11/14
7th August 2014
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 3 2014
School banking due every Thursday
EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE
Thursday 7th August
All monies due for From Halfway Around the World Performance
Monday 11th August
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Sunday 17th August
Mackay Orchestra and Bands Comp at MCC (String Ensemble and Concert Band)
Thursday 21st August
Snr Citizens Week Performance at Snr Citizens Hall (String Ensemble, Concert Band, Recorder Ensemble and Choir)
Saturday 23rd August
Kitchen Garden Working Bee 2pm-5pm See Skoolbag App for details
Friday 29th August
FREE dress day Smith Family—please bring a gold coin Rats of Tobruk Ceremony in Queens Park 5:30pm all students welcome please wear your school uniform
8th-10th Sept
Year 5 Camp at The Caves
12th Sept
Free Dress—Come dressed as “What I will be when I grow up” - gold coin donation
Monday 15th Sept
School concert at MECC
ALL grade levels, choir, Jnr Band, Concert Band, Beginner Strings, String Ensemble
22nd November
Attendance Cup winners this week were:
PREP C
Well done to Mrs Arvidsons class!
BE RESPECTFUL
Mackay State Highschool scholarship winners
Well done we applaud you ALL
L-R Destinee Whirisky, Lachlan Keates, Alec Scott, Mayson Armstrong and Kara Boys
**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**2014 School Improvement Goals**

-80% of students in each year level attain a “C” standard or higher for English, Maths and Science.
-Student attendance rate for 2014 is 95%.
-90% of teachers reach mastery in the use of Explicit Instruction as the school’s signature teaching strategy.
-Year 6&7 students are prepared for transitioning into Junior Secondary.
-Australian Curriculum for Geography is successfully implemented.

Teachers use student achievement data to inform planning for student learning.

**Congratulations**

Five of our Year 6&7 students were awarded scholarships to Mackay SHS for 2015. The scholarships recognise the achievements and the potential of each of scholarship awardee across the academic, cultural and sporting spheres. Congratulations Destinee Whirsky, Alec Scott, Mayson Armstrong, Lachlan Keates and Kara Boys. Destinee Whirsky, Taylah Mason and Casey Manzelmann participated in the Capricornia Girls Rugby League selection trials on Monday this week. All three girls played well and were able to display their individual and teams skills. Congratulations to Destinee Whirsky who gained selection into the 2014 Capricornia Team. The team will travel to Warwick in September to participate in the State Championships.

**Teaching, Learning and Disciplinary Audits**

Victoria Park School will undergo two external audits on Monday and Tuesday 25 and 26 August. The Teaching and Learning Audit process places a strong focus on auditing key curriculum, teaching, and learning and assessment practices of a school. Following an audit, the school is provided with a detailed report relating to their progress against system expectations and accountabilities. This report is designed to inform future developmental needs of each school as well as developmental needs for the system. Within each area, evidence is collected against set criteria to decide a school’s level of development. Comments are also provided in terms of commendations (exemplary practice), recommendations (areas for development) and affirmations (areas of effective practice).

A Teaching and Learning Audit focuses on eight key aspects of a school’s operations:

- **An Explicit Improvement Agenda; Analysis and Discussion of Data; A School**
- **Expert Teaching Team; Systematic Curriculum Delivery; Tailored Classroom Learning; and Evidence-based Teaching.**

When schools are audited?

Schools are audited in line with their Quadrennial School Review, the term after a new permanent principal is appointed or at the request of the principal. Schools will not be audited more than once during any 12 month period. These domains are An Explicit Improvement Agenda, Analysis and Discussion of Data, A School Culture that Promotes Learning, Targeted Use of School Resources, An Expert Teaching Team, Systematic Curriculum Delivery, Differentiated Classroom Learning and Effective Teaching Practices. The second audit is a Disciplinary Audit where the school’s practices are mapped against 5 domain areas:

- **Principal Leadership, Parent and Community Engagement,**
- **Data Informed Decision Making, Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour (this includes consequences) and Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to all Students.**

The purpose of the Discipline Audit is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes. During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management. The Discipline Audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and school staff.

