Dear Parents, Staff & Students

The MUNAP Report for Beaconsfield:

Our school has just received reports back outlining our student and school achievements from the National testing completed by Yr 5/6 students earlier this year. Our students and staff are to be congratulated on some outstanding improvements across all areas of Literacy in Numeracy to standards not achieved previously by our school. School results enable us to compare how we performed against other schools in Central Qld, all Qld Schools and then all schools across the nation. Using school performance mean scores as an indicator the following our achievements were stated by our students. Congratulations also to all our school staff who have been extremely committed and dedicated over the last 2 years to influence this significant achievement by our students. Teachers will review individual student MUNAP reports for errors before sending these home this week. Parents wishing further clarification can contact their child’s teacher or visit the ACARA website (Australian Curriculum Assessment Reporting Agency)

National Test 2014
Mean Scale Score Comparisons with Central QLD/State/National results for Beaconsfield Students years 5/6

Year 4
- Better than Qld in Reading
- Outperformed all sectors in Writing/Comprehension/Inference/ Numeracy
- Outperformed State & Qld in Spelling

Year 5
- Better than Qld in Reading/Writing/Spelling
- Outperformed State & Qld in Grammar/Punctuation/ (G/P)
- Comparable to Qld in Numeracy 48.9 to 48.5

Year 7
- Better than Qld in Reading/Writing/Spelling/ Numeracy
- Comparable to State in National mean in Numeracy (43.4-45)
- Minimised improvements in Writing from 2013 into 2014.
- Priority areas for 2014, Spelling/G/P resulted in considerable improvement especially in Yr 3 who outperformed the national mean score. Both Yr 5 & 7 were better than State & Qld.
- Yr: 3 & 7 Numeracy result better or comparable to national score.

National Literacy & Numeracy Challenges

This week as part of this national event our students from Prep to Year 7 have all been engaged in Spelling Bee & Number fact class competitions. Champion spellers and mathematicians will be recognised for their efforts with a trophy presented during our morning assembly. We will also use this opportunity for students to dress up as their favourite story book character. Students will model their costume and display their book during this presentation with prizes awarded for the most effort and originality. Our outstanding Wokafieldi performers, directed by teacher Kris Stumt will also be on stage for our last performance for the whole school. All parents and families are most welcome to join us for this occasion.

School Discipline Appeal: All schools in Queensland have a bi annual audit of the policies and processes they have in place to support and manage student behaviour at school. An auditor will visit our school on Thursday to conduct a review that will involve discussions with key staff, interviews with students and possible contacts with parents. The auditor then compiles a report to provide feedback to the school for review and consideration. This report is then shared by myself with the school P&C as well as key points in the school newsletter for the school community to be aware of.

Forte End Year 7: Football Day
Congratulations to our Teachers and support staff for organising a wonderful outdoor education experience for our students. We were fortunate to have such terrific weather for the outdoor challenges and activities that took place. Our students will have more stories to share.

Champion Writers: Recently several students took part in the Icas International Writing Competition. Some of our students were acknowledged for writing excellence. Congratulations to Uma Beazley and Bronie Allen who were awarded a “Distinction” and Shae Rimmer who received a “Creda” for their writing success.

North High 2013: Year 5 & 6 Students: Families enrolled for next year are invited to attend an info session tonight. Details were sent home via a student letter.

Prep-Yr 6 Enrolments: In 2015 our school is currently taking enrolments for next year. If you are aware of new families in the area please ask them to contact the office for enrolment packs and information about our school for next year. If you think you family may be leaving Mackay then also confirm this with the office as this will assist us when planning classes and staffing for 2015.

Pioneer State High School Crest Council: Well done to Nathan Hat, Mackenzie Smyth and Rochelle Weston for their involvement in this exciting service project. The culminating event involved students reporting back to an audience on an experiment they conducted and the findings that were discovered. Mackenzie and Nathan did an outstanding job on the night, urefortunate Rochelle was unwell.

Brendan Smith
Principal

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BOB FORD UP IN THE SKY

In some places the production of children's books is virtually non-existent. In other parts of the world there are over 30 publishing houses producing books for young children. From these books the children develop and form their own opinions. Those who then form the Margaret Mahy Society believe that the path for children should be in the form of the story books.

The Margaret Mahy Society is named after the New Zealand author Margaret Mahy. The Society is an international group made up of writers, publishers, educators and school libraries. The Margaret Mahy Society is supported by the Children's Book Council of New Zealand, the Children's Book Council of Australia, and the Institute for Language and Literature of New Zealand.

Home Bake $1.50 - Choc Brownie
Cazza Little - Canteen Convener

When can my child attend kindergarten?

