Friday 26 October
World Teachers’ Day
‘Day for Daniel’- Wear red (free dress)
Fun, Fit Friday
7pm Eisteddfod– Hymn and Folk group.

Monday 29 October
Year 7 Indigenous students Mackay State High orientation day.

Tuesday 30 October
Free Kai Dance troupe performance

Tuesday 6 November
8.30am Woodwind, Percussion, Brass 2013 new recruits parent meeting.

Friday 9 November
2pm Strings 2013 new recruits parent meeting.

Saturday 10 November
4-9pm Christmas Fair

Wednesday 14 November
6.30pm P&C meeting

Friday 16 November
Mackay Chinese Speaking Competition

Wednesday 28 November
Yr 7 SEP students MSHS orientation.

Opti-Minds team achieved an Honours award at the State Opti-Minds challenge. In 2.5 hours they made a free standing marble chute and a spaghetti and blu-tac hut to protect the ‘Optitopians’ from a marble hail storm coming out of the marble chute. Fortunately the marble chute worked, carrying 15 marbles at once and the ‘Optitopians’ were unharmed from the Marble storm, safely tucked away in the spaghetti hut. They also presented the scenario and device in an entertaining skit. Not a bad effort for only 2.5 hours of preparation time!! Congratulations on your outstanding team work, ingenuity and creativity.

The Chess team placed 17th in the Queensland Chess championships and 4th in the Regional division, missing third by only one point (one game). This is an outstanding result given schools in south east Queensland receive regular professional coaching and monthly tournaments to practise their skills. Regional schools like Mackay generally don’t have access to professional coaching and only have access to tournaments once a term.

Ramjay Galvan and Joshua Hansen also won individual chess medals for their outstanding results in their board section. Both won the most games for their board in the regional schools division. This is the first time a Mackay team has won a medal at the Queensland Chess championships.

Mathletics– Congratulations to 6A for being the highest performing school in Australia last week. WOW!!

Eisteddfod results:
Congratulations to our Music students who also continue to achieve excellent results in a range of different events:

Senior Strings Ensemble: 1st
Large Strings Ensemble: Highly Commended
Novelty Choir: Gold award

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 445
New total for the year so far: 4669
**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

"The extent to which YOU take responsibility over something is the extent to which YOU take control over it.” ~ Adam Khoo

**World Teachers’ Day**
This Friday is World Teachers’ Day. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society.

It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to our community, also for the tremendous work they do both in the classroom and via extra-curricular activities in providing a quality education, safe and productive class/ school environments and enjoyable experiences such as camps, concerts, excursions, sport, instrumental programs, chess, debating, eisteddfod performances.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the last Friday in October of each year. The first World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the then Minister for Education, Mr. John Hume, and His Excellency, Sir Zelman Cowen, Governor-General of Australia.

**Classes for 2013**

Accompanying this newsletter is our annual questionnaire seeking parent and carer feedback regarding your plans for your child’s education in 2013. This information assists the school in planning staffing requirements for the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Teachers, in consultation with the Administration and Student Support team members, will begin developing classes for 2013. Classes are developed based on a mix of gender, academic achievement, behaviour issues, student support requirements, and most importantly, student friendship groups.

There is no guarantee that students will be placed in any particular class, with any particular child or group of children or with any particular teacher.

**Enrol Your 2013 Prep Now**
Thank you to all the families who attended Tuesday night’s 2013 Prep information session. If you were unable to attend, please collect an enrolment package from the front office and return with a copy of your child’s birth certificate/passport/ visa and a copy of their immunisation record as soon as possible so your child can be allocated to a 2013 Prep class.

Families of 2013 Prep students are also invited to attend ‘Get ready for Prep’ sessions on Wednesday afternoon 1:50-2:50pm. Mrs Arvidson, one of our experienced Prep teachers, will run early Prep activities each Wednesday afternoons until the second last week of school. This will give future Prep students a chance to meet other future Prep students while developing Pre-Prep skills. Please note: Parents must accompany their future Prep child. Siblings are also welcome.

There will be an additional ‘Come and Try Prep’ session on Monday 10 December from 9:30-10:30am. Again, parents must attend for the duration of this session.

