumberland Cross Country Trials Bucasia SS Thursday 7th May**

**NAPLAN tests coming week 4 for years 3 and 5:** The student's curriculum learning will be momentarily interrupted for a couple of hours per day over three days to complete the National Assessments in literacy and numeracy. These tests can be a very useful tool to demonstrate student progress and improvement over time for year 5. However if you have any concerns that your child will not be able to read the tests successfully and cause them distress then please discuss this with your classroom teacher or myself a parents have a right to withdraw a child from all or part of the tests. I very much enjoyed seeing many good pieces of writing from last term and I look forward to similar pieces of student work this term.

**More Emerald awardees on parade this week:** Congratulations to Rubi & Ivanna for reaching their first award level Emerald award and their photo being prominently displayed in the office.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning School rule expectation for the week:** We are in our second week of the refocus on Following teacher directions at all times. With sports selections coming up for our 10, 11, 12 year old this term it is important to remind the children that school or higher representative honours are a privilege not a right. Unsatisfactory demonstration of our three school rules may mean cancellation of their selection. New painted yellow lines were completed in the holidays to help children assemble in their class lines prior to lessons commencing. Thank you Mr Bailey for completing this. We are all very proud of the cross country runners and wish them well next week at Bucasia School for the Cumberland trials.

**Coming up this term:**

- \* Cross country representatives for Cumberland trials week three
- \* AFL Auskick coming this term. AFL year's 4-6 School program this term too.
- \* P&C meeting dates changed to first Monday of each week so we will have another brief meeting Monday the 4th at 6pm. All welcome.
- \* Annual Sports day later this term – Week 10 Tuesday the 23rd June half day, Wednesday the 24th June full day.

Rod Finney  
Principal

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Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

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## STUDENT AWARDS

Chloe, Kleo, Mikayla, Blake,  
Destiny, Abbey, Hayden,  
Dylan



## ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCK WINNERS



1st Week: P/1B! Well done!

## EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE—TERM 2

Declan, Rubi, Ivanna

## TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER:

\* **Cumberland Cross Country** —  
Bucasia SS Thursday 7th May

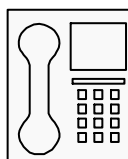
\*\***CUMBERLAND CROSS COUNTRY**\*\*



If you have received a medical form to participate in Cross Country at **Bucasia SS next Thursday 7th May by 8:50am for a 9am start.** Please hand in your form to the office ASAP if you haven't done already done this. Also please make sure you have travel arrangements and go straight to Bucasia SS.

## STUDENT ABSENCES/ CONTACT DETAILS

If your child/ren are absent from school please ring the **student absent line on 49657 360.** Admin will be contacting parents/caregivers daily if you haven't contacted the office if your child/ren are absent. If Admin couldn't get a hold of you, please write a note to your class teacher for the next day! Thanks!



## TOKENS

**TOKENS: ONLY GREEN TOKENS FROM Monday 20th April** can be placed in the box for the end of term 2 draw. Students need to remember that cards need to come to the office first placed in the Ice-Cream container on the counter (to be placed on our computer system); then go home to be signed by parents; and finally go in the boxes for the end of term draw. Congratulations to all those students who reached 25 tokens last term!

## ANZAC DAY POPPIES



A special thanks to all who help make the school's allocation of poppies which were installed by the school leaders on Friday morning. They made a stunning backdrop to the march past on Saturday. It is hoped they will be kept for placement at our school events: at least we will have poppies for the next 20 years.

**BOOK FAIR:** The Kingdom of Books is the theme for our Book Fair – coming to a castle (library) in your area. Wear a crown and buy a book for special entries into the lucky dip. May 18th is the special day for all kings, queens, princes and princesses of the realm of Reading.

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS READ AROUND

**AUSTRALIA:** At 11:00am on the 27th May many schools will read or view the online story of "The Brothers Quibble", a delightful story beginning with Spalding Quibble who rules the roost in his home. But he has to learn to share when a new, little one comes home with his Mum from hospital. This book has already plucked the heartstrings of some of last year's readers. Another excuse for dropping everything and reading. But then, who needs excuses!

## YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT PROCESS AND SCHOLARSHIPS 'MACKAY NORTH SHS'

The enrolment process for 2016 has begun. Enrolment information and forms can be obtained from the school website. Visits to our feeder primary schools will occur in Week 2 and 3 of this term and interested students will receive the paperwork at these visits. School tours and information evenings will be held throughout the coming months. The specific details of these events will also be available on the school website under 'Enrolments'. We encourage parents and students to begin the Year 7 2016 Enrolment process as soon as possible.

At Mackay North SHS we offer a variety of scholarships to Year 7 students. In 2016 we will offer two academic, two sporting and two cultural excellence scholarships and interested students are invited to apply. Scholarship applications will be available on the school website under 'Enrolments' as of Friday 1st May. Scholarship applications close on 31st August 2015.

If you have any questions relating to Year 7 2016 enrolments or scholarships please refer to the school website or contact Rebecca Denney—rdenn59@eq.edu.au

## MERCY COLLEGE YEAR 7 2016

The enrolment process for 2016 has begun. Please visit the website to pre-register your student. Then you can collect an enrolment pack on **Tuesday 19th May 4:30-7:30pm.**



## MOTHERS DAY STALL



Thursday and Friday the 7th and 8th May at the Mothers' day Stall a gift will available for \$5.

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 6 leaders and Miss Usher for the wonderful job they did running the Anzac Service. It was a very touching service. The Sladie Singers song "Lest We Forget" was very moving and sung so meaningfully. The recording of their performance was played this morning on ABC radio – great publicity for the school.

Thanks to the students who worked hard in the garden last week and attacked the weeds that had grown over the holidays. We are now ready to start beautifying another garden bed.

A topic that we sometimes avoid but parents need to be aware of is puberty. A recent Parent ideas newsletter called Ripple Effect had the following item I hope you find helpful:

"A recent article in The Age highlights some potentially surprising results from the biggest longitudinal study of puberty in Australia, the Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study (CATS), as researchers try to understand why children are entering puberty so much earlier than previous generations.

There is 'an earlier hormonal surge that happens at about eight years of age, which they believe has significant implications for children's social and emotional well-being and also sets the stage for the main event of physical puberty a few years later.'

The need appears to be greater than ever before to understand the developmental shifts in kids, particularly for boys around Grade 4. Recognising that moodiness and sullenness may be connected to these hormonal changes will help parents understand what is occurring and then respond in a supportive way. □ As the gap between physical and emotional maturity catches up, the social environment that children are dealing with during this transition can present huge pressures and emotional challenges. □ Teachers can easily confuse willful, poor behaviour with confused and erratic behaviour, especially in boys in grades 3 to 5, when alas the poor sods are just going into puberty. A teacher's awareness of changes means making some allowances as well as somehow, perhaps through parents, getting across that their child is changing.

Here are 3 ways schools can support parents and their children during this phase:

1. Support parents with the changes

As a school, offer information nights, place information and articles in newsletters and on websites about puberty. Individual teachers can help parents understand the developmental changes during meetings and interviews and also informally during conversations about children.

2. Build children's emotional smarts

This highlights even more the importance of giving children a nuanced, specific vocabulary to help them explain what's happening. This takes not only empathetic teachers but teachers with specific knowledge of emotional intelligence frameworks to pass onto kids.

3. Build parents' emotional intelligence

We need to build an emotional intelligence framework for parents, particularly in the middle years of primary school. At the very least they need to be able to distinguish between deliberate misbehaviour and poor behaviour that is driven by confusion and ruled by emotional and developmental changes."

Chappy Lyn