Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to our final school term for 2016: With the public holiday this week and a pupil free day Monday of week three, this term is already shaping up to be a really quick one. I would like to welcome Sharon Bond three days a week to our school who will be assisting me with special projects currently operating in our school. Sharon will also be supporting individual student case management. Several of our teachers also support the training and development of new teachers. Hence, I would also like to welcome Ms Hern who will be under the supervision of Ms Usher in year 6.

Community market and garage sale only three weeks away: Across Mackay, in the paper and on the radio you should hear about the ‘Slade Point Community Drive.’ We have joined forces with Slade Point Neighbourhood Watch Team and several local businesses to promote the whole of Slade Point community. We plan to each year in term 4 have Mackay residents visit our beautiful part of the town by providing garage sales and a market day morning. We are encouraging all residents to be involved either by registering with the school on 49 657 333, your residence for a garage sale; car boot sale on our oval; market stall in our school grounds or business service on the morning of October 22nd from 8.30am till 12.30pm.

Wonderful news – Before/After-school and Vacation Care coming in 2017: With the support of our talented acting administration officer Lisa Wakefield, we have been able to complete all the necessary steps required to formally enter into a long term contract with a company offering before school/after school and vacation care in our school hall in 2017. We are busily completing final pieces of paperwork before officially naming our new operator. I believe this business will offer many of our existing parents and new parents the best opportunity to have their child cared for out of school hours whilst being able to work. More information will be released in coming weeks so be ready to sign up.

Swimming continues for another 4 sessions this term: Last term I had the privilege of going and seeing how the children have progressed in their swimming education. They were listening intently and demonstrating the necessary skills required to learn to swim. The instructors had an excellent rapport with our children and I’m sure the final four lessons will be very rewarding. Well done students.

Year 4 camp this week: Fingers crossed for fine weather this Thursday and Friday as Ms Armstrong and her team have another attempt at the annual year 4 Eungella school camp experience. With the necessary postponement from last term some of the original fathers were unable to change their work commitments so Mr Paap has agreed to attend. I am hoping to assist as well and trust that the early morning start to milk the cows will be a wonderful learning experience.

Coming up this term:
- Swimming each Tuesday for another four lessons this term
- Year 4 Eungella mountain camp scheduled for 6/7th October
- Monday October 17th is a pupil free day
- Slade Point Community Drive – Garage sales and markets Saturday 22nd October 8.30am – 12.30pm
- Attendance lunch, year 6 graduation dinner and reward days planned for last week of term
- Monday 5th of December 9am School Annual Awards Parade

Happy learning to all.

Rod Finney
Principal
**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.

Prep Information session is **Wednesday 19th October 5-6pm** in the Prep room.

Session 1 – Wednesday 2nd November 9:30am – 10:30am
Session 2 – Wednesday 9th November 9:30am -10:30am

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER / MARKET DAY/ GARAGE SALE**
**SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER**
8:30AM — 2:30PM

We are holding a School Fundraiser/ Market Day/Garage Sale in October and everyone is welcome to attend! On the day we will be having a BBQ, coffee van, face painting, over 60 market stalls, Old MacDonald farm, Jumping Castle + more.

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4**

- **Monday Munchies** — Monday 10th October (Ham & Cheese only)
- **Student free day** — Monday 17th October (No School!)
- **Daniel Morcombe Day** — Friday 28th October
- **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.
- **Awards Day** — Monday 5th December