**Term 4 staff changes**
This week we say farewell to Mrs Kathy Mathews, 4C Class teacher, as she embarks on her long service leave this term, followed by retirement in 2013. We wish her the best as she travels the world and starts a new chapter in her life. She has made invaluable contributions to the school and enriched many students over her many years at Victoria Park SS. Ms Mathews will be replaced until the end of the year by Mrs Colleen Bingham.

Mrs Alvena Ruhle, Prep Teacher-aide, has also taken leave until the end of the year. She will be replaced by Mrs Lorraine Buikstra and Mrs Caterina Snee.

**Day for Daniel**
You are invited to join with us in a day which focuses on Child Safety Awareness.

Now in its 8th year, Day for Daniel continues to grow on a national scale and is recognised as Australia’s largest participation event of its type.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 by Denise and Bruce Morcombe following the tragic abduction and suspected murder of their 13 year old son Daniel in December 2003.

To promote the Foundation’s aims of making the world a safer place for our children, an annual awareness Day for Daniel is held, involving schools and local communities. In 2012 over 1,000,000 people are expected to participate Australia wide.

A variety of activities are suggested and these range from a talk about internet safety in class, a presentation by a school based police officer, completing an interactive educational program like ‘Being Safety Smart’, watching our DVD titled ‘Foundation Red’ or participate in a Community Walk. These educational activities are designed to provide life skills for children in a fun and informative manner without the fear factor.

We encourage that a red flavour be incorporated in the day – a colour which links Daniel’s story in a discrete way to the importance of Child Safety Education.

Day for Daniel is not a memorial day – it is a learning day for our children. Please support us in this initiative.

**Kids Safety Week– Free Dress Friday (RED CLOTHES ONLY)**
As part of our school safety week activities, Friday 26 October will be a free dress day. Students are invited to show their support for the ‘Day for Daniel’ Daniel Morcombe Foundation event by wearing red clothes. This
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

PrepA: Makayla Armstrong - Showing beautiful manners and always being ready to learn.
PrepC: Justin Hunter - Being very responsible.
1A: Willow Watego - Super improvement in reading!!
1B: Sarah Neame - Always working hard to be the best she can be.
2A: Liam Doherty - Working hard on his reading, handwriting and homework.
2A: Will Schoch - Always applying a fantastic effort when reading.
2B: Fluer Higley - Improving her reading, writing and maths and being a great classmate!
2C: Kallen Ray - Trying hard to improve his behaviour.
2C: Claudia Taku - Always working quietly and to the best of her ability.
2/3: Zeky Schmidt - Being an enthusiastic learner and an excellent role model.
2/3: Calvin Brown - Consistently doing well in spelling tests.
3A: Jimmy Butlin - Thoughtful contributions to class discussions and being our top speller!
3C: Lawrence Mangalinao - Always making an effort to complete work to the best of his ability.
4A: Amber Ansell - Improvement in areas of maths and reading.
4B: Alexander Odger - Always being a responsible and reliable class member.
4C: Shelby Thompson - The growth and maturity shown in her everyday activities. Well done.
5A: Josh Warde - Great start in his new school.
5B: Patrick Philips - Great start to term 4 in his new class. Thank you for always trying hard.
6A: Zainab Ali - Excellent stepping for our Global Children’s Challenge.
6B: Jakob Igusi - Continued efforts both at home and school with his mathematics. Well Done!
6B: James Duval - Beginning term 4 with a positive attitude towards his learning.
6C: Blessa Tolentino - Always taking pride in her bookwork. Fantastic effort!
6D: Brianna Skinner - Always displaying a positive and friendly attitude.
7A: Nerry Martin - Consistent work and effort in all areas.
7B: Makhaya Quakawoot - Fantastic job catching up on tasks. Great work ethic Makhaya, well done!
7C: Camryn Sutton - Great work on her dichotomous key task.
7C: Cloe Dowson - Excellent effort on her SOSE exam.

