

TERM 4 WEEK 3

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are already into the third week of Term 4. As you are aware this is the busiest term of the year. This week we have many of our students (and teachers) nervously awaiting their upcoming performances at the Mackay Eisteddfod. We wish you all every success during the next three days! On behalf of our staff and students I'd also like to congratulate Mrs Judy Atkins for achieving first place (tied) in the 'Open Verse Speaking'. She received 92/100 for her recital of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. This is an excellent score. I'm sure we'd all love to hear this performance on the next parade!

Prep Enrolments: If you are aware of any families in our area (and beyond) who have children eligible for prep for the 2010 school year, could you please ask them to contact our school as soon as possible? We are presently addressing enrolment numbers for the 2010 year.

Kinchant Dam Camp: What a great camp we all had! I'm sure your child/children were returned to you totally exhausted (as were the staff and parent helpers). Staff, parents and students **all** participated in the array of activities including the high ropes, biscuit, giant swing etc. We were fortunate enough to have some visitors for night time activities including Mr Holmes (PE Teacher from Mackay West) and the Homebush Rock Band called 'Skippin Klass'. Our own very talented students also entertained us with various

jokes and songs as well as Mr Currie with his rendition of 'My Boomerang won't come back', much to the delight of the 'Catering' ladies!

It was a pleasure to have the various staff at this site comment on the behaviour and excellent manners of our students! Well done kids!

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to all of our teachers and parents who gave up their valuable time to make the camp such a success. Thank you Ms Fergus, Mrs Cahill, Mrs Richardson, Mr Mark Currie, Mrs Leith Allan, Ms Melissa Conroy and Ms Tammy Foden.

AIM SPRING SCHOOL: Next week we have some of our Years 5, 6 and 7 students attending Spring School. Parents, please note that the students will not have to pay for this activity as the Cluster has decided to cover costs.

Northern Highway Cluster Enrichment Day:
(This activity is not to be confused with Spring School)

Next Friday, the 30th of October, some students in Years 5,6 and 7 will be invited to attend the Northern Highway Cluster Enrichment Day at the Leap Hall. Teachers have set selection criteria for choosing students to attend this day. It is the parent's responsibility for transporting these students to and from the Leap Hall. Forms will be sent home on Wednesday for those students who are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS/CHANGES

Week	Date	Event
4	26/10/09-30/10/09	AIM SPRING SCHOOL: Maths/Science – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

		English/The Arts – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
	30.10/09	Northern Highway Cluster Enrichment Day
	30/10/09	Auskick 10:30 – 11:30am
	31/10/09	World Teachers Day
5	02/11/2009	Arts Council

Queensland State School Holidays

The 2010 Queensland state school calendar is now available at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews

Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January.

For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December*.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 19 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 26 November.

State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: Friday 22 January, Monday 25 January, Monday 12 April, Monday 12 July, and Monday 18 October.

Have a great week

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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>
Prep/1	Bethany Gillies	Being a helpful classroom member
1/2	Dylan Cole	Setting a wonderful example for the class
3/4	Natalie Garbutt	The outstanding quality of her work
4/5	Rielly Selwood	Her courageous efforts at biscuiting
5/6	Darcie Cahill	For being an

		enthusiastic and positive camper
6/7	Jack Simpson	Responsible behaviour
Lisa Barns-Jackson	Bradley Francis	Being a 'reader'

Worm Farm

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Remember, no onion, no citrus, no meat. Thanks!!!

Class this week is 3/4



MUSIC CORNER

Two new exercises this week to practice using our new note D and other notes we have learnt. I look forward to seeing if anyone is able to play the duet!! Happy practicing everyone!!

Yours Mrs Stablum

ARTS COUNCIL HERMES GOES ENVIRON-MENTAL

Queensland Arts Council is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation, dedicated to bringing the arts to Queensland students. On 2/11/2009, Queensland Arts Council will present Hermes Goes Environ-Mental.

This production takes students on a journey through the water cycle, offers practical ideas about what students can do to help conserve 'the precious drop' and packs big science ideas into a slapstick comedy package – certainly not your average science lesson!

To ensure that your child has the chance to participate in this experience, which is linked to our curriculum, please return the payment envelope by 30th October with the \$6 admission fee.

The details for Hermes Goes Environ-Mental are as follows:

SHOW: Hermes Goes Environ-Mental

DATE: Monday 2nd November 2009^{*}

TIME: 12:00

COST: \$6 per child

ED ALIVE

School is offering ED Alive CD Packages. Attached is a catalogue which is to be returned to the office no later than 30 October 2009.

P & C NOTICES

TUCKSHOP

Please check new menu as there is a few items that are not available anymore and some prices have changed.

Due to problems with our supplier lemonade and fruit tingle playwater are not available, but we are able to replace them with a new product called "focus on sports water". We are getting these in 2 flavours: fruit fix and lemonade for \$1.80.

We always appreciate help to run our tuckshop so even if you have 1 or 2 hours to spare please call Justine Mayes on 49664013

We are getting a lot of foreign coins, could you please check money given to tuckshop as the Bank will only accept Australian money.

Could you please ensure that your children's tuckshop order has their proper class room number and also note if the order is for 1st or 2nd break. As the tuckshop is run by volunteers, not all are familiar as to what child is in what class. It would help save some time. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Uniform Prices

There has been an increase in some of the costs.

Shirts \$25.00 each

Hats \$11.00 each

Heavy Duty Chair Bags \$10.00 each

Pencil Cases \$7.00 each

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 26th October 2009.

BUS MEETING

Thursday 22 October at 8:45am

PUBLIC NOTICES

FOR SALE

2009 Honda CRF250R New Condition. Lots of extra's \$7,200 ono. Phone 49664097 or 0429111033.

COURIER SERVICE

Daily courier service to Mackay. Reasonable rates
0413 270 487

FOR SALE

Cape York Camper Trailer 4 x 4 offroad. 80ltr stainless water tank, stainless steel gas top cooker, 2x 4.5kg gas bottles, 80watt solar panels, duel deep cycl batteries, large annex 2.3m x 5mts, another

large enclosed annex 2.3 mts x 5mts, electric breakes. Treg hitch. Great condition \$9,500. Call Darren 0412356111 or 0412356202.

MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

DATE: Thursday 22 October 2009

VENUE: Mackay SHS school oval – Milton Street

TIME: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Players are required to bring Rugby League playing equipment. Players will be provided with jersey and water bottles. The trial is open to all male students entering Year 8 in 2010. Any queries contact Glenn Ottaway, Head of Physical Education/Sport 0438647015

Adult Community Education (ACE) Short Courses at Learning Network Queensland

Trading Strategies commences on 19 Oct and is suitable for anyone wanting to increase their knowledge of the stockmarket and gain valuable insight into how money can be made in an upward, downward or sideways trending market.

Nigel Ormiston presents "Trading Strategies" providing current, fresh, relevant market information and covers various strategies and products that can be traded on the Australian share market. Nigel draws on his many years in the market including working briefly for a Wall Street firm in New York to trading an array of products on the Australian market from an office on the Gold Coast. Details on the ACE website www.LNQace.com under Linked-Learning, contact LNQ ph 4936 4068 or email Rockhampton@LNQ.net.au for details

Money Matters is a short course designed to help you reprogram your money strategies and show you how to control your money – so it doesn't control you! A closer look at attitudes towards money, spending and saving - for anyone interested in getting their finances moving forward! Commencing on Weds 21 October 2009. Details on the ACE website www.LNQace.com under Linked-Learning, contact LNQ ph 4936 4068 or email Rockhampton@LNQ.net.au for details