Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Sports Day Fever Building!!! The Interhouse Sports rally between Freeman(red), Heugh-(blue), Mackenzie(green) & Robertson (White) houses comes to a head this week with our 2014 Sports Carnival taking place. Wednesday afternoon will commence with all Dress & Shot Put events for students in Years 3 to 7. All main events will begin on Friday morning with a full program of sprints, 200m, 800m, high jump, long jump, relays and ball games during the day. Our Kindy children and students from Prep to year 2 will join us for the opening march past and morning events before returning to class for middle session. This competition will operate as normal with the usual ordering system in place. The. tuckshop will also provide home baked snacks, burgers and warm drinks for spectators. While this day is primarily our selection day for representative athletics next term it’s also a really fun and enjoyable day for those students who are able to participate. We are also hoping to have a few things to go support their team and enjoy being part of the friendly competition with class mates. Children are encouraged to wear team colours that are suitable sun safe clothing (not singlets) and bring their hats and water bottles. A small carry bag is all that will be needed for Friday as we wish to avoid having large school packs taking up space in team tents.

Student Leaders in National Rememberance Project: School captains Henri Stocks & Shae Robinson along with vice-captains Bronte Allen & Emma Reeves visited the ABC Radio Tropical North studios yesterday to talk about National project coordinated by the War Museum in Canberra. Each student recited the names and ages of 12 fallen veterans as a recorded archive to ensure their service to our country is remembered. This recording will then be collected and used as an interactive exhibit on display in Canberra. This was a great honour for our school and these students. I was very proud of the responsible and respectful way that Henri, Shae, Bronte & Emma conducted themselves and performed their task.

2015 Year 7 & 8 Transition to High School: Our local Pioneer Secondary School staff presented information and answered questions from parents and students during 3 sessions conducted on Monday. Information included enrolment procedures, special programs, curriculum, communication, uniforms and the scholarship application process. Additional information packs can be collected from the office.

End of Semester Reports: these detailed reports of student progress at school to date are currently being finalised by teachers. These will be checked & printed over the holidays and will be presented to parents early in term 3. Interview opportunities with teachers will also be available at this time. Meetings with teachers can be arranged at any time during the year by making an appointment. This is the best way to gain an accurate insight into how your child is achieving at school.

Successful Ladies Twilight Fair: Congratulations to coordinator Christine Wilson and the P&C team led by President Geraldine Dyer & Vice President Bronwyn Pitt for all their efforts in the lead up to and the organisation on the evening. Lots of positive community feedback was received. Final accounts settled we will be able to confirm the fundraising success of the event. While many community businesses made donations to the event we must make special mention of Blue Lagoon Landscaping & The Cheese Cakery Shug for the major contributions to the event. A special thank you to all our parents, family and staff volunteers who contributed in so many ways on the night. Your contributions go a long way towards providing the extra resources and special things for our students at school. As a school we are very grateful.

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Coming Events

June
19 Mackay Show
20 School Athletics Carnival
23 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
24 Waskakiri Practice
27 Last Day Term 2
July
14 First Day Term 3
16 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
17 Whitunday Voice Excursion
17 Waskakiri Practice
17 Assembly at 2.30pm
17 P&C Meeting
23 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
24 Waskakiri Practice
24 Jennings Hosting Assembly at 2.30pm
30 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
31 Carlow Hosting Assembly at 2.30pm
August
6 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
7 Waskakiri Performance at MECC
7 Bradman Hosting Assembly at 2.30pm
13 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
14 Musica Viva Performance
14 Sport & Cultural Leaders Hosting Assembly at 2.30pm
19 Musica Viva Performance
20-22 Year 6/7 Camp – Kindaht Outdoor Education Centre

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TWILIGHT CONCERT — Congratulations for all the performers at the Twilight Concert. The instrumental groups and chains did a wonderful job of showcasing what had been learnt in the first half of the year. I’m sure your families enjoyed the program. Now, the focus will be preparing for the entire year later in the year.

A special thank you to Ms Simon Mora (String Instrumental Teacher), Mr Cameron Matthews (Reeds, Windwood and Percussion Instrumental Teacher) and Mr Pam Jensen (Accompanist for the Choir) for giving up their time on Thursday evening. Mr Mora is a volunteer for no compensation to our school but he is happy to attend lunch time practices for both choirs.

FANFARE — Congratulations to our STRING ENSEMBLE for representing our school at this year’s State Wide Instrumental Competition held at Mackay North State High School last Tuesday. They received a GRAND PRIZE which was the last to play in the primary competition section and they showed the best performance they have done for Tuesday. Thank you again, Mr Mora for your wonderful guidance leading up to the performance.

Carmel Pyatt — Music Teacher

SWPBS — Supporting Positive Behaviour

The last couple of weeks have resulted in some new records being set at Beaconsfield with recognising students who are safe, responsible and respectful learners. Congratulations to our Week 7 Champions PAT class Griffths who collected 74 PAT’s for the week. There was obviously some healthy competition occurring in C Block this week, as Clark were a very close runner up finishing with 70 PAT’s. Considering our school goal is to aim for 100 PAT’s each week, these classes have certainly excelled, helping our school set a new weekly record of 537 PAT’s & a fantastic effort everyone! During Week 8 our PAT numbers did decrease with only 7 classes reaching our school goal of 100+ PAT’s, however congratulations to Clarke who were the Week 8 Champions, a PAT class, impressing upon their close runner up position from the previous week. Collecting 160 PAT’s for the week, was another great performance, well done Clark students.

With new weekly PAT records being set over the last fortnight, we have also been setting new records with students receiving Buzz Awards. During Week 6 we had 81 students receive a Buzz Award with Week 7 resulting in 158 Buzz recipients! Congratulations to the following students, who over the last fortnight have joined the “100 Club” for receiving 100 PAT’s: Xander Clay, Ryan Morgan, Tye Arnold, Daniel Harwood, Louise Nokes, Joshua Whitty, Jake Monash, Anthony Allford, Leon Burges, Aidan Palmer-Field, Lacey Dah, Georgia Cash, Alyssa Coburn, Grace Ryland, Tash Hinchliffe, Bronte Cash, Jeddyn Windsor, Jaxon Driver, Kevin Harvey, Chase Rettke, Mia Howie, Luke Ullrich, Emily Thompson-Curner, Courtney Robins, Cameron Dawson, Shayly Johnson, Katie Lester, Jorper Southgate, Amber Visco, Blake Weston, Sarah Twaddell, Nathan Bourden, Bethany Ufer, Zachary Eaton, Alexie Evans, and Fabilia Louise Speck.

Congratulations to the following students who have joined the “100 Club” with receiving 100 Buzz Awards: Thursday Jones, Sky Gowdy, Georgianna Carwadl and Douglas Kirk.

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for this week has been from our Be Safe list — “Walk on concrete paths and areas”. This one is another expectation that requires persistent monitoring and reinforcement with students of all ages, to help keep everyone safe, who are not moving around in our school.

I encourage all parents/carers to discuss and reinforce these expectations with their children to help them understand the importance of meeting these behaviour standards each and every day.

We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate these expectations over the next Intergate, so they embrace our school values of being safe, responsible and respectful learners.

Dionea Koellwitz — Deputy Principal