**This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:**

PrepC: Zachery Meredith - Achieving word wall 4.
PrepD: Ethan Simpson - Being respectful on parade.
1C: Hemi Heke - Great attendance.
1D: Mia Higgins - Honest with money.
2A: Lorna Edwards - 100% Attendance.
2B: Tasma Levitz - Super writing of an information report.
2/3: Alyssa Neilsen - Being a learner in maths.
3B: Teira Pomfrett - Top effort with homework.
3/4: Jye Hinks - 100% Attendance.
4B: Srindhi Kodate - Top effort in number study.
5B: Jireh Corpuz - Concert choir performance.
6A: Cody Hilton - Being a responsible learner.
7B: Blake Paskins - Working hard in writing.

Day draws attention to the importance of child safety and knowing how to stay safe at home and in the community. Donations will NOT be collected this time– just a show of support by wearing red. Students who do not have red clothing, should wear their school uniform.

**Travel Smart Fit & Fun Fridays**

**Every Friday** is Travel Smart Fun, Fit Friday. Students who walk, ride or bus to school are encouraged to meet Mr Shepherd outside the hall to get their Travel Smart passport stamped. Weekly prizes will be distributed for those children who get their passports stamped. This is in addition to the prizes received after getting the specified number of stamps.

**Love Reading?**

Studying books at the age of four helps boost the brain in later life.

Research has found that if just ten children’s books are to hand when a child is four a part of their brain, involved in language and thought, matures more quickly by the age of 18 or 19.

**MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICANS**

**GOLD AWARD**

Ryan Vassie
Natalia Warry

**SILVER AWARD**

Alex Rodriguez
Emma Manzelmann
Susan McNamara
Laila Ireland
Callum Patterson
Riley Inkson
Riley Cunningham
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Program Recruiting**
In week 5 we will start recruiting new students to be involved in one of our instrumental music programs. There will be an information session for parents on the following dates:
- Woodwind, Brass, Percussion instruments: 8:30am Tuesday 6 November in the Music room.
- Strings- 2pm Friday 9 November in the Music room.
These information sessions will outline program expectations for practice, performances and instrument use as well as proposed charges to participate in these award winning programs. Following this information session, parents will be given an expression of interest form. These will be returned to Mrs Milles and the recruitment process will then begin.

**Music Uniforms**
All shirts are due back to Mrs Milles by next Friday no later.

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**HPE NEWS**

**Inter-school sport kicks off– Friday 2 November**
This term Year 4-7 will be participating in Mixed Indoor Cricket against Mackay West and Eimeo Rd SS. Students will travel by bus to the Mackay Sports Arena and compete in teams of 10. Cost of the bus each week will be approximately $6.

Students not participating in the inter-school program will participate in school based sporting activities.

**Missing Swimming Togs**
Last week we have had a pair of pink swimming toggs, a hooded towel, sunshirt, pair shorts and a pair of goggles go missing. The items were in a Blue Big W bag with F Higley written on the bag. Please contact the office if you come across these items.

**Library News**

**Overdue Library Books**
A reminder for those students who have overdue due library books - please return ASAP.

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**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

The opening new hours are:
Please note these hours change depending on the volunteers and the time they have available to provide this service to our parents. Thank you for your understanding.
Tuesday morning from 8:30 – 9:00am
Wednesday morning from 8:30 – 9:00am
Thursday afternoon from 2:15 – 3:00pm
Friday afternoon from 2:15 – 3:00pm

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Tuesdays: 8:30 - 9:00am
Wednesdays: 8:30 - 9:00am
Thursdays: 2:30 - 3:00pm
Fridays: 2:30 - 3:00pm

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

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

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- **Pauls Collect a Caps** FINISH at the end of this term.
- Keep collecting to see how many we can collect before the end of the school year. You can put them into the marked bin in the office and the school receives the money back from them.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October Wed 31** - Booklist Packs for 2013 DUE TO BE HANDED IN. Last day to return orders with payments for the 1st round. **Second round orders due** in on November 21. You choose which round you would like them in according to your budget. Remember by ordering in Bulk the school receives 15% of the total orders back to the P&C in cash.

**November Fri 9 XMAS FAIR SET UP** (from 9am until 5pm on the oval) - please fill out your helpers' forms and return them asap, or see us in the P&C room to put your name down.

