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7 October 2015



Coming Events

- October**
- 7 Prep Transition Program 9:30-10:30am
 - 7 Swimming - Echidna & Ibis
 - 8 Assembly @ 2:30pm
 - 13 Eisteddfod - Recorder ensemble & Strings
 - 14 Prep Transition Program 9:30-10:30am
 - 14 Swimming - Echidna & Ibis
 - 15 Grandparents Day Special Assembly @ 9am
 - 15 P&C Meeting @ 3:20pm
 - 19 STUDENT FREE DAY
 - 19 Eisteddfod - Choir
 - 21 Prep Transition Program morning and afternoon sessions
 - 21 Swimming Echidna & Ibis
 - 22 Platypus presenting Assembly @ 2:30pm
 - 22 Eisteddfod - Folk Group
 - 23 Eisteddfod - Junior Choir
 - 23 Pioneer State High School Musical Showcase
 - 23 Disco

GOOD LUCK TO OUR EISTEDDFOD STUDENTS, YOU WILL BE FABULOUS

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Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Welcome Back - A special welcome back to all students, families and staff to what promises to be a very busy, exciting and rewarding Term 4 to finish off the year! As you will see on the calendar of events, there are many events planned to keep everyone busy for the next 10 weeks. A special mention to our Yr 6 graduating group who are embarking upon their final weeks of primary school and preparing for the transition to high school in 2016. For those Yr 6 students who are yet to contact their high school, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Staffing News - Welcome back to Mrs Bromiley (nee Scraggs) and Mrs Clayton who enjoyed some long service leave at the end of last term. The Griffiths and Platypus students will be looking forward to catching up and hearing about their exciting adventures. A special welcome to Mrs Sharlene Cole who is teaching the Bradman class each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cole met the class during the last week of Term 3 and is very excited about joining our team at Beaconsfield. We hope that you enjoy the term ahead Mrs Cole!

2016 Enrol Now - Term 4 is a busy one where schools spend considerable time finalising staffing arrangements for the year ahead. An important part of this process is being able to accurately predict our student numbers for next year. If your family is leaving our school, please communicate this to our office staff. Similarly if you know of families who are joining our school community next year (or have Prep students to enrol), please encourage them to contact the school for some enrolment packs.

Attendance - With a new term ahead it is vitally important that students are at school each and every day to maximise the learning opportunities provided. For each student there is important knowledge and skills to acquire, to finalise their learning this year in preparation for the year ahead. Our attendance goal for the year is 92% and with last term's flu season taking such a toll on student health, there were many who fell below this target. I encourage families to support our students with achieving our attendance goal for our final term - having no more than 4 days away over the next 10 weeks.

Campers Return - Our campers returned from a fantastic camping experience in Townsville in the last week of Term 3. The students, staff and parents who attended couldn't stop talking about how great camp was and the positive outcomes that occurred. The school received some outstanding feedback from the accommodation providers regarding what a pleasure our students were to work with! I congratulate our students on being such positive ambassadors for our school. Big thanks to our staff, Mrs Storey, Mrs Petrass, Miss Randall and our wonderful dads, Mr Anvari, Mr Fisher, Mr Johns, Mr Srsen and Mr Lowth for their hard work and efforts in providing these invaluable, real-life learning experiences to our students. Special thanks to our dedicated camp coordinator Mrs Storey for ensuring that everything came together, resulting in another very successful camping experience for our students.

Netball & Rugby League Gala Days - Congratulations to our netball and rugby league players who did our school proud on the respective gala days on the last days of Term 3. Students had a fantastic time playing their games and were outstanding ambassadors for our school. While they did experience some success during their games our most proud outcome was the respectful and responsible way that they represented our school during these competitions. Well done students! Special thanks to our staff Mrs Allen, Mrs MacPhee, and Miss Randall for coordinating these teams and leading them on the day. Thanks to our ever increasing number of parents who come along and support our students with these events. Our parents are understandably very proud of our students, they value the importance of sport and love

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seeing our great school represented on the sporting fields of Mackay. I am always very proud to see our school spirit alive and well during these special sports events.

