Hi Everyone,

Year 2 and 3 prepare for excursion learning experience: Recently the students and parents of year 2 and 3 conducted a cake stall to help fundraise to lower the individual cost for a planned school excursion to Greenmount Homestead. The children have been learning in history about significant sites in our local community. Mackay has many wonderful places to visit some being new and some very old. The children will learn plenty in their visit to this beautiful old homestead from the past including an understanding of how common everyday objects have changed so dramatically over time. Some of you may be like me and remember the first television was black and white; the first mobile phone was the car phone; the celebration at school when the first electric typewriter arrived let alone a thing called a computer and that students often rode a horse to school. I know the experience out to the homestead will be a trip they will remember for many years to come.

2016 Enrolments coming in helps immensely in planning for next year: I am busily planning classes for next year and it is very much appreciated when early enrolment forms are completed particularly in Prep. Prep introduction sessions are happening this week at 9.30am – 10.30am, Wednesday the 4th and Wednesday 11th November. The P&C will be providing a new school hat to all new prep enrolments for the start of the year. Prep children must be born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

Instrumental student selections underway: Each year Mrs Miller and our strings teacher Ms Menzies present to me a list of the new students wishing to be selected into the instrumental band. This year we again received many applications. Before I sign off on the student selection process I am looking for evidence of commitment. To be good at something takes practice to be great at something is an everyday experience. Our band is a strong team relying on the work of each member. This year they have excelled in their performances and as sad as it is to farewell our year 6 musicians I look forward to meeting the new eager recruits.

School leader badges awarded: Each year our senior students have the opportunity to earn their student leader badge. These badges are awarded to our year 6 children who have demonstrated a specific leadership skill set across the year not to be confused with our school and house captains that are elected by the students and staff. Presently we now have 14 school leader badge recipients and I look forward to presenting several more before the end of the year.

Student attendance takes a tumble last week: From the high to the lows. With a 48 total absences in the previous week I was saddened to see this blow out to the mid 70’s. Our lower school students had the best attendance figures for week 4. Well done lower school.

Chappy Lyn’s values message: This week Chappy Lyn presented a brief thought provoking topic on human behaviours. Our PBL (positive behaviour for learning) program has a distinct focus on human behaviour that centres on two main themes; avoidance or seeking attention. Chappy’s message highlighted this under three sub-headings aggressive; submissive and assertive. Please read her article in this newsletter as this fits perfectly with our PBL approach.

Red day denotes safety message for all: Last Friday the P&C Association and I presented messages around student safety. There was a sea of red reflecting Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Day. Thank you parents for supporting this valuable learning experience.

P&C Bunnings fundraiser highly successful but disappointing: The school raised much needed funds around a thousand dollars on the weekend at Bunnings. This was only possible because of a few hard working families who are all on our committee. I had asked on their behalf for support from all our families and appreciate some families were already committed to other volunteering jobs. However, it was left to a very small group of parents and kids to battle on for the 8 hour shift. Please pat our P&C members on the back and give them a heartfelt thank you as they are just like you, a parent with kids trying to raise funds to provide special experiences for all the children.

Coming up:
- Friday the 13th November P&C ‘Black Friday theme’ disco 5:30pm – parents help needed
- School awards day ceremony Monday 7th December
- Semester Two Report cards presented to parents/ carers from Monday 7th December, the last week of school.
- Year 6 Dinner Thursday 10th December at the Mackay Surf Club

Happy learning
Rod Finney - Principal
**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.

**NEW YEAR’S DINNERS 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 it 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. **Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdue fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets. Tickets are $25 each person including the student. A note has been handed out to students on Friday, saying response to this invitation has been slow. At this stage, if more payments are not received, we will have to cancel the Mackay Surf Club. An alternative would be to have an evening with family, receiving of certificates in the school hall with refreshments and cake, but no dinner.**

**ENROLMENT SURVEYS 2016**

We are looking at student numbers in classes for 2016. Please fill out the off white note and return it to the office. We understand some families may not be 100% sure of their plans for next year, but we ask that you give the best advice possible at this time.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to Zac on receiving a Bronze Award for making 10 deposits.

---

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Madelyn, Courtney, Chloe, Ammy, Balen, Mary, Holly, Nolear

**ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS**

4th Week: P/1B! Well Done!

**EMERALD AWARD**

Tyron, Tayella

**SAPPHIRE AWARD**

Riley, Ebani, Jordyn, Zayden, Madelyn, Zac, Locke. Kingston B, Lara

**SILVER AWARD**

Danilla, Maleek, Ammy

**GOLD AWARD**

Rubi, Isabel

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4**

- Prep Open morning — Wednesday 4th & 11th November 9.30—10.30am
- Greenmount Homestead — Year 2&3 exclosure Friday 6th November
- Monday Munchies — Monday 9th 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 ‘scary theme’
- Free dress day — Friday 13th November Gold Coin donation
- 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 Dinner — Mackay Surf Club Thursday 10th December 6:30pm

---

**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/skorts/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 into the office.

**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.

**GREENMOUNT HOMESTEAD YEAR 2&3 STUDENTS**

Green notes have been handed out to the students in Year 2&3. Please return the medical forms to the office with $7 each by Wednesday 6th November.

---

**P&C DISCO & FREE DRESS DAY**

P&C is having a disco in the school hall on Friday 13th November and it’s a ‘Black Friday theme’ from 5:30—7:30pm.

Free dress day: Please wear enclosed shoes, clothing with sleeves. (No singlets) gold coin donation!