Hi Everyone,

Day for Daniel send safety message for all: Last Friday we held a special parade to recognise personal safety messages. With the help of our police officer, Senior Constable Matt we briefly discussed who Daniel Morcombe was and what we can learn from his tragic demise. There were three key messages for the children to share with their parents. They included the three R’s – Recognise; React and Report. We talked about our body messages such as heart pounding, the hairs on the back of your neck standing up, wobbly knees and funny tummy feelings which is our body trying to tell us to ‘react’. To react is ‘run’, to move away quickly and then to report, tell someone you trust. We live in an uncertain world and messages of safety are well worth discussing and revisiting regularly. Importantly we no longer refer to stranger danger as National records show most unsafe incidents occur with someone we may know.

Before and After School Care in 2017 progress: You may have noticed our sign is up and we are in the final stage of contract writing with the company that we will form a partnership with. Before and after school care will also offer vacation care in 2017. They will operate out of the hall each morning and afternoon between the hours of 6.30am – 8.50am and 2.50pm – 6pm. Students do not have to attend our school to be eligible although it would help as the children are delivered to their classroom in the morning. There will be an office space and separate phone contacts to meet and discuss your child’s placement with the staff. There are also employment opportunities through the company for parents who have child care qualifications or training as soon as this is formally announced.

Halloween disco a highlight: Many thanks to Mr McGrath and parents for providing the Halloween disco. The children were very excited to show me their ghastly scary costumes. Well done.

Uniform and dress code policy reminder: Unlike many of our neighbourhood schools, we do not have school levies and are always willing to support our most needy families. The wearing of our school uniform is very important and I would therefore like to remind parents that we will issue students with spare shorts or shirts until they have a set of their own. Every child should have a hat every day as this is part of their daily uniform. Also, our school has policies around acceptable hair styles as does every other State School in our cluster and probably the State. Lately some new hair styles have been ‘on trend’ socially. I would remind all our students, parents and their hairdressers that what social media depicts as cool or trendy is most likely in breach of all our schools acceptable hair policies. I urge you to leave the half shaved, tracks, mo-hawks and hair colouring for the school holidays. Your support in following our school policy is much appreciated.

Year 5 leaders preparation commencing: Each year Mr McDowall and I conduct leadership practice sessions and then put the children through oral speaking and team leadership activities. This opportunity is for all our year five students hoping to be considered for a leadership position in 2017. Whether you want to apply for a position or not, working with a team collaboratively and developing oral speaking skills an essential part of your development. I wish you all well in the coming weeks leading up to voting day.

Coming up this term:
• Second morning for new preps in 2017 next Wednesday 9th Nov 9.30am – 10.30am
• Christmas concert Wednesday night 5.30pm on the 30th November
• Monday 5th of December 9am School Annual Awards Parade
• Year 6 Graduation dinner at Mackay Surf Club – 7th December
• Attendance lunch and reward days planned for last week of term

Busy learning students.

Rod Finney
Principal
STUDENT AWARDS
Cornelius, Finn, Tristan H, Jessica, Maleek, Javen, Locke, Klara

ATTENDANCE — ICE BLOCKS WINNERS
4th Week: P/1B! Well done!

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE
Kyle, Anjelina, Madonna, Tamanee, Nic

SAPPHIRE BADGE
Ashton, Cornelius, Koltyn, Sebastian, Mikayla, Tristan H, Zac D, Jessica, Fynn, Kayden, Locke,

SILVER BADGE
Blake

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

- Book fair all week — Monday 7th November
- Monday Munchies — Monday 7th November (Ham & Cheese)
- Prep Orientation day — Wednesday 2nd November 9:30am—10:30am
- Remembrance Day — Friday 11th November 10:30am in the hall
- Year 5 student leader speeches — Wednesday 23rd November in the hall
- Mackay North SHS & Pioneer SHS — Year 7—2017 Orientation Tuesday 29th November. Please arrive at either of those high schools by 8:30am to the hall area.
- Xmas Concert — Wednesday 30th November 5:30pm
- Year 6 lunch @ Sorbello’s — Friday 2nd December
- Awards Day — Monday 5th December
- Rewards Day — Wednesday 7th December
- Year 6 Dinner — Wednesday 7th December at the Surf Club 6:30pm
- Attendance Lunch — Thursday 8th December 10:45am hall

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Thursday 10th November – 2017 Instrumental Program parent meeting — 5.30pm – Beginner String students are performing
Thursday 17th November – Instrumental Program Parent Interviews – 7.30 – 11.30am

P&C NEWS

- The P&C has voted to run a Uniform shop in 2017 that will be the exclusive supplier of a variety of clothing items to the school. A full clothing range price list will be made available later this term. 400 of the new design school shirts have been ordered for 2017. They are scheduled to arrive in January. We have allowed for 2 shirts per student in the first order. Please get your orders forms and payment in by November 30. For 2016 the P&C can only accept cash payments or funds transfer via Internet banking. We are investigating other payment options for 2017. For banking details please email spsspandcssec@y7mail.com 2017 will be the transition year for uniforms and all student will be wearing the new design shirts by 2018.

BUS ZONES

Reminder to all parents: Please do not stop and pick up your children in the bus zone.

BOOKFAIR — LIBRARY

Book fair is here from Monday 7th November in the library all week!

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

If your child is born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 they are ELIGIBLE FOR PREP CLASS IN 2017. Please call to the office for an enrolment form.

Session 2 – Wednesday 9th November 9:30am -10:30am

**YR 6 DINNER NIGHT**

Year 6 dinner is on Wednesday 7th December, Surf Club at the Harbour at 6:30pm.

Invitations have been sent out to students.

Cost: $25 per adult and $8 per student.

*Remember no siblings or other children will be attending. All overdue fees need to be paid prior to paying for Year 6 Dinner tickets.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Please come and bring your family to the Christmas concert Wednesday 30th November at 5:30pm meet on the grass area near CGA.

Hot food and cold drinks available. Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Students to wear free dress, otherwise advised by teachers. Christmas shirts if possible.

ENROLMENT SURVEYS 2017

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.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please start returning your overdue library books to the library.

MACKAY NORTH SHS uniforms:
Uniforms can be purchased from Uniform Solutions in Sydney St and Lowes in Canelands.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
Parents/Guardians: Please ask your student/s if they need any pencils/glue/erasers before the end of the year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Parents/carers: Please come along to attend our special parade on Friday 11th November 10:30 — 11am in the hall.

Image: [Link to image of the event]