

TERM 2 WEEK 5

From the Principal

QTU STRIKE ACTION – TUESDAY 19th May

Please refer to correspondence sent out on Thursday 14th May for most recent position on planned strike action for tomorrow.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy

Now that 2009 NAPLAN is over, we now wait for an extended period for the results. After the testing teachers perused the test papers and copies of the writing task were taken for individual student files (as is done each year). It is always very interesting to see how children perform under test conditions and depending on their frame of mind or mood during a particular task/test. It is also really interesting talking to the children afterwards to gauge how they went in the test. A very familiar comment is how easy the tests were. However, the tests are not easy by any means of the imagination and they really do test the children's knowledge and understanding of concepts.

I have shared this table last year when results came through about our performance in 2008.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY			
% of Students at or above the National Minimum Standard			
YEAR LEVEL	AREA	Australian % 2008	Seaforth % 2008
Year 3	Reading	92	71
	Writing	95	100
	Spelling	93	76
	Grammar and Punctuation	92	90
	Numeracy	95	90
Year 5	Reading	91	91
	Writing	93	96
	Spelling	92	96

	Grammar and Punctuation	92	96
	Numeracy	93	96
Year 7	Reading	94	91
	Writing	92	91
	Spelling	93	95
	Grammar and Punctuation	92	91
	Numeracy	95	95

BER – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Over the past months Mark Curry (President of P & C) and I have been actively involved in a number of planning and design meetings with Education Queensland and private companies who have been appointed Estimators and Project Managers for the Federal Government's Building the Educational Revolution Projects. As everyone is aware during February we signed off on \$1.45 million dollars worth of capital works projects that included at Library Resource Centre, Under covered Play Area, Science and Technology Centre. Within weeks this was reduced to \$850 000 and the costs of the buildings changed considerably compared to the weeks before. Therefore, at the planning meeting we had no choice other than a Library/Resource Centre as we don't have one and this needed to be our 1st priority that was valued at \$750 000. On top of this to reach the \$850 000 we could add a Science and Technology room. Planning has continued with site plans and contractors coming out and completing their part of the quoting and specifications. Last week we were advised that more changes needed to happen to have the building come in under cost (ie: removal of the Science/Technology room, substantial floor space, and the whole design of the building to be changed). We are hopeful that these are the last changes that need to be made. Construction work is to begin in August and completed by the end of November.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this project or many of the others in round 1 in Mackay (Pindi Pindi, Hampden, Glenella.....) they are asked to contact FKG – FK Gardner & Son – Building and Civil

Contractors.

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RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Brad Henry from Qld Rugby League is here for the following 3 Wednesdays (20/05, 27/05, 03/06). Brad comes each year and runs sessions for each class. This year he will be working with all of the classes at Seaforth. Brad runs skill sessions. The children do not actually play the game, however, they learn the fundamental skills involved with the game. There is no cost to these sessions.

STAFF MOVEMENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19/05 QTU strike
Thursday 21/05 Rebekkah at Northern Highway development of Cluster English program
Friday 22/05 Rebekkah at Northern Highway Principal's PD Day
Saturday 23/05 Ms Julie Matheson (3/4 – gets married)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21/05 Active After School Hockey (30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05, 28/05, 04/06, 11/06) reminder 2:40 – 3:40
Monday 25/05 Active After School Soccer (27/04, 25/05, 15/06, 22/06) reminder that sessions go from 2:40 – 4:00 and only on the dates on the calendar
Wednesday 27/05 Rugby League Development Session 2
Rebekkah at Regional Literacy In-service for Principals
Thursday 28/05 Rebekkah at Mackay State High School – Interviewing for Promotional Panels
Calen North Coast Tennis Trials 10-12 year olds

Have a great week

Rebekkah

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Class	Name	For
Prep/1	Flynn McGill-Schweida	A great show n tell
1/2	Caleb Weiss	Working well all week
3/4	Sunita Long	Her enthusiastic attitude towards her school

		work
4/5	Tori Staples	Writing and presenting a poem beautifully
5/6	Ryan Rassmussen	A wonderful presentation on seeds
6/7	Tempani Thomas	Being a very efficient worker

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 6/7

MUSIC CORNER

We are now into our second week of learning to play tunes with the new note B! Keep up the good work everyone.

