Students Gather to keep History of Tobruk Alive

The students from Victoria Park State School joined with 3 other Mackay Schools to remember the Rats who fought for Australia during the German assault on Tobruk, which is known as Libya today. The assault took place on April 10, 1941 and ended on Dec 7 that Year. Henry Tranter, who is a Rat of Tobruk attended the service that was held in Queens Park last week. Mr Tranter said he was touched that children continued carrying on the commemoration to keep history alive.

Thankyou to Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Milles for their time in preparing the students for parts of the service. The students represented our school very well in a time of remembrance.
Message from the Principal

QParent is coming

Great News: QParent is coming to Victoria Park State School in Term 4 2015. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:
- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in Week 1 of Term 4.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

Preparing for QParents

To make the QParents registration process as smooth as possible, please help us by filling out the details below and returning them to us at your earliest convenience.

Decide which parent is the preferred QParents Account Owner (QPOA) and write their name, email address and mobile phone number below. Note: the QPAO must be a parent or legal guardian. Please print these details clearly.

Student’s Name………………………………….
Student’s Class………………………………….
Name of preferred QPAO…………………………………………….
QPAO’s email address……………………………………………….
QPAO’s mobile phone number……………………………………………..

Why are we asking for this information?
If you are invited to be a QPAO and we have your email address, the invitation (which contains your unique invitation code) will be sent to you by email. This will make it easier to start the registration process by simply clicking on a link in the email. If we do not have your email address we will send a letter with the invitation code and instructions for registration.

DON’T DELAY - CHECK WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS TODAY!!

Get your family active and eating well

Families in Mackay can now sign up for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in Term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program
When: Term 4, Thursdays 4.30-6pm (weekly)
Where: Emmanuel Catholic Primary School
Cost: FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

We acknowledge the Yuibera people, the traditional owners of the land in which our school is located.
Students in Year 5 & 6 were recently invited to apply for Mackay State High School Cadetships in recognition of high Academic Achievements. They were then selected by the High School to participate in the Cadetship Program. We would like to congratulate the students who were successful in their applications. In Year 5 they were Caitlyn W, Tiffany M, Taylor G, Eve T and Zara K. The Year 6 students selected were Chelsea B, Jessica A, Kaled P, Holly K, Colby T, Margill G, Jai H.

I am pleased to advise you that the students who participated in Mackay State High School’s first Academic Excellence Cadet Program Day were enthusiastic and well behaved. Staff working with the students were very pleased by the engagement levels and knowledge that the students brought with them. The students were involved in learning about Aquaponics. The students studied from a booklet to gain a theoretical understanding of the process, had a light lunch and then made their way over to our agricultural farm to take water samples and investigate the plants and fish that we have in our Aquaponics system.

Have you ordered Tuckshop Lately??

Not sure how to??

Our tuckshop is open for both lunch breaks from Tuesday to Friday with delicious homemade food. Here is a quick step by step process of how to register to order online. If you need help to get started please see Karen in the tuckshop or call the Flexischool Help number 1300 361 769. We look forward to serving your children delicious and healthy food soon.
Rule of the Week: Week 8
Be Safe - coming to and from school, including on bikes and buses.
- Use own bike/scooter only.
- Walk bike/scooter to the gate and on surrounding school footpaths.
- Wait inside the gate until the bus stops.
- Obey all road rules.
- During school hours do not leave the school grounds without adult supervision.

Social Skill of the Week: Week 8
Accepting ‘NO’ for an answer.
1. Look at the person.
2. Say “Okay” or nod to show understanding.
4. If you disagree, ask later.

Principals Gotcha Award
A student with 50 Gotcha Cards during the year for following the 4 school rules. The student also receives a Principal Awards Certificate on parade to recognise their achievements.

There was one student who received the Principal’s award this week:
2A Dyson O
Fantastic Effort!!

Gold Gotcha Award
 Winners
are students who have received 36
Putting in a huge effort the following student received his Gold Certificates in week 8:

Silver Gotcha Award
 Winners
Students who have received 24 Gotchas
Receiving their Silver Certificates in week 8 are:

Attendance Cup winners P-3
From Week 7 is:
Prep C with 96.8% attendance

Attendance Cup winners 4-6
From Week 7 is:
6B with 98.5% attendance

Tuckshop Voucher Winners
- Prep - Sarah F
- Year 1 - Ao N
- Year 2 - Zanda W
- Year 3 - Ellie H
- Year 4 - Mwansa N
- Year 5 - Sarah C
- Year 6 - Tamika M

Total Gotchas for week 5, 6, & 7 is 966
Total Gotchas for Term 3 so far is 2605
Total Gotchas for the whole school so far this year is 7435.

Silver Gotcha Award
Winners
Students who have received 24 Gotchas
Receiving their Silver Certificates in week 8 are:

1A Ned H
Connor S
Cherry S
Lachlan P
1B Pixie L
Sim S
1C Ao N
2A Ally H
Nacanieli V
2C Ethan B
Hannah P
Bonnie-Jan L
Hannah P
6A Kaitlyn S
6C Jamie-Lee G
Aiden K
Tyler M
Alba R
Molpeceres
Chloe S
Colby T
The following students who received a Bronze Award in Week 8 are:

Prep/1  Dean S
1A  Estelle B, Kyema H, Oliver M, Bryce S, Lincoln S, Elizabeth O
1B  Nickolas C
1C  Addison H
2A  Dylan S, Agrim, Keely A, Daniel C, Janella, L Meika L, Blair L

Bronze Gotcha Award Winners are students that have received 12 Gotcha Cards

What a fantastic event to be a part of, and our school was well represented within the city party. The highlights were our big fish in the lantern parade and the alley full of the beautiful lorikeets. Spectacular!! Thankyou to the ladies from Animating Spaces Mackay for giving our school the opportunity and our teachers for finding the time in their very busy schedules to make this event exciting for our students. Thankyou to the students for participating and being so proud and so well behaved. Thankyou also to the parents who participated, it was nice to see so many school parents following the students and the school lantern.

Jamie is in Mrs Dobbie’s class 2D. His favourite subject is Maths because he loves practicing so he can get better at sums. He has fun doing circuits in PE with Mrs Armstrong. His favourite food is a sandwich and at lunchtime he likes playing with his friends Patrick, Tristan and Kaleb.

Kaeli’s favourite thing to do at school is Music because she thinks Mrs Milles is very nice and a great music teacher. Her favourite snack is an apple. She also likes History and seeing what things looked like in the past.. In Maths she has learnt the jump strategy to make it easier to learn.

Keenan thinks the best thing about school is that you have fun and you learn. His favourite subject is science because it is fun and you get to try experiments. He said Mrs Wilson is a great teacher and he takes an apple every day for a snack. At lunchtime he plays handball or soccer and really likes PE.

Jenna likes English, making sensational sentences and using lots of describing words. Jenna also likes Music because Mrs Milles makes it fun. Jenna really liked making large flowers with butterflies in art just recently. At lunchtime Jenna likes playing with her friends in the big tree.
Keep an eye out each fortnight in the newsletter for a photo that has been taken in one of our classrooms. Ask your children if this photo has been taken in their classroom?? Reply to the newsletter message on the SKOOLBAG APP with your Name, your child’s name and class and the Classroom you think this picture has been taken in. Eg 6A. Get the Answer correct and you will WIN a Tuckshop voucher. The Winner will then be published when the next photo is released. Good Luck!