22 August 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3 2013

Thursday 22 August
Senior Citizens Performance
Wakakirri MECC

Friday 30 August
Rats of Tobruk Commemoration Ceremony

Friday 6 September
P&C Free Dress
Premier’s Reading Challenge Ends

Wednesday 11 September
P&C Meeting Staff Room
The Big Sing Until Friday

Thursday 12 September
Bush Dance 6pm

Friday 20 September
Rugby League Steve Jackson Reward Day

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 287
New total for the year so far: 3842
Congratulations—students receive half hour free play

Victoria Park State School MOB Gold Winners

On Sunday August 18 our Concert Band and String Ensemble participated in the Mackay Orchestra and Bands Competition. Both groups performed in the Intermediate Primary Section which is the highest level for Primary Schools.

Our children in both groups had fantastic performances and were granted gold awards by the adjudicator.

Congratulations to our String Ensemble and Concert Band Teachers. Mrs Mora & Mr Johnston, for a job Well Done!
That’s GOLD
Both the school’s String Ensemble and Concert Band received Gold Awards for their performances at last weekend’s Mackay Orchestra and Bands program. Congratulations to all the members of both the Ensemble and Band, their teachers and parents who have worked tirelessly together to achieve their best for these performances. This is a great lead in for the upcoming Mackay Eisteddfod next term.

The NED Program - it’s not just about yooyos
The NED Show is designed to promote positive attitudes, better behaviour and improve academic achievement through character education. The NED Show motivates…encourages…INSPIRES children to become Champions at school and in life.

The program teaches three vital yet simple skills that bring out the champion in every child by sharing the story of NED, whose name is also an acronym:

1. Never give up    Focus and Persistence
2. Encourage others  Kindness and Shared learning
3. Do your best     Diligence and Excellence

The NED program mirrors our school’s vision of DIVE into Learning – Achieve your Personal Best. Our school looks to build these values and behaviours within all of our students.

Bully Bystander
Earlier this year, Mr Jeff Poots, the school’s Guidance Officer, conducted a series of Bully Bystander sessions. There were 3 main areas of exploration during the presentation.

1. Students were encouraged to recognise that all of us at some stage have stood by and witnessed bullying and, therefore, we are all Bystanders.
2. We have a choice in deciding what to do. Some people may watch and ignore what they are seeing which is usually not helpful. Others may encourage the bully and join in. Some people may decide to avenge and hurt the bully. Some choose to be a friend to the victim.
3. Exploring how to be a helping Bystander. We may help the victim ignore the bully and walk away. We may choose to report the bullying behaviour to a teacher or an adult. We may choose to assertively tell the bully to stop and that we don’t like the bullying behaviour.

Students engaged in a variety of activities that focussed on Bystander behaviour rather than bullying behaviour. By looking at their own behaviours and adopting helping behaviours we may contribute to making our school an enjoyable and safe place to be.

Learning and Nutrition
Eating a nutritious breakfast before school and having a healthy lunch and snack throughout the day is the first step in ensuring our brains have the energy to make the most of the classroom learning. That feeling of tiredness and fatigue is often due to a lack of energy from no or poor nutrition.

A number of our staff members have noticed an increasing number of students whose lunch consists of ice blocks, chips and other foods high in sugar and lacking in nutritional value.

Parents are encouraged to ensure students have a healthy lunch consisting of fruit, a sandwich, wrap or salad. Parents are also able to pre-order student lunches at the tuckshop through the FLEXISCHOOLS-ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM. Go to www.flexischool.com.au and type in Victoria Park State School to view a demonstration of how the system works and to register you to start ordering from home. This enables you to order lunches together with your child, not have to worry about sending your child to school with cash and have the peace of mind that your child is receiving a nutritious lunch.

Do we have your correct contact details?
With this newsletter is a Change of Details Form which we are requesting all families to complete to provide the school with your current contact details. This will enable the school to update our records to ensure that we are able to contact parents and carers in emergency situations, forward text messages and emails to not only save on paper but also to ensure that messages don’t get left at school, get lost or stay in school bags. Please complete the form and return to the School Office before Friday next week.

Unexplained Absences
We are currently changing over to Electronic Roll Marking. During the transition period we are sending out letters for all unexplained absences that are in the system for the year. If you have notified us of any unexplained absences and still received a letter we apologise in advance and ask you to fill out the Absence Reason on the form, sign and return to the office. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Mackay State High School Scholarships 2014

Awarded to, from left, Brittany Pattemore - Academic, Brianna Skinner - Arts, Principal - Steve Paulger, Cody Hilton - Sport, Tamika Brecknell - Academic.
Stop Drop Go
Could you please display your surname in the window of your car so that it is visible for the Staff on duty to see.

Message You Texts
When using the Message You service, please make sure you enter your child’s Christian name, Surname and Class. If you would like to start using this service you just need to text your child’s absence to 0427 016 460.

Lost Property
Lost Property will be out on the stage in the undercover area until 30 August. After that the items will be given to charity.

Lost Property
A student has lost a Silver Signet Ring. The ring is a double-heart with a cretin stone on left hand side. Lost during week 12 - 16 August in Prep Area.

Found Property
The Office has had a purse that was handed into the office last month. It was found in the tuckshop area.

There has also been a DS handed into the office last week.

Please see the office for any of these Lost or Found items.

P&C NEWS
Tuckshop Flexi Competition
26 August - 13 December
Each student who places a tuckshop order on line (Flexi) will go into the draw to win a piece of Mini Sports equipment, eg skipping rope, ball & more.

The winner of the week will be announced Monday on Parade.

For Flexi information see the tuckshop, P&C or App.