Yours Mrs Stablum

DRESS DIFFERENTLY DAY

On Wednesday the 27th May we will be celebrating Dress Differently Day. Dress Differently Day is an initiative of Autism Queensland and is designed to increase the awareness and understanding in our community of Autism. Children with Autism often feel different every day of their lives, struggling to communicate or socialise with others, process information and adapt to their environment.

Dress Differently Day encourages everybody to be involved by dressing differently for the day. Students are invited to come to school dressed differently. Students will be asked to give a gold coin donation to participate in The Best Dressed Differently competition. All money collected will be forwarded to Autism Queensland to assist with the vital services they provide to children and families living with Autism.

BOOKFAIR

Thank you to all the parents, guardians etc that supported Seaforth School's Bookfair. Because of your purchases we made \$1700 and from that amount the school library now receives \$520 worth of free books. A great effort by all, enjoy your books and once again thanks, Sue.
P.S. Books will be sent home as soon as possible.

Rugby League Update

Last week saw the Seaforth/Farleigh Barbarians take on St Marys. We played St Marys in the third round and snuck away with the points after a tough encounter so we were expecting another close game. We won the toss and decided to use the wind in the first half. The opening ten minutes was dominated by our forwards with Ashten having a typically

strong game. Tim and Jack were making good metres and Dan's defence was as strong as ever. The ball skills displayed by our team particularly Sam was superb. The slippery conditions were not slowing our backs down with Ryan and Tyrell having strong games in the centres. The Vella boys were showing their usual fleet footedness and only willing defence from St Marys kept us out. With only minutes until half time the score was still nil all and then Ashten used his speed and scooted down the touch line to score a long range try under the posts. The try was converted by Alex and we went into half time 6 points up.

The second half began well for us with Jack Simpson having his best game of the season. His strong hit ups were getting us plenty of good field position. Jack Wood had come off the bench and was also strong in attack. James was putting his body on the line with some of his best defence this year. Our superior field position led to Ashten crashing over for another try and we had pushed our lead out to 10. St Marys hit back not long after and the game had tightened up again 10-4. After some good attacking play we had St Marys on the defensive and with a jarring tackle they coughed up the ball and Jarrod played to the whistle and scooped up the ball and scored under the posts. The try was unconverted and the lead was out to 8. After some good lead up work from Boone we were unlucky to lose the ball and from the next set of six St Marys were over in the corner. The score was now 14-8. Some desperate defence later on in the game, particularly a great try saver from Lochie meant we managed to hold out for a great 14-8 win. Thanks to Jodi for washing the jerseys and to all the parents and teachers who came down to support us.

Last week I missed the write up where we defeated Northview 24-4. Our next game is against Mackillop at 4:30, Abbott Park.
Cheers Sam

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.

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

The Premier Reading Challenge is on again this year from 11th May till 21st August. Every student who

meets the challenge and reads a total of 20 books will receive a certificate. Younger students can also take part by experiencing books. If you are interested please see Mrs Usher for more information.

HONOUR AN INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the NEITA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards program. The awards program provides a rare opportunity to publicly recognise and encourage our outstanding teachers and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. It is the only national awards program where school communities – school councils and parent associations, individual parents, secondary student councils, and community organisations can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence.

Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEITA Certificate of nomination and become candidates for NEITA State and National Awards. Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.neita.com.au or requested from the NEITA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

QLD TRANSPORT

SCHOOL BUSES WILL BE OPERATING

Please be advised that all school bus services will be operating normally on Tuesday May 19th regardless of whether the teachers strike goes ahead or not. Last Wednesday bus operators were being advised by Qld Transport (QT) that they had the option to use their discretion in relation to operating when they knew that there'd be no teachers at school. Based on this advice we had made the decision not to operate. However on Friday afternoon bus operators were told by QT that we must operate as normal whether teachers go to work or not. We apologise for any confusion caused by the varying messages over the past few days.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by Queensland Transport to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Passenger Transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518313.

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Passenger Transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518313

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: Linda Bobongie, Suellen Rasmussen

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!

Chair Bags are now available.

PUBLIC NOTICES