CALCER OF EVENTS

TERM 2 2013

Friday 31 May
ICAS Computer Skills Competition.

Wednesday 5 June
ICAS Science Competition

Monday 10 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday.

Tuesday 11 June
School Performance Tours- ‘A Swag of Tales’: $5.00 per student.

Wednesday 12 June
6.30pm P&C meeting

Monday 17 June
ICAS Writing & Spelling Competitions

Tuesday 18 June
9am: P-2 Junior Sports Day
12 noon: Yr 3-7 Field events

Wednesday 19 June
Sports Day: Track events

Thursday 20 June
Mackay Show Holiday

Friday 21 June
Last day of term– Reward Day.
Distribution of report cards.

CHESS

Congratulations to Carl Hinschen who was awarded Mackay Primary Schools Chess Champion on Monday after winning all seven games.

His team consisting of Riley Beets, Gabe West and Destinee Whirisky also excelled and achieved third place behind Homebush SS and Oakenden SS.

Other results included:
Team 4: 6th– Tamika Brecknell, Mark Sanchez, James Conway, Leon Vella
Team 2: 9th– Arnav Bhandare, Dylan Ringwood, Ziluo Huang, Jerry Yuan
Team 3: 16th; Kaitlin Scott, Jessica Catchpole, Daniel Rowlands, Lucas Warde.

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 415
New total for the year so far: 2602
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

QSchools smartphone app
Here is something that is really exciting. Finding easy, efficient and effective methods of communicating with parents and carers has been a real challenge for all schools over many years. Queensland school communities now have a new way to interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with a new type of school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

Subscribe to your school to stay engaged with the school community.
Add schools to your favourites to get school news items, newsletters and calendar events straight to your smartphone. Add events to your smartphone calendar. Multiple schools can be added as favourites.

Important alerts
Receive push notifications for important announcements about school closures and natural disasters.

School search
Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

School details
View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.
Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
Category: Education
Version: 1.0
Released: TBC
Size: 9.0MB
Language: English
For privacy information see our Privacy Statement.
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Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, iPad and Android. Requires iOS 5.0 or later.

Congratulations to our P&C Association
Over the past few weeks the P&C has conducted two very successful events. Last Sunday the annual Monster Cent Sale was again the place to be. A great crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed the hospitality and atmosphere of the day. A first for the school was the combining of the Interhouse Cross Country with a Fun Run where students not only were encouraged to participate in a healthy activity but were also able to support the P&C’s fundraising efforts and to win prizes for themselves.
Thank you to all our hard working volunteers who give so generously of their time to the education of our children and the development of our school.

Chaplain Michelle
Our new school Chaplain, Michelle Woodworth, was officially commissioned at a special parade last week. Michelle has already made a positive impact within our school. We are indeed fortunate to have Michelle with us as part of our school team.

MacDonald’s Maths Success
On Tuesday, May 21, two teams from Victoria Park State School went to St.Francis school to compete in the Regional McDonald’s Maths Challenge.
Team 1 : Jessah Southwell, Tamika Brecknell, Carl Hinshen, Lani Hinks, Ben Porter
Team 2: Taita Hutchinson, Jade Philp, Destinee Whirisky, Joshua Warde, Lucas Warde
The competition consisted of a team challenge and a team relay. Both of our teams worked well and provided some excellent answers to help their overall score and result. Both teams demonstrated great team skills and enjoyed the maths experience, representing our school with pride.

Victoria Park congratulates all of our team members and special mention must be made of Team 1 who finished in 3rd place.

**Debating Success**
Congratulations to Carl Hinschen, Marnie Bugeja, Brooke Keates and Mariska Pretorius for making it to the semi-finals of the Mackay Debating competition. They compete against Whitsunday Anglican at 6pm on Tuesday 4 June at Eimeo Rd SS. Supporters are welcome to attend!