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YOUR CHILDREN ARE AMAZING ALREADY. WE JUST HELP THEM PROVE IT.
CLARK LEARNING GROUP

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Clark kicked off the term with an excursion to Wetlands Wildlife to explore the environment and the connection to animal and plant adaptations, for Science. We have been working hard since then, transferring that knowledge and understanding to Visual Art and Technology, in particular. Students have been using animal pictures to create a Mix & Match book for younger children. It is interesting and exciting to see the thinking going into the construction of such a “simple” idea and the revisions presented to the prepared production plans. Many children will have their books on show on Assembly this Thursday morning and some will be on display in the foyer of the school office. We hope the younger children first them enjoyable.

Ghida Stordy - Teacher

SCHOOL DISCO

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Can I get a whoop whoop! WOO!

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On Friday night we had another successful disco for Season 3. We had punks to paparazzi, police officers to princesses. Pac Man even made an appearance! Thank you to all those who helped run the night, especially our members of the P & C. The students had an awesome night and we all look forward to our 2023 disco!!

DJ Randall

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This section was nominated to the STRINGS ENSEMBLE on achieving a SILVER AWARD on Sunday 31st August. Thank you to those parents and students who took time out of their weekend to support and perform for our school. The adjudication was very complimentary with some very helpful critiquers and the way we were represented for our school. The next performance will be the Established Team.

(Courtesy of Marcus Vith - The Chambermaids)

Crowned Pyjett - Music Teacher

SPORTS

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On the last day of this term (Friday 19th September), the annual Steve Jackson Gala Rugby League for students born 2004 or 2005 will be held. All interested students have received an information note that must be returned to Mr Nelson to determine if we have sufficient students to form a team. Also on Thursday the 18th September, the MDE Netball Gala day will be held for girls born 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006. This information is of interest note and has also been distributed to the interested girls. Again, these forms must be returned to Mr Nelson by the due date to ascertain if we have numbers to form teams. The Mackay Junior Tennis Association have also held their annual School Team Tennis Challenge on Sunday 19th August. Congratulations are extended to Bootie Allen, Ashley Hill, Logan Little and Veronica Cross for their efforts in the team. Thank you to the parents (Mr Allen and Mrs Little) who assisted for this Sunday competition. Our new Inter-house Friday sporting competition has commenced and will continue for the next few Fridays. Unfortunately, Barracuda’s participation in the AFL Primary School 9 a side Challenge for students from Years 4 to 7 has not happened because of a lack of participants.

Peter Nelson - MPE Teacher

BOOK FAIR

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Our students continue to set new records with their safe, responsible and respectful behaviour being recognised with 6885 PA's being distributed over the last fortnight. Another first during this period involved our weekly Champion PAT class coming from the lower school (after upper school classes have developed the award system throughout the year). Congratulations to the students from Years 3 and 4 who achieved the awards individually. Every day, from the 2 Koala class, who were PAT Champions for Wk 4 and 5 with 465 and 450 PAT’s respectively! Well done Koalas!

Mr Smith and I continue to be very busy visiting classrooms and distributing awards on Fridays with 125 Buzz Awards presented in Week 4 and 127 in Week 5 for students who have consistently been safe, responsible and respectful learners. Great work students.

Congratulations to the following students who were Milestone Buzz Award Recipients on assembly over the last fortnight:


Wk 5: Kiara McCarley, Elise Oldham, Leesy Withikun, Chace Alwood, Lachlan Smith, Ethan Gowdy, Katelyn Menzies, Trent Newberry, Jayden Oldham, Blake Defend, Alley Eddy, Taisanya Johns, Kelsey Keina, Jordan Manster, Charlie Mawhely, Kyleish Memor, Joe Reynolds, Benjamin Peterson, Lukana Hicks, Savannah Unn, Kobe Recker, Abbey Fernath, Connor Hailey, Lachlan Lindsay, Gracie Macqueen, Michael Raymond and Alley Ternery.


Wk 5: Ryder Mayne, Tayah Hutchins, Bronco Cash, Jordenn Wanden, Legan Little, Amber Wise, Blake Weston and Berkeley Telfer.

100 Club: Hannah Bevins

400 Club: Skye Greg (Fantastic work Skye)

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for this week has been from our 8e Respectful list of expectations - "Be a good listener". This skill is of vital importance as it allows students to take advantage of the learning opportunities that are presented to them as they also have a clear expectation of what is expected of them. Our behaviour focus for next week is another from our 8e Respectful list - "Respect others' right to learn". This expectation is a critical one that all students need to understand and grasp. No student should have their education compromised as a result of the bad behaviour of someone else that not only disrupts and disrespects others from their learning but disorients the teacher from teaching. Students come to school to learn, not to have their learning diminished by the bad behaviour of others.

I encourage all parents/carers to reinforce and reinforce these expectations with their children to help them understand the importance of maintaining positive standards each and every day. We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate these expectations over the next fortnight, as they embrace our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Darren Russell - Deputy Principal

Our Amazing Book Fair Garden raised $699.00, big thanks to DL Frost.

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