

TERM 1 WEEK 6

From the Principal

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Please see the letter to each child today as well as the Tax Invoice for the 2009 Student Resource Scheme. Any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting Rebekkah.

A reminder to keep your Tax Invoice and Receipt for taxation purposes as you can now claim this through the Educational Tax Refund offered by the ATO.

Why reading stories matters

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

If you would like more information about reading with your child visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Creativity delivered to your door

As part of the Year of Creativity, you may soon receive a very special postcard from your child.

Sponsored by Australia Post, the *Launch your Ideas* project will give students across Queensland the opportunity to put their ideas, words and images on limited edition Year of Creativity postcards.

Students then mail their unique and creative postcards free-of-charge to family and friends.

The specially printed postcards will be handed out to students during class time by teachers who apply to be part of the project.

So – don't forget to check your letterbox during 2009 Year of Creativity (YOC).

It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

Learning about length and measurement

From an early age, your child is taught about length and measurement in the classroom. You can share experiences in your home to help improve their numeracy skills. Explain to your child that the length of something is the distance between two points.

You and your child can measure the length of objects using different items as measuring units e.g. hands, fingers, feet, straws, paperclips, ice cream sticks or even pencils. Here are a few ways you can explore length with your child:

- during daily activities, take the opportunity to ask your child to compare lengths of different objects, or line up objects, such as shoes, from longest to shortest
- remember to keep asking questions using language such as 'which object is shorter, longer, lower, wider or thicker?'
- encourage your child to compare the heights of people in your family or objects in your home. You and your child could create a height chart and record the height of visitors and friends and discuss your findings
- provide experiences and opportunities for your child to estimate length and get them to verify their estimations
- as your child learns about metres and other standard units of measuring such as centimetres, you can encourage discussion on estimating the lengths of various objects.

If you would like more information to assist your child in understanding length and measurement as well as improving his/her literacy and numeracy skills, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Have a great week

Rebekkah

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Class	Name	For
Prep/1	Riley Beggs	Being a helpful class member
1/2	Abbie Boreham	A huge improvement in all areas
3/4	Janae Bobongie	Beautifully presented, quality work
4/5	Camryn Butterworth	For his terrific effort in story writing
5/6	Corey Buckton	Working to his very best on his program
6/7	Mitchell Worthington	Conscientiously working during his own times

STAFF PROFILES



NAME: Ms Maureen Munro

YEARS AT SEAFORTH: 14 years

UNIVERSITY: Dundee, Scotland

OCCUPATION: Learning Support Teacher

FAMILY: Husband & 2 children

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Slumdog Millionaire

BEST ATTRIBUTE: Good Listener

WORST ATTRIBUTE: Hate poor drivers

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Spinning/Weaving/Knitting/

Gardening/Reading

ROLE MODEL/S: Sean Connery/Nelson Mandela/Barak Obama

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN LIFE: Giving birth to my first child

MULTI-LIT LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Lisa Barns-Jackson is holding a Multi-lit Language Program Training Session on Wednesday 4th March between 2.30-3.00. If any parents are interested in attending this program could you please contact the office no later than Wednesday 12.00. Multi-lit is an intensive word recognition and reading program.

Worm Farm

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Home scraps will again be on a weekly class rotation. Worms eat all vegetable, bread and fruit scraps (NO onion, meat or citrus). Worm Scraps on roster this week is Year 1/2.

MUSIC CORNER

This week's homework revises time signatures, beginning notes G and E and also duets and solo pieces. Next week we will be beginning some new tunes involving a new note A. Keep up the great work everyone.

Yours Mrs Stablum

P & C NOTICES TUCKSHOP

As all our classes are split classes this year could parents please write the whole class number eg grade 6/7, prep/1 on tuckshop bags. It will save us a lot of time.

We are changing our **flavoured milk** to a long life brand so the price has gone down to **\$1.50**.

Tuckshop will now be open for 2nd break only on Tuesday's for cold drinks, chips & ice creams. Please remember to pre-order in a brown paper bag to give to class teacher

This week's volunteers are: Meredith Farquhar & Linda Bobongie

Thank you to all those who have paid their IOU's.

For a limited time Blackcurrant Play Water is available for \$1.80

If anyone has a free Friday and they would like to help in tuckshop please call Justine Mayes on 49664013. All help is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

FISHING CLASSIC

This year the P & C are working with LIONS with the food van. We are after volunteers to cook and serve food. Just an early reminder that volunteers will be needed, so if you would like to help just phone Sophia Page 49590018 or Justine Mayes 49664013.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DAILY COURIER SERVICE

Daily courier service Mackay to Seaforth & surrounding area, reasonable rates
Phone 49 59 0971 or 0413 270 487

MUSIC

If you enjoy playing in a group of musicians, then the Mackay Youth Orchestra/Mackay Junior Orchestra could be for you. These two groups of students from Primary and Secondary schools rehearse in an Orchestra situation every Monday afternoon at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music from 4:15pm till 6:00pm. Students wishing to join must have a minimum of 1 year of playing an instrument to join MJO however the more experienced students can join MYO.

If you would like to join or need more information please contact Alan/Claudia Wagener 49555289 or Kate Formosa 49426677
kformosa@bigpond.net.au

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Adult Community Education (ACE) Programs commencing in March 2009 through Learning Network Queensland.

EBay the basics of selling, Stockmarket Introduction, and a variety of other programs are available.

(Home or community hook-ups by application)

www.LNQace.com "Linked-Learning" section for details or to register your interest. "Distance" section for distance programs.

Fact sheets available by phoning 4936 4068.

Gymnastics Prep Class

A new class just for boys and girls attending prep is set to start soon at Mackay Gymnastics.

Where: Malcomson St (next to Tintmaster).

When: Monday afternoons.

It's great fun and out of the sun.

To book phone the club on 49 53 1425.