



To the Point

12/ 2015 5th May 2015

Hi Everyone,

Very large group of Emerald award winners this week: It was an absolute pleasure announcing the names of the Emerald Award Achievers and to have parents presenting their child with their first School Positive Behaviour Award for 2015. These children join the wall of fame in the office with the previous awardees. Congratulations and keep striving those students who are yet to sit in the 'private box' seats on parade. I very much look forward to announcing your name. Congratulations to Jamie-Lee, Mia R, Nathan, Mareikura, Isabelle, Bree, Chloe M, Fynn, Kira, Tiarna, Madonna for reaching their first award level Emerald award and their photo being prominently displayed in the office.

National numeracy and literacy tests years 3 and 5 next week: I would like to remind all other students and our school community that these important tests will be conducted over three days next week; Tuesday through to Thursday commencing in the morning session. My role is to oversee the administration of the tests in both classes. Please allow the children participating to have a good night's rest, peace and quiet in order to do their very best. I wish you all the very best and remind you not to stress as these are the same type tests you have practised over many weeks. 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.

'PBL' rule expectation for the week: This week our lesson is on 'How to be a great Learner.' That is to teach all the small things that makes a good learner. As Principal I see the positive and the negatives in learning behaviours. I clearly see those children who come to school with a positive outlook feeling good about themselves always have a successful day of learning. At times we can all feel down but how we react to these feelings and who we take this out on is important to note. Remember every student is important every day. This week Chappy Lynn talked about friendships and how individually we play our part. Be honest and supportive in your friendships and be positive. Some days our friendships may be tested with students and staff but a new day brings a whole new outlook. Thank you to our Peace Patrol students who help build friendships every day in their own play time.

Coming up this term:

- ★ Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 12th – 14th May
- ★ 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 a meeting Monday the 1st June 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

- **Cumberland Cross Country Trials Bucasia SS Thursday 7th May**
- **NAPLAN tests next week**
- **Monday Munchies Monday 11th May**
- **Pie Drive forms**

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STUDENT AWARDS

Finn, Zareece, Chloe,
Kingston, Jazel, Joshua,
Maddie, Aorangi



ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCK WINNERS

2nd Week: 5B! Well done!

EMERALD AWARD 25 TOKENS CERTIFICATE—TERM 2

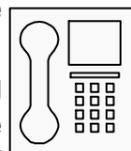
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TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * **Cumberland Cross Country** — Bucasia SS Thursday 7th May
- * **Monday Munchies** — Monday 11th May notes home today

STUDENT ABSENCES/ CONTACT DETAILS

Please update your phone contact numbers with admin. We are having difficulty reaching parents as families have changed their phone number. 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!



MOTHERS DAY STALL



This Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May— Mothers' day Stall. Gifts will available for \$5.

CAMP FAIRBAIRN—TERM 3

Students interested in participating in the Year 5 & 6 camp in September should by now have returned their expression of interest form and the deposit of \$50.

If students wish to be part of the camp, but have not yet replied, please do so this week. We need to finalise numbers soon. This camp will be organised for every second year. The current year five students will NOT have another camp next year.

*Pie Drive fundraising forms will be sent home this week. Please ask family & friends to order pies and lamingtons to raise funds to help reduce the cost of travel to Emerald. If you have not received a form but wish to order pies, please see the ladies in the office.

- * **We will be running another Sausage Sizzle this term—at Masters Store, Saturday 6th June. Please help if you can.**



QSCHOOLS APP



Hope everyone has downloaded our new QSCHOOLS App, to be able to see the latest newsletters (if your child didn't hand it to you), forms, calendar dates etc.

- * Go to the App store on your phone
- * Type in QSCHOOLS
- * Click the 'School search' button
- * Click on 'Name search'
- * Type in 'Slade Point State School' and it will appear
- * Click the star next to the name and it will become green
- * Then you can browse our new website!

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. Please note: SPSS is NOT a feeder school, so forms need to be submitted early to be considered. 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. The 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 please contact Rebecca Denney by email — rdenn59@eq.edu.au

1st school tour is on Wednesday 20th May at 5pm. Meet at the (Junior Secondary Precinct – on the deck)

MERCY COLLEGE YEAR 7 2016

The enrolment process for 2016 has begun. Please visit the website to pre-register your student. Enrolment packs can then be collected



Tuesday 19th May 4:30-7:30pm.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

The Peace Patrol students in Year 6 continue to do an excellent job of helping teach Values to the rest of the students each week on Parade. This week we talked about friendship. We explained why friends are like plants – they both need nurturing and caring. "Friendship is like a flower. Once it has bloomed you still need to take care of it to stop it from withering." Aisha Dalal. We also spoke about the rights of a friend. TRUST - You should be able to trust a real friend – he/she should keep things that you tell him/her private especially if it is something very personal that you don't want the whole world knowing about. CARE - Your friend should always show that he/she cares about your welfare – how are you going right now? RESPECT - Your friend should always show respect to you and your belongings. AND your friends should be able to expect the same from you in return.

Put a note on your calendar for **Saturday 23rd May** – it's the fundraiser for Chaplaincy (to help fund my third day at your School). We are planning a fun night for the family. There will be a barbeque, soft drinks and coffee and cake stall, and when the children purchase a popcorn they will get a pass to watch the movie we will be playing. I appreciate help that any of the parents are able to offer on the day. The different sections for help are:



- * BBQ
- 1. Cooking
- 2. preparation
- 3. serving
- * Soft drinks – selling
- * Coffee – selling
- * Cakes and tarts and slices –
- 1. donation of home cooking
- 2. selling

- * Popcorn – selling
 - * Movie pass – stamping arm after purchase of popcorn
- AND most importantly helping with clean up and pack up afterwards.



Please see me if you are able to help in any of these areas.