Hi Everyone,

**Students excel at Mackay Athletics Championships:** Last Friday we had 11 students attend the athletics day representing Cumberland sub-district. Our students again proved why we are the best sporting school in the area for our size with five students being selected to compete at the Capricornia Regional trials in a few weeks. This was the second biggest group in our school cluster with Eimeo having just 2 more. Best of luck children.

**New PBL sign and blue blitz cards started:** In the covered area you may have noticed the awesome new sign board with the Positive Behaviour message for Learning with photos. Students demonstrating the weekly message will be given blue coloured blitz cards that go in the blue box in the office and a prize winner drawn out each Thursday morning on the PBL parade. Special thanks to our PBL team lead by Mrs McKean and the board set up by Miss Thorpe.

**School fun ‘Writing competition’ leading into Olympics:** With only one week to Rio Olympics, we will be running a fun writing competition. 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. Happy writing.

**Successful Grant presentation held last night:** On behalf of the school, Mrs McGovern and I attended a presentation evening at Auto corner with our Regional team member Sharon Bond, to accept the $18,900 grant from Mackay Flagon and Dragon Club. We were successful in our submission to fully install FM and amplifier systems in every classroom. The systems will ensure every child has the opportunity to hear the teacher’s clear instructions and save our teachers voices from straining. We will be the only Mackay School with amplifiers in every classroom.

**Ex-NRL players visited:** On Tuesdays lunch break we had the pleasure of meeting Michael Devere and David Stagg who played for the Brisbane Broncos. We all enjoyed their healthy eating message.

**This term:**
- P&C Mini-Olympics major fundraiser Week 6 Friday 19th August
- AFL Auskick every Monday for the next 5 weeks at first break
- Swimming years Prep to Year 4 Tuesday 23rd August
- 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

Rod Finney
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Aquilla, Deano, Kleo, Kingston P, Nathan, Ryan, Sophia, Chloe

ATTENDANCE — CUPCAKES WINNERS
3rd Week: PYA! Well done!

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE
Koltyn, Zane, Blair, Ian, Zoey

SAPPHIRE BADGE
Slater, Belle

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2
* Mini-Olympics — Friday 19th August
* Swimming starts Prep — Year 4 Tuesday 23rd August
* Culture Day — Wednesday 7th September

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Bunning Sausage Sizzle is on:
Saturday 20th August 7:30 — 2:30pm
Bunnings North Mackay

7:30am — 9:30  2 helpers required
9:30am — 12:30pm 3 helpers required
12:30pm — 2:30pm  3 helpers required
If you can help out on the day please contact Michael McGrath on 0418 744882.

SWIMMING LESSONS—2016
Swimming Lessons for Prep—year 4 will start in Term 3 on Tuesday 23rd Aug for 8 weeks until Tuesday 25th October.
Payment $78: If you wish to start making payments, weekly/fortnightly please put money inside an envelope with your child’s name/class/swimming into the green box in the office. An invoice has been handed out to those students. We also have the option for centre pay. Please come to the office if you require a form.
Medical/permission forms have been handed out to all students in Prep—Year 4. Please fill it out and return to the office by Friday 19th August.

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Enrolment information and forms can be obtained from the school website enrolments section.
Scholarships: All applications must be handed into Mackay North SHS office by 26th August or can be emailed to scholarships@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

BASKETBALL — MACKAY METEORS
The next game is on this Saturday night 23rd July at 8pm for anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets are available at the stadium on the night or if you wish to buy them earlier during the week, please go to the stadium and the cost is $15 per adult. Please come along and support TJ and our Mackay Meteors!
Well done to TJ and Mackay Meteors for winning there game in Rockhampton last week!

FLAGON AND DRAGON CLUB
Members from the Flagon and Dragon club are coming to the school to present their donation to the school on Monday 8th August on parade. Parents are welcome to attend!

BIKE ED YEAR 4
11th & 12th JULY

LIBRARY NEWS
We are concerned about the borrowing rates of some of our students at Slade Point SS. Do you know how many books your child has borrowed this week, this month, this year? I can get that information easily! So here we go:

* Parents will receive a new book mark when you bring your child/children to the library. I wonder what will happen when you receive ten book marks!
* There will be three prizes per week issued from a Lucky Dip for every book borrowed by students, starting Monday 8th August.
* Book Week is featuring the theme “Australia: Story Country”. We will be pulling out all our beautiful Australian books. Please feel free to visit our wonderful library then and any other time. You have a facility to be very proud of.

And a gentle reminder:
Many authors recommend that children who read three books per night will have a much better start for school: one new book, one favourite book and the book that he/she read the night before. Let's all get the literacy rates improving for all our students.