

# To the Point

07/ 2015 9th March 2016

- **Brave hearts  
Thurs 10th  
March 12:30pm  
Prep—Year 4**
- **Choral Festival  
Mon 14th March**

Hi Everyone,

**Easter Raffle needing your support:** Due to the cancellation of our first Parent and Citizens Association fundraiser at Bunning's last week because of the torrential rain, I am strongly encouraging the children to get behind our Easter Raffle. If you have a small item appropriate for an Easter Raffle prize basket, please have your son or daughter bring it into the office where we can pass it on to our fundraising chairperson, Marjory Madden. With less total students than past years, the P&C budget has diminished considerably. The Easter Raffle is an excellent way of raising funds if well supported. All money raised across the year is used to benefit the learning of our students. This includes reward days, vital equipment and other beneficial learning programs like bike education. I am reminded how kind the human spirit can be when volunteer parents put their hand up to take on Committee roles to support all of our students. Every school needs a productive positive hard working P&C to help in managing the school across the year. Thank you Michael McGrath, Requel Kentwell and Marjory Madden for taking on the four critical executive roles. Michael has accepted the position of Secretary as well as President until a new secretary comes forward.

**Schools Annual Clean Up Day successful despite rain:** I would like to congratulate Miss Armstrong, the parents, staff and most importantly the students for helping out on what was looking like a miserable day, turn out to be very successful. Miss Armstrong and the children featured on channel seven news spreading a powerful community message. With over 10 kg of waste collected the kids participated in a valuable learning experience identifying and sorting the articles into recyclable piles. This Friday at 2pm, the year 5 and 6 students are hoping to clean up our park across the road and the mangrove foreshore nearest the school. Parents and community members are encouraged to come and join in. My tip, bring a hat, shoes, sunscreen and mossie repellent.

**Writing competition – only two weeks left:** Our school improvement focus this year is student writing. To encourage our students to write more I believe writing should be fun. Hence, I have found a writing competition open to all students with free entry and no set topic. The children can write a poem or short story. To enter encourage your child to seek an entry form from the library. First prize is a thousand dollars and other really cool prizes. The competition can also be done on line 'www.write4fun.net' but I would need to see a copy of your finished piece. Competition closes in two weeks so happy writing.

**Pounding rain cancels P&C first fundraiser:** Unfortunately the heavy rains felt at the weekend meant Bunnings had to cancel our sausage sizzle P&C fundraising event. I would like to thank the staff, many parents and dedicated members of the association for putting their hand up to help out on the roster. We are hoping to have another chance late in the year.

**School weekly attendance figures as 'Every Day Counts!':** Mr McDowall reported we were over our target of 50 total absences again last week. With the end of the term coming I would like to remind the children that our McSladie Attendance Lunch in the last week is by invitation only. If you have missed no more than three absences which includes late or early departure notes or whole days during the first term, then a special note will be given to you early in the final week of term. Attendance lunch is planned for the last day Thursday 24th March of term.

**School PBL expectations:** The school Positive Behaviour For Learning Program relies on establishing and teaching our three school expectations. Children receive green tokens regularly for consistently demonstrating these three expectations. A data tracking tool allows token milestones of 25, 50, 75 and 100 tokens to be awarded throughout the year and celebrated at the end of each term. Breaches of the PBL program are treated in accordance with our School Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students. It is the staff and my intention to always try and encourage students to recognise their inappropriate behaviour and improve. Yellow warning cards are first issued followed by an orange depending on the severity of the child's actions. Major behaviours warrant a red card being issued. Three orange cards requires an afterschool detention and red card major behaviours can mean removal from class or suspension from school. School representation for sporting or cultural activities are governed by the PBL program and School camping and excursion policy. Any child receiving a red card, two or more orange cards in a relatively short time will not be allowed to represent the school. Recently I was asked to reconsider this policy and I reiterated that all schools have similar School Representative Policies supported by their school P&C Associations. I try to lead by example for your children and believe high standards make for a better citizen. Students like adults make mistakes from time to time and act inappropriately but it is how we learn from these mistakes that determines the impact we have caused. Your children deserve my understanding and compassion but they also deserve a leader that sets high expectations of learning in all areas. Positive learning to all.

Rod Finney  
Principal

Slade Point

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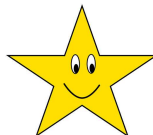
Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 1st.  
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Home Research Website: <http://sladpoinss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au>

## STUDENT AWARDS

James, Jasmine, Amiteal,  
Xander, Ernestine, Reon,  
Dylan, Jordyn



## ATTENDANCE — ICE-BLOCKS

**Week 6: 4A! Well Done!**

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

- \* **Brave hearts** — Thursday 10th March  
Prep — Year 4.
- \* **Choral Festival** — Monday 14th March  
MECC
- \* **Monday Munchies** — Monday 21st March  
Notes home prior to this day. Ham &  
Cheese on this day only
- \* **Rewards Day Emerald Award** —  
Wednesday 23rd March
- \* **Attendance Lunch** — Thursday 24th  
March at 11:15am — notes will be sent  
home to who has reached 95% or more!

