

TERM 2 WEEK 4

From the Principal

NAPLAN TESTING

Tomorrow is the first day of the NAPLAN testing. This is the national testing that will follow this timeframe:

YEAR LEVEL	Tuesday 12th May	Wednesday 13th May	Thursday 14th May
3	Language Conventions 40 minutes (46 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes (6 stimulus) (35 questions)	Numeracy 45 minutes (35 questions)
5	Language Conventions 40 minutes (50 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes (6 stimulus) (35 questions)	Numeracy 50 minutes (40 questions)
7	Language Conventions 45 minutes (57 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes (8 stimulus) (46 questions)	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 <i>80 minutes total</i> (64 questions altogether) Calculator-allowed test first, followed by non-calculator test

It is vitally important that all children are present on these days. The following points are important to ensure optimum performance on the day:

All children have:

- ✓ A good night sleep
- ✓ Are not stressed or anxious – just encourage them to have a go and do their best. Don't worry about the test!
- ✓ Eat a healthy breakfast

Good luck everyone!

QUEENSLAND TEACHERS' UNION NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF STOP-WORK ACTION

Please read the attached letter advising parents of the stop-work action to take place on Tuesday 19th May.

INFLUENZA A (Swine Flu)

You may have heard reports over the weekend that Brisbane has Australia's first confirmed case of the new strain of Influenza A (otherwise referred to as Human Swine Influenza).

Queensland Health has advised it is "business as usual" until further notice for schools and TAFE institutes.

The Department of Education and Training is in close contact with Queensland Health, which reports the woman was not infectious at the time of boarding her flight from the United States to Brisbane.

Good hygiene practices including coughing into tissues, proper disposal of tissues, and hand-washing are major factors in the challenge to prevent the spread of infections such as Influenza A. Staff and students should also stay away from their workplace or school when sick.

I encourage all staff to follow good hygiene practices and for schools and TAFE institutes to encourage students to also follow these practices.

For further information about good hygiene practices and a hand-washing poster that can be downloaded and placed in workplaces, visit the [Department's Influenza website](#).

Schools may also wish to encourage parents to provide their child with tissues and hand gels to bring to school. For further information on the safe use of sanitising hand-wash solutions, please review the Department's fact sheet, available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/health/pdfs/healthsafet y/hand-wash-solutions.pdf>

For the latest information about the current Influenza A outbreak, visit the [Queensland Health website](#).

If you believe staff may have symptoms of Influenza A please encourage them to talk to a general practitioner or call 13 Health (13 43 25 84).

The Federal Department of Health and Ageing has also set up a Swine Influenza Hotline –**1802007**.

I will provide further updates on the new strain on Influenza A as necessary.

Julie Grantham
Acting Director-General

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 5 students from Seaforth State School participated in the Mackay Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to Bailey O'Loughlin (7th), Charlie Frost (23rd), Ben Simpson (24th), Dexter Edmonds (1st), Lisa Kley (7th) for their sportsmanship and effort. Dexter will compete at the Capricornia Trials later this month. Well done to all!

SOCCKER TRIALS

Congratulations to Koko Drummond and Alannah Curry for their recent selection in the Mackay District Soccer Team. The girls will play next Wednesday and Thursday in the Capricornia Trials. Well done!

Have a great week

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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Prep/1</i>	Tom Frost	His consistent effort in literacy activities
<i>1/2</i>	Zoey Gillingham	Being a terrific listener
<i>3/4</i>	Ryan Said	Being a quiet, hard working member of our class
<i>4/5</i>	Courtney Simon	For being attentive and

		giving 100% effort
5/6	Ayden Gamble	Being a wonderful class member that we will all miss
6/7	Bailey O'Loughlin	A new super improved classroom attitude!!! Year!!!

STAFF PROFILES



NAME: Cheryl Mandryk

YEARS AT SEAFORTH: 1 term

UNIVERSITY: James Cook Uni

OCCUPATION: Teacher

FAMILY: Yes – Husband, 2 daughters, a grandson

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Mrs Doubtfire

BEST ATTRIBUTE: Caring & concern for others

WORST ATTRIBUTE: Perfectionist

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Hockey, Computers & Craft

ROLE MODEL/S: Ghandi

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN LIFE: Birth of daughters and more recently becoming a grandmother

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 5/6

SCHOOL DISCO

Our first school disco will be held this Friday (15th May). The theme is "Celebrity Heads". So come as someone – your choice. Food available on the night will be sent home on Wednesday. Cost for entry is \$2.00 per person.

Juniors – Prep to Year 3 5pm – 7pm

Seniors – Year 4 to Year 7 7pm – 9pm

All money to Student Council.



MUSIC CORNER

Way to go Seaforth - almost every student from years 3 to 7 has been completing their music homework and it shows. By practicing each week there will not be the chance of slipping behind. It is great to see students who “have a go” and even have a bit of fun with their homework by attempting the duets which we have been practicing with a friend. Keep up the good work.

Yours Mrs Stablum

WELCOME TO OUR BOOKFAIR

Bookfair started today and what a fantastic response from the parents. Thank you to all those parents for their purchases. At the end of our bookfair, which is Friday 15th, the school will receive 30% of the total amount made in books for our library. Not only do we have books for sale but pencils, rubbers, highlighters etc starting from \$1.00. Students get to come into bookfair during 2nd lunch to purchase any items they might want.

Note: Any books purchased have to stay on the shelves until the conclusion of bookfair. Monday 18th the books will be done up in their orders and sent home with the student. As there are only a couple of copies of each book, some people will have to wait for ordered books.

Starts – Monday 11th May 7.30 – 8.30am
2.30 – 3.30pm

Open 2nd lunch for children to purchase books and items.

MS READ-A-THON

Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools across Australia have united to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, siblings, parents and grandparents can get involved. Here’s how.....

Click online for free registration and receive a very cool MS Readathon wristband. **Flick** through books during the month of June (you can count books from other reading programs too). **Collect** sponsorship

donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards.

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details. **Bonus!** Once 20 students from our school have registered online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a book pack for the library – it’s free to register online, just check with mum or dad first. Any queries see Mrs Usher.

P & C NOTICES TUCKSHOP

Please replace last terms purple price list with the new one as there are a number of changes.

- Fruit tingle play water is unavailable but we do have raspberry, blackcurrant and lemonade flavours.

Volunteers this week: Lynne Powell, Carolyn Roberts

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

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!

The next P & C Meeting will be Monday 18th May 2009, at 9.00am.

OTHER FUNDRAISING:- If you are interested in being on the committee please let me know. Should you have any feedback or suggestions to offer please contact Carolyn Roberts on 49590378.

RELAY FOR LIFE: May 16 & 17. I’ve registered a team to attend the Mackay Rally. If you are interested in supporting the cancer cause in some way this is your chance. It’s lots of fun so give it a go. Donations and sponsorship are appreciated and the team name is “Seaforth Swingers”. Please see Carolyn Roberts to offer your support. I need another 14 volunteers – adults only!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Gymnastics

GREAT NEWS! Mackay Gymnastics have limited vacancies in their beginner girls classes (Wed or Sat) for girls who are at school. Our new Sat morning Kindergym class (2 – 5 year old) also has a few spots left. Gymnastics is a foundation for all sports and life in general. It develops confidence, balance, strength and agility. Interested? Give us a call on 49 53 1425.

Thank you for your help and support of this great sport.

Rosemary Haines Mackay Gymnastics/Student Festival of Fashion 49 578 265, 0414 354 920