Download the Skoolbag App to keep up with all the school information. To DOWNLOAD GO TO the App Store or google play (for android phones) & search Victoria Park State School Skoolbag & Download.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Mackay Chess Club Inc
We meet most Tuesdays from 6pm - 8pm in the Gordon White Library Community Hall, Phillip Street, Mount Pleasant. All chess enthusiasts welcome.

mackaychessclub@yahoo.com
Jashint Maharaj (President) 0434 515 041
Brenda Noack (Secretary) 0419 569 955

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc
Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don't know how or just can't over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, they find they can't always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do, if only they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

Free AustCycle Training Course
Mackay Active Towns will be funding an AustCycle Training Course to be held on Friday August 30. The course will give you the skills to teach others how to ride a bike and how to ride with confidence. There are a couple of places left in the course. If you are interested in finding out more, or registering to attend, please contact Rhiannon Dooley on 4961 9684 or rhiannon.dooley@mackay.qld.gov.au or visit: http://www.austcycle.com.au/. There will be no cost to do the course.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
OPENING HOURS of the uniform shop are:
Tuesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30 am
Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30 am
Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm
Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm

Gargett State School

CENT SALE

West Leagues Club
Sunday 25th August

DOORS OPEN
12pm
CENT SALE
1PM

GREAT PRIZES!

Free Tea & Coffee

MAJOR FUNDRAISER

SNAP RAFFLES
JACKPOT PRIZES
Prep D: Zoyal Dahl - For huge improvements in all areas.
Prep D: Kayleigh Veivers - For being a kind and helpful friend.
1A: Teijahy Bobongie - Amazing retell of Goldilocks!!!
1A: Harper Theiber - AMAZING retell of Little Red Riding Hood using punctuation!!!
1B: Rhylee Murtagh - For working hard to improve in all areas of learning.
1B: Raiden Smith - For being a spelling super star.
1C: Anamique Bedford - For blowing me away with your hard work and ignoring distractions around you FAN-TAB-LOUS!!!
1D: Brooklyn Chivasa - For working extremely hard in spelling and achieving a fantastic result. Keep it up!
1D: Darian Stone - For improving his work ethic and achieving great results.
1D: Harmony Teava - For demonstrating an improvement in weekly spelling.
1D: Stacey Daly - For demonstrating a positive attitude when approaching all tasks.
2A: Aprille Whirsky - For always having a positive attitude towards school and brightening up our classroom with your smile.
2A: Tom Kelly - For improvements in his attitude and effort in his schoolwork.
2B: Nell O’Brien - Being a punctual, prepared and eager learner.
2B: Kayne Cousen - Being a punctual, prepared and eager learner.
2C: Keelan Chapman - Great effort with homework activities.
3A: Zekintha Schmidt - Demonstrating respect to her class peers and teacher by consistently being ready to learn and remaining focussed during class activities.
3A: Zachary Weatherby - For demonstrating improvement with weekly spelling.
3B: Gradhan Bugeja - For being super-organised and enthusiastic about his technology project.
3B: Savannah McAulay - For not giving up when Maths gets tricky!
3C: Chommani Zuercher - Being a respectful learner and always putting in 100% effort.
3C: Filipe Buli - Being a punctual, prepared and eager learner.
4A: Grace Tuelstrup - Duggan - For writing an excellent introduction to her historical recount.
4B: Karmeesha Pitt - Working hard to improve her comprehension skills.
4C: Alba Rowlands - Making a great effort to write and edit her historical recount.
4C: Chayce Hunt - Improvement in work habits.
4/5: Tristan Brecknell - For an excellent result in your mathematics test. Keep it up.
4/5: Cayden Busby - Excellent attitude and always doing your best.
5A: Adam Williamson—For always being a well prepared and enthusiastic learner.
5A: Alyssa Bosma - For always being a well prepared and enthusiastic learner.
5B: Alyssa Stockton - Settling in well to her new school.
5B: Pia Reynoso - Always being a punctual, prepared and eager learner.

5C: Henry Doyle - Terrific effort with poetry writing.
5C: Molly Starrett - Working hard to compose her poetry analysis.
5/6: Jade Storey - For always being a hardworking and helpful class member.
5/6: Lachlan Keates - For wonderful efforts with writing a letter to the future.
6A: Kelsey Aldous - For being an excellent learner and always participating to the best of her ability.
6A: Jade James - For always being on time, being prepared for lessons and trying to do her best work.
6/7: Nick Watt - For excellent problem solving in Maths.
6/7: Cameron Levitz - For a great job at writing a detailed and descriptive letter.
7A: Blessa Tolentino - Consistent work and effort in all areas.
7B: Eden Dwan-Dillon - Great reading. Keep it up!
7C: Shelby Mackelvie - For her positive attitude during term 3.
LOTE: Darryn Eyre - For making great improvement with his Chinese learning.
7C: Riley Beets - For great peer support in Maths.

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:
Prep D: Bonnie Jean Luscombe - Great Attendance!
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1C: Ellie Hansen - Every Day Counts Award.
1D: Andrew Lambert - Every Day Counts Award.
2C: Krystal Mc Kenzie - Reward Prize.
2C: Krystal Mc Kenzie - Great Attendance!
3A: Fluer Higley - Congratulations on your successful participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
3A: Olivia Keyssecker - Great Attendance!
4/5: Jerome Rillera - For remembering his costume.
4/5: Jerome Rileera - Performing at Twilight Concert.
5A: India Dwan-Dillon - Great Attendance!
5/6: Callum Etelaaho - For being a wonderful helper.
5/6: Mark Padigano - Gold Award Mackay Orchestra and Bands.
6A: Mary DiFrancesco - Gold Award Mackay Orchestra and Bands.
7A: Brittany Pattemore - Super listening sills.
7A: Brittany Pattemore - Gold Award Mackay Orchestra and Band.

CONTACT DETAILS
Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.