## CHORAL FESTIVAL—MUSIC

**Sunday March 13th**  
(MECC) — 11.00 — 1.30pm



**Monday March 14th** —  
meet at school before 8am. Bus leaving at  
8am.

**Concert — Monday March 14th** (MECC) —  
7pm.

## BRAVEHEARTS

Brave hearts “Ditto’s Keep Safe  
Adventure” will be here tomorrow  
**Thursday 10th March** in the hall for the  
following classes: Prep — Year 4.

## YEAR 6 SHIRTS

We have ordered the Year 6 shirts and will  
arrive some time in Term 2. If you have  
only paid a deposit, please keep paying  
instalments, otherwise when the shirt  
arrives next term it will remain in the office  
until we have received full payment.

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is every **Wednesday 9am  
until 11am in B Block classroom**  
downstairs. Children age from 0 –5  
are welcome to attend. Grab an  
enrolment form from the office or at  
arrival. Hopefully we will see you next week!



## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is every Thursday. You can  
drop in your bank book any day before or on  
Thursday morning in the green box in the office.  
\*\*Any new customers would like an application  
form please come to the office to collect one or  
you can open up an account at the  
Commonwealth Bank.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

It is an Education Qld requirement that all  
students are accounted for each and every  
school day.

If your child/ren is going to be absent for any  
reason for any part of the day you must notify  
the school. Please ring the student absent line  
on 49657 360. Admin will be contacting  
parents/caregivers daily after 9:30am if you  
haven’t contacted the office if your child/ren are  
absent. If you got a missed call, please write a  
note to the class teacher for the next day  
explaining why they were absent.

If your child has an unexplained absence you  
will receive an unexplained absence letter from  
your child, please complete the form and return  
it to the office. Thank-you Admin

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast club is in the hall every  
day from 8am—8:30am.



## ATTENDANCE LUNCH

Invitations will be sent home soon for this term’s  
attendance lunch — Thursday 24th March in the  
at 11:15am

## THANK YOU



Thank you to Night Owl at Slade  
Point for donations for our  
Breakfast program.

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

Anxiety in children is an increasing  
phenomenon. The world is a complex place for  
children to navigate. A crowded School  
Curriculum, lots of time in front of TV and digital  
games and not enough time just having fun  
being kids and enjoying relaxed family activities  
are all contributors. Well-known author of  
parenting books, Michael Grose had some  
interesting points in his Parenting Ideas  
Newsletter.

“Macquarie University psychology lecturer Dr  
Carolyn Schniering has stated that anxiety  
problems are the most common emotional  
disorders that children experience.

It’s important to understand that anxiety is not  
something to be afraid of. As Dr Schniering  
says, “It’s a normal emotion and an important  
part of how we engage with the world.”

Experiencing some anxiousness in new social  
situations or some specific situations such as  
around water is quite normal and, in some  
regards, healthy. It’s not healthy when  
anxiousness stops kids doing things they want  
or are able to do or interferes excessively with  
their school or pre-school experiences.

Some practices that are unhelpful for parenting  
anxious kids:

\* Fixing kids’ problems.

Jumping in too soon only increases anxiety and  
doesn’t enable kids to build their capabilities.

\* Allowing avoidance.

Letting kids escape new or fearful situations  
validates their fears.

\* A ‘get over it’ attitude.

There’s a difference between “You can do this!”  
and “For goodness sake, get over it!” The latter  
often comes from parent impatience and  
stress.”

If you are concerned about your child then  
please feel free to discuss this with their class  
teacher, Mr Finney, or our Guidance Officer or  
me. Any of us are only too happy to talk  
with you and help establish some  
strategies. Chappy Lyn

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**2 CLEANING POSITIONS VACANT at  
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS  
1 x 24 hours per week position & 1 x 18  
hours per week position**

Mackay Northern Beaches SHS has 2 permanent  
part-time cleaning position available:

- 1 x 24 hours per week
- 1 x 18 hours per week

The above positions will commence on Monday 11  
April 2016.

Mackay Northern Beaches SHS is seeking cleaners  
who can:

- Contribute to the efficient & effective operation of  
the whole environment of this unique new school  
site, by providing a high level of cleaning support
- Ensure that a high standard of hygiene and  
cleanliness is maintained

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the  
Application Package either from our website  
[www.macknorthbeachesshs@eq.edu.au](http://www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au) or the  
school office. The package will give you details  
about the positions, a Role Description, and how you  
can apply. Please include your current resume with  
your application and provide the names and contact  
details of two current referees.

**Closing date: close of business on Friday  
18/03/16**

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential”  
to:-

The Business Services Manager, PO Box 430,  
RURAL VIEW QLD 4740 or email -  
[vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au)

- prospective employees must make application  
for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from  
the Commission for Children and Young People  
and Child Guardian
- the successful applicant may be subject to a  
probationary period.

“The Commission for Children and Young People  
and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred  
applicant to be subject to employment screening.”  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are  
encouraged to apply.

## FREE TRIPLE P—POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

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that?’ Find out how to get more of the behaviour  
you like... and less of the behaviour you don’t  
like!

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