**School Opinion Survey**

All families were invited to provide feedback to this year’s Education Queensland’s School Opinion Survey. The survey which closes on Friday 8 August asks parents, carers, students and staff for their feedback on the schools performance with regard to student learning, school culture, school learning environment and school operation. Thank you to the many families who have provided feedback about our school and its operations. The information provided through the survey process will now be used to provide the school with a report from which the School Council will use to develop an action plan to improve identified aspects of the school.

Mr L Shepherd

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**Volunteers are wonderful**

Madge Waterson (Kennedy)

Madge volunteers at Breakfast club every Thursday and Friday. Madge has also been teaching RE at Victoria Park School since 1991.

Recently Madge told me she used to be a student at Victoria Park. Above are some photos of Victoria Park School in 1941 and a photo of Madge and her school class. Madge said the Principal was Mr Fudge and Miss White was her teacher. Madge was a good runner and she did very well at the school sport’s day. Madge grew up in Rae Street Mackay and she attended Victoria Park School with her siblings, Clara, Gladys and Johnny Kennedy. Madge said they never had tuckshop when she was going to school, but occasionally the Byrnes pie cart would pull up out the front and the children were allowed to buy a pie. She said this was a special treat. Madge said they wrote with a slate and pencil and also an ink well and pen. Madge said their favourite lunch time games were skipping, marbles, chasing and a tennis ball game. The girl sitting next to Madge in the photo was her very good friend, Margaret Brinston. They were good friends all through school and remained good friends till she passed away a couple of years ago. Madge remembers during the war time the school had a trench and when a certain bell rang, they had to wear a brown or green cape and all run and lay down in the trench. She said on Armour day every year they would all go and plant a special tree in the school grounds. After Madge got married she moved to Septimus in the Pioneer Valley and her husband ran a cane farm. Madge has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. After Madge’s husband passed away she moved back into Mackay. Madge is now 84 years old, see photo below. Around the school I see numerous volunteers helping in the tuckshop, classrooms, P&C and other school activities. I would like to say THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers, you do an amazing job.

This term Friends for Life is continuing with some Year 4 students and the Real Me Program has commenced with some Year 6 & 7 girls. Gardening Club is very popular and the garden is looking wonderful.

Breakfast Club is also popular and I am very grateful to our volunteers, Madge, Lyn, Margaret and Robyn. I recently handed out forms for Camp Eagle which will be on the 12th, 13th & 14th September. This camp is for Year 6 & 7 students and is also open to other schools. The camp is voluntary and run by School Chaplains and other community members. Registration forms and money to be returned to Chappy Michelle as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Chappy Michelle
1A Caitlin Trying super hard to FOCUS!!
1C Jaccoa, Jonny and Kevin Amazing maths justifications and skills.
1/2 Isabel For absolutely amazing information on Whales! Georgia Your behaviour is always brilliant and you are a wonderful role model in our class
2A Brianna-Lee For displaying a positive attitude and always doing her best.
2B Ava For having an amazing start to the term. Keep up the good work!
Alyssa For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
Tia For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
2C Corbin For his awesome effort with all tasks
Jesse For awesome spelling test results two weeks in a row!
3A Jack For being ready to learn in class.
Charli For applying her thinking skills in discussions.
3B Sienna Attempting all set work to the best of her ability.
3C Ella For taking great pride in improving the presentation of her work.
3/4 Noah For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
4A Caitlin For consistently putting in the effort to complete her work.
4C Lucas For a fantastic improvement in behaviour and making the right choices in the classroom.
5A Joel For striving to provide more detail in comprehension.
5B Bridgett Consistently demonstrating pride in her work and learning. A great effort.
5C Lawrence Amazing effort and application of spelling skills
6A Lachlan For always being a four star learner! Super work.
6B Francis Putting in a spectacular effort in class.
6/7A Nelson For being a great help with younger children.
6/7B Cody For helping out in the Yr 1/2 class.
7A Jade Being an active participant in class activities.