Grandparents Day Special Assembly – Next week's assembly Thursday 15th October is a 9am morning one where we recognise and celebrate the special contribution that grandparents play in our school community. As per last year, following assembly, our grandparents will join their grandchildren in the classroom for some morning activities before returning to the hall for a special morning tea. If any grandparents planning on attending could please contact the school or return the flyer included in this newsletter for catering purposes it would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting – Our next scheduled P&C Meeting is next week, Thursday 15th October at 3:20pm in the staff room. We have had some new parents come along to our last couple of meetings which has been fantastic. I encourage parents to pop in and offer your support to our dedicated group of P&C members. Hope to see you there!

Eisteddfod News – Our music teacher Mrs Conroy will be run off her feet over the coming weeks, as Mackay is once again in the grip of "Eisteddfod October Fever". Mrs Conroy is working hard with our students, finalising preparations for a number of performances including, choirs, recorder ensemble and a folk group. We wish them the best of luck in the coming weeks!

Term 4 Class Overviews for Parents – Parents should be receiving Term Class Overviews from teachers this week which outline key curriculum topics, expectations and any extra-curricular offerings planned for the term ahead. I encourage parents to maintain the cooperative and positive relationship that they have established with their child's teacher. Early in the term is a great time to check-in with the teacher, to ascertain student progress and determine if there is anything further needed to maximise their potential.

Prep Transition Program – Our transition program for our 2016 prep group has made a very successful start last term with these sessions continuing for the first 7 weeks of this term. This program will be enhanced further with three additional prep transition offerings scheduled for after school (please refer to calendar dates).

SFD Reminder – Reminder that **Monday 19th October** is a **Student Free Day** for all Queensland State Schools. While staff will be hard at work completing a full day of Professional Development activities, there are no scheduled classes for students on this day. Normal classes resume for students on Tuesday 20th October.

Darren Russell
Principal

SWPBS – Supporting Positive Behaviour

Welcome back everyone to what promises to be another exciting term for our Beaconsfield students. Term 3 was a very positive one for the majority of students who were

working very hard at being responsible, respectful and safe learners at Beaconsfield. Over the 10 weeks, 28, 389 PAT's were distributed to students for meeting our behaviour expectations! We look forward to continuing to reward the positive behaviour of our students throughout this term who are being safe, respectful and responsible learners. The Griffiths class retained the title of champion PAT class for Week 8 and 9 – well done Griffiths!

A special congratulations also goes to Luke Howkins who is our first student to reach the "700 Club" this year after receiving 700 PAT's, fantastic work Luke! Congratulations to the following students who were Milestone Buzz Award Recipients on assembly over the last few weeks:

Week 8

100 Club – Bailey Houweling
200 Club – Heather Jones, Shamara Miller, Zahli Driver, Tyrell Bradshaw, Kayne Lehmann, Deizel Kite, Tyreece Starrett, Marik Srsen, Drew Seymour, Albert Jackson, Rewald Stander, Sebastian Museba, Zane Bickey and Waklyn Dow
300 Club - Trinity Keane, Douglas Clark, Arley Rowles, Chante Longmore, Danyka Kerwin, Laura Allen, Ammy-Elle Creed, Lacey Dahl, Denver Shepherd, Aidan Quinlan and Sienna Mills.

400 Club - Hannah Weinert-Richters, Savannah Maharaj, Hunter Shepherd, Declan Davidson, Chloe Dixon and Tileha Chirgwin-Gray
500 Club – Blake Weston, Joshua Ansford, Tahlee Keane, Erin Szkurda

Week 9

100 Club – Timothy Ghee, D'Artgnan Perrett, Brydee Ikin, Logan Szkurda, Shyla Vanhouweninge and Tatiana Giblett
300 Club – Makayla Anderson, Jack Durkin, Mya Gander, Sasha Clay, Abbi Turner, Ethan Little, Lily Russell, K'Ziah Hutchins, Taylor Pitt, Jhett Puglisi, Savannah Crocker and Ash Coates

400 Club: Laketa Hickman, Lucas Warne, Zara Miller, Blake Paterson, Willow O'Connor and Pyper Beel
500 Club: Leah Curtis, Lara Nugent and Lynette Museba
600 Club: Ella Borg, Bianca Dawson and Aquila Fisher
700 Club: Luke Howkins

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for this week has been from our Be Responsible list of expectations - "**Keep work space tidy**". This expectation is important as it allows us to have an adequate and organised space to complete our work and allows us to locate our learning resources and tools necessary to undertake our assigned work.