Unfortunately our Year 6 team of Destinee Whirisky, Joshua Warde, Mary Di Francesco and Danica Harberger have bowed out of this year’s competition; however, they will be a well prepared for next year after developing excellent debating skills this year. Well done!
Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities.
Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

**Semester One Report Cards**
Report cards for all students will be issued on Friday 21 June. This year Prep students will receive a written report for Semester 1 and 2. Report Cards will not be available before this date as final processing will not be completed. If you require duplicate copies of report cards, please advise the school in writing, stating reasons and the forwarding address for the additional report card. A number of families have previously notified the school of their requirements, but because these maybe out of date, we ask that all families requiring duplicate report cards advise the school of their current requirements and contact details. PDF copies of report cards can be forwarded to families by e-mail. If this is required, please advise the school of your request and your current e-mail address before the end of term.

**School Performance Tours are coming!**
On Tuesday 11 June students from Prep to Year 7 are invited to attend the visiting performance of ‘A Swag of Tales’. A Swag of Tales leads the children through a zany yet informative history lesson that starts in England with a convict court case and covers the voyage to Australia, Early Settlement, the Gold Rush, the Bushrangers, Squatters and the age of the Swagman. Cost to attend this performance is $5 per student and must be paid before Friday 7 June. No late payments will be accepted.

**Lunchtime Option Program**
This term we re-opened our activities room for lunch time use for students from P-7. This room provides an alternative for students to come and do a quiet activity such as play cards, board games, jigsaw puzzles, Lego or just draw. To increase the variety of activities, we ask any families who have intact board games, cards, jigsaws, lego… that they no longer use, to donate these items to the school for use in the activities room. All donations can be left at the office. Thanks!

**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 eligible for a Health Care card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concessions Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension or
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Industrial Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8313.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
**MODELCOMP 2013**
Scale model display and competition, Queen’s Birthday weekend, Sat. 8 and Sun. 9 June. St. Paul’s Uniting Church Hall, Macalister Street. Entries accepted from 8am to noon on Saturday, $2 per entry. Public welcome from 11am to 6pm Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday. $2 per child, $3 per adult, $6 per family. Awards ceremony from 3pm on Sunday, raffles drawn, prizes and trophies presented. For more info, call Greg Martin on 0427 423815 or email: gmart364@bigpond.com

**Mackay Chess Club Inc**
Jashint Maharaj (President) 0434 515 041
Brenda Noack (Secretary) 0419 569 955
We meet most Tuesdays from 6pm –8pm at the Gordon White Library Community Hall, Phillip

**CONTACT DETAILS**
Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.
MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 8 IN 2014

The Enrolment Management Plan has been lifted from Mackay North State High School. Students from all schools are able to enrol. Enrolments accepted from 5 June.

INFORMATION EVENING
6.00pm TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2013
MACKAY NORTH COMMUNITY HALL,
VALLEY STREET, NORTH MACKAY

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENROLMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SCHOOL |
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the.principal@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

New to Mackay?
The Welcome to Mackay Centre offers information on everything you might need to know about setting up and adjusting to life in the Mackay region. We would like to invite you on a FREE Welcome to Mackay Bus tour so you can get to know a bit more about Mackay and the local community.

When: Saturday 22 June 2013
Time: 10.30am for an 11am departure
Duration: 2 hours
Where: The bus departs from the Old Town Hall on Sydney Street at 11am and returns at 1pm.
Cost: It’s FREE!

Townsville School Holiday Science Events at CSIRO Education

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Venue: NQSEC CSIRO Education, Building 054, James Cook University, Townsville
Times: 10:00 – 11:30 / 12:30 – 14:00
Cost: $12 for Double Helix Science Club members
$15 for general admission
Age: 5 – 15 years (Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

Bookings are essential!
We now take bookings online – Go to our website below and download our Events PDF.


Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any further enquiries.
Phone: 47 257 887
Email: DoubleHelixQLD@csiro.au

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