

TERM 1 WEEK 7

From the Principal

CYCLONE HAMISH

Like most families who are feeling a little weary after a busy weekend with the preparations and worry with Cyclone Hamish hovering off our coast. Thankfully the immediate threat is over and we can all return to some normality.

Just remember in cases of severe weather always listen to ABC Tropical North on FM101.1 for the latest news regarding school closures.

BER – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

There have been some changes since my last announcement about the new buildings that Seaforth is to receive. The initial projects have been taken back to the drawing boards and a meeting with Mark Curry (P & C President), myself, Paul Vella (Mackay Whitsunday Region Facilities Account Manager and BER Co-ordinator), Michael O’Keefe (Central Office BER Co-ordinator) will be meeting on Wednesday morning to look at work to be carried out at Seaforth. When more information is available we will be able to share it with you.

Have a great week

Rebekkah

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Prep/1</i>	Bethany Gillies	Her positive outlook
<i>1/2</i>	Laura Westrop	Always doing her best
<i>3/4</i>	Harry Frost	A great effort in completing set tasks
<i>4/5</i>	Tahleia Nyburg	Being a quiet & considerate class member
<i>5/6</i>	Megan Little	For being the first to present an excellent news item
<i>6/7</i>	Rachael Lennox	For always working quietly and to the best of her ability

STAFF PROFILES



NAME: Margaret Deurhof

YEARS AT SEAFORTH: On and off for 10 years

UNIVERSITY: University of Queensland

OCCUPATION: Guidance Officer

FAMILY: 1 husband, 1 daughter and pets

FAVOURITE MOVIE: I like comedies – the last one I enjoyed was Vicki Christina Barcelona

BEST ATTRIBUTE: I’m a softie – caring for people & animals

WORST ATTRIBUTE: I’m a softie – caring for people & animals too much.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Learning Spanish, travelling, art, reading good books

ROLE MODEL/S: Dalai Lama (go for the best!)

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN LIFE: My daughter's birth!

Flick the switch for Earth Hour

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org/
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

Numeracy tips for parents and carers to help high school students

To support your high school student's efforts at school you can continue the lessons they learn in the classroom by helping them to develop their numeracy skills at home.

Some activities you could do include:

- asking for their help when using a map or street directory to travel to a new destination
- planning a family holiday including budget and travel times
- discussing what measurements you need for decorating or renovating a room. For example, "what measurements do we need to make when buying a desk?" and "do we need to measure or will estimating be acceptable?"
- when assembling furniture read the assembly instructions and relate them to the real object. Discuss how two-dimensional drawings are related to three-dimensional items
- draw and discuss plans related to landscaping decisions around the home
- discuss the implications of time issues related to overseas locations
- use computer packages that create virtual rooms to help visualise what a room would look like, if planning renovations.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

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 Prep/Year 1.

MUSIC CORNER

Congratulations to everyone who completed their music homework. Last week has been the best week so far this year for students completing their homework. We had 2 classes which had every student complete their homework – Wow!! This week we are beginning with a new note A. Good luck everyone.

Yours Mrs Stablum

ARTS COUNCIL



Theatre, puppetry and magic teach students to *Speak Up!* against bullying and reach solutions. Students are introduced to an amazing magic talking whiteboard that comes to life and spells out why people bully in the first place.

A number of playground bullying scenarios are enacted using forum theatre techniques, which empower students to pause the action and explore possible resolutions. Together with the show's characters, they decide collaboratively on the best course of action – illustrating that beating bullying takes teamwork.

Jam-packed with performance, interaction, storytelling, puppetry and a TV game show, this is a fast-paced, thought provoking, educational performance that empowers students to *Speak Up!*

Produced by Bread Productions

COST: \$6.00 per student

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

If you go out in the woods today,
You're sure of a big surprise.

If you go out in the woods today,
You'd better go in disguise.

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain, because
Today's the day the teddy bears have
their picnic.



Attention: Prep, Yr One, Yr Two
A Teddy Bears Picnic is happening this
Wednesday 10th March between 9.00 and
10.30am at Seaforth School. Lots of teddy
bear activities, games and a shared morning
tea. Make sure you are part of this exciting
event!

Bring along your favourite teddy
bear or stuffed toy and a small plate of
morning tea to share with everyone
(sandwiches, cakes, muffins, pastries, fruit,
finger food).

Parents, if anyone has a picnic
rug, we would love to borrow it for the
morning.

Thank you, Mrs Atkins & Mrs Clout

Seaforth Stingers Soccer

Well, our team played our first game last Tuesday
against Slade Point and we were victorious 8 to 1.
Everyone gave their best and congratulations to
those students who played their first official soccer
game ever. Ryan Rasmussen was fortunate to be
selected as Player of the week and received an
Eagle Boys pizza voucher. Well done. Our next
game is scheduled for tomorrow at 4.35pm at
Lions Park, however, after the weekend rain
(208mm at Andergrove), the coordinator will
contact the schools involved on Monday afternoon
to confirm the games. Students need to be at Lions
Park no later than 4.15pm for warm-up.

Mrs Atkins

MACKAY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

The Mackay Community Health Service would like to inform
you of temporary changes to School Screening in primary
schools in the Mackay region in 2009. We regret we are
unable to continue school screening but we are able to offer
alternative arrangements for the assessment of children's

hearing, vision and speech. If teachers or parents have
concerns regarding these issues, parents need to be advised to
contact child health. Alternatively vision assessments can be
carried out at the Optometrist.

Appointments for screening can be made by contacting
Mackay Child Health on 49683863, These appointments will
be available weekly.

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: Kellie Selwood

**We urgently need a volunteer for this
Friday. If you could help out please ring
Justine Mayes on 49664013**

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

We have been informed that the Mobile library won't be
here for a couple of weeks as they are waiting for a part
to come and it was 14 days without labour.

2009 BACK-TO-SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PACKS

In late January 2009, Queensland Transport launched a Back-to-School Campaign. Students in Prep, Years 1 and 2 will be issued with a pack containing a letter, a go-to-guide for parents as well as an activity booklet for children and parents to read together. The aim of the Back-to-School campaign is to ensure that Queensland children know and practice safe road skills, to reduce the risk of children being involved in road tragedies, and make school travel safer for children. Further details and educational resources can be found on the Queensland Transport website www.transport.qld.gov.au

Girls Girls Girls

Mackay Gymnastics Inc is ready to start new gymnastics classes for primary school aged girls. Beginner classes for girls under 8 years on Mondays and a Level 1 class for girls over 8 on Fridays.

Where: Malcomson St (opp Central Caravan Park).
It's great fun and out of the sun. To book phone the club on 49 53 1425.