Prep/1 Zoyal: For working independently and always listening and following directions
Rhian: For great reading
1/2 Matthew Your work has been out of this world!! We are all very impressed with your efforts Matthew.
Ellie: You have produced the most brilliant and amazing information about sea creatures
2A Lachlan: Making an outstanding effort with extra h/work
2C Lani: Awesome understanding of fractions
Alex: Excellent number fact results
3A Ashlee: Fantastic self-control and concentration
Kayne: Thinking and caring about others
3B Kearah: Putting her best foot forward this term
3C Imogen: Leading by example by upholding class rules
3/4 Marian: Bing a responsible learner — always prepared
William: Keeping an amazing garden journal
4A Maddie: Persisting until she understands
4B River: Outstanding work in spelling
4C Emma: Being a four star learner — making better choices

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5A Tilly: Her dedication to concert rehearsal. Well Done
6B Kaimurni: Outrageous Michael Jackson dancing — great role model for concert rehearsals
6A Cole: Trying his best and achieving in Numeracy
6B Kori: Using best manners when asking questions
Jonathan: Using best manners when asking questions
6/7A Ben: Being helpful in class
6/7B Jasper: Being a Learner and helping class members
Isaac: Being a Learner and great class member
7A Kelsey: Being a tremendous 4 Star Student

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky
Tuckshop Vouchers:
Prep /1 Zoyal
Yr1 Daniel
Yr 2 Hamish Yr 3 Mario
Yr4 Emma Yr5 Kamie-Lee, Kaitlin
Yr6/7A Mark
Yr7 Callum

FROM THE OFFICE

When MAKING PAYMENTS for school, please place the payment in an envelope and CLEARLY MARK the appropriate student’s NAME, CLASS and PURPOSE of PAYMENT. Once payment is received a receipt will be sent home with your child. The requirement is to pay ALL monies to the classroom teacher BEFORE class commences.

If paying by DIRECT DEPOSIT please use student name, class, and reason for payment as reference.

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Harcourts
**P and C News - Tuckshop Roster needs YOU please call 0438576784 if you can help**

**Tuck shop News:** *Spaghetti Bolognese is available for $5.00 until end of August*
Huge thank you to Tammy Davidson who has helped every morning for the last 2 terms!!

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**UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours**
**Hours:** 8:30am-9am Mondays 8:30am-9am Tuesdays 2:30pm-3pm Thursdays and 2:30pm-3pm Fridays
We need a casual volunteer—flexible on days (all training provided) - may help you re-enter workforce with skills in retail

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**FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING system.**
Please go to www.flexischools.com.au and type in *Victoria Park SS* to see a demonstration and register yourself to start ordering. If you have any questions please contact Flexi-schools on 1300 361 769..

**SKOOLBAG and FLEXISCHOOLS...**
If you would like HELP downloading these apps please come into the P&C room Monday morning and we would be more than happy to help. Download the SKOOLBAG APP – This APP can be downloaded FREE from google play or the APP store. All you have to do is search SKOOLBAG Victoria Park State School and download. Keep as updated as possible with information from the school.

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**Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School**
At *Victoria Park State School* we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the Adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we are eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to create an outdoor eating area next to the hall.

We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes! Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Mackay branch located at Shop 16, Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre,

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Classroom happenings

Term 3 is an exciting and busy time for the Year 2 children. We are exploring and observing the life cycles of animals and plants. Your child will be able to tell you what a mealworm looks and feels like and what it will grow into. We are also observing the life cycle of bean plants. Procedure is the genre we are studying for language this unit, so listen out for talk of recipes and experiments taking place in the classroom. Our children will enjoy constructing a playground model for our technology unit which also includes our Geography focus of places, locations and maps. Of course the big talk at the moment is the end of term concert with our “Happy Days” theme. If your child is talking about the “Fonz” and 50s Rock and Roll music, then this is why!

Look out for more information coming home. Year 2

Gotchas

Gold:
Silver:
Bronze:
Congratulations to 1C with 12 of your students receiving the first allocation of Bronze awards!!!

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 295
Total for the year so far: 3965

Rule of the week- Be Respectful: in the classroom.
Raise your hand to speak.
Talk in turns.
Be a good listener.

Give at least one compliment per day.

Community News

Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost?
QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families.
QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:
* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR
* identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does), OR
* have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.
QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families. Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.

MACKAY CRICKET
JUNIOR SIGN ON

Monday, 25th August 2014
Harrup Park – Oval 1
4pm to 6pm
(Parking off Lake Rd)

Gold:
Silver:
Bronze:

PLEAse compliments per
Give at least one

GREAT NEWS:

Many more on the app

Download now