Our behaviour focus for next week is from our Be Safe list – "**Respect others' personal space and property**". This expectation means:

- Treating the property of others, as if it were your own (respectfully – looking after it when you are using it)
- Asking permission politely to borrow other's property, returning other's property promptly when finished using it and thanking them for allowing you to borrow it
- If property is found that doesn't belong to us, try to find out who it belongs to, or hand it in to a staff member or the lost property bin in the office
- Maintaining personal space (not bumping or knocking into people) when moving around, not standing too

close to someone when talking to them or if they are working at a desk/table etc (don't break their personal space bubble)

This expectation is important as it ensures we treat others as we would like to be treated. This expectation commences when the students start to arrive at school in the morning. **A friendly reminder that supervision commences from 8:30am.** Students will need to come to the tuckshop courtyard where they will be directed either to the library or Senior Undercover Area. Children are not allowed to be unsupervised near their classroom until the classroom door has been opened by their teacher. Your child is welcome to remain in the courtyards near the classroom if you stay with them.

I encourage parents and carers to reinforce these important messages with their children at home. Clarifying your child's understanding of these expectations and reinforcing the school's clear message regarding these, will certainly go a long way in reinforcing and building upon the great work that our teachers and staff are doing with our students on a daily basis.

Lisa Laird – Deputy Principal

MUSIC

Good luck to all groups who will be performing in the Mackay Eisteddfod over the coming weeks. Below are the events in which our students will be participating.

- Tuesday 13 Oct - Recorder Ensemble (8.30 am)
Strings Ensemble (1.00 pm)
- Monday 19 October Show Choir (6.30 pm)
- Thursday 22 October Folk Group (6.30 pm)
- Friday 23 October Junior Choir (8.30 am)

Please refer to the notes sent home with involved students for final details.

Sandy Conroy – Music Teacher

BRADMAN LEARNING GROUP

Wow! I can't believe it's Term 4 already! I would like to welcome Mrs Sharlene Cole to our school and class. Sharlene will be working on a Thursday and Friday until the end of the year. Graduation is upon us so please look out for future notes in regards to how and when we will be farewelling our Year 6 students. Please enjoy reading our Spring Poems!

Spring has sprung,
Bright flowers blooming,
Beautiful sunshine glooming,
Jumping in a pool,
Bees like to fool,
Bright coloured leaves,
Falling off trees,
Spring has sprung,
Loads more FUN!
Gushing air,
Everything's fair,
Like selling a pear,
At a noisy school fair,
Pollen buds,
Like crawling bugs,
No more snow,
Like a garden glow.
By *Shelby Johnson*

Weather is nice,
May want to prepare,
Hope there's no mice,
Spring is in the air,
Grass is growing,
Wind is blowing,
Trees will blow,
How is this so,
Bells have rung,
Now we know,
Spring has sprung.

By *Katie Lester*

Kim Woods – Teacher

P&C

Just a reminder that the P&C Meeting is this Thursday October 8th at 3.20 pm in the staff room. Look forward to seeing you there. A big thanks to the parents who helped out last term with our Father's Day Stall, great effort!

Lynn Peterson – Secretary

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS NOW MONDAY STARTING 12 OCTOBER

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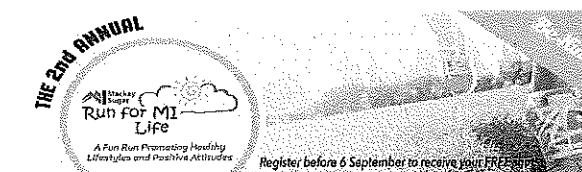
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Thank you,
Kind Regards, Jo Shanks

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