**November Sat 10** – Set up (from 8am) and XMAS FAIR STARTS at 4pm -9pm

**November Sun 11** – XMAS FAIR CLEAN UP from 9 – 12Noon

**November 23** – Chalk and Parent Direct Orders SECOND ROUND Due back to school

**December Fri 7** – Xmas Disco from 6pm – 8.30, BBQ from 5.30pm

**XMAS FAIR**

If you haven’t donated anything yet for the Xmas Fair we are still in need of some lucky dips, a few more bottles (softdrink 1.25lt, bubble bath or something similar).

Thank you to all the parents that have already donated it makes our job a lot easier to have these in early to sort and wrap etc.

**ARMBANDS for the Xmas Fair ARE NOW available.**
You can purchase your armbands from the P&C room every morning from 8:15am or return the green ride form to the office with money and the receipts can be sent home. The armbands gives you unlimited rides from 5pm -9pm. Green Forms have been sent home-$30 if purchased prior to the fair and $35 at the Fair.

EVERYBODY THAT pre-purchases their armband before next FRIDAY 2 NOV goes into the draw for an IPOD.

The P&C have organised a special jumping castle for under 5's ONLY and will be set up separately to the other rides on the night for a gold coin donation.

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**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.**

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**Vision Real Estate:**

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities.
COMPETITION TIME – FOR THE PARENTS
If you have already or are planning to HELP out at the fair THIS IS FOR YOU!!! We would like all parents to give at least one hour of their time if possible. Parents who have already filled out the helpers forms automatically go into the draw and are counted for their class tally. HATTIES SUPA IGA are proud to support our P&C every year and this year they are going one step further. Jill from Hatties has kindly donated to us 2 x $100 Vouchers.

WHEN - NEXT WEEK from Monday to Thursday ONLY - we are going to hold a PARENT HELPER DRIVE and give away 2 X $100 Vouchers.

WHERE – outside the P&C room from 8:30 - 9:30 or 2:00pm -3:00pm

HOW – we will put all the Xmas Fair Stall List and classes up on the wall outside the P&C room. You can come down and speak with us to put your name beside a time that you would like to help AND then you are in the DRAW. POINTS will be awarded to each class for jobs taken. The CLASS with the most POINTS will win a PIZZA LUNCH courtesy of the P&C.

P&C Meeting next Wednesday 14 November at 6:30pm in Staff Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maths and English tuition - Boost your child’s confidence and education with NumberWorks'nWords specialist after-school tuition. We provide individualised instruction in Maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up and those bursting to race ahead. Phone now for a free assessment and introductory lesson at NumberWorks’nWords, Greenfields, Mt Pleasant.

Phone 49426615 or visit www.numberworksnwords.com.au for more information.

Quality Learning Outstanding Futures - Parent Information Session
Unravel the mysteries of the Adolescent! (or at least find out what you can do to best support them…)

Andrew Fuller is a widely acclaimed clinical psychologist and works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is author to many books and publications on the topic, including “Tricky Kids”, “Help Your Child Succeed at School” and “Beating Bullies”.

Andrew Fuller will talk about adolescence and how parents might best support their children at this phase of their life and at school. He will provide us with tips about working alongside the adolescent child and offer a wonderful insight into understanding our children at this challenging time of their (and our!) lives. Find out more about Andrew at http://www.andrewfuller.com.au
We invite parents to join us at:
Where: Ocean International 1 Bridge Road.
Date: Thursday 8 November 2012
Time: 6:30pm till 8:30pm
Tea and coffee will be served from 6:00pm
Please register your attendance here: http://tunyurl.com/afuller-parents

PCYC Blue Light Diso Halloween Theme
Where: PCYC
Date: Friday 26 October
Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Cost: $5.00
Lots of prizes to be won, Canteen open - glow sticks are for sale.

Young Sharkies Day
Where: Souths Juniors “Abbott Park”
(near MJRL Grounds)
Date: Saturday 10 November
Time: 2:00pm to 7:00pm (includes Family BBQ)
Cost: $50.00
Enquiries: Doug Knight - 0407 159 114
For a registration form please email: southsjrl@bigpond.com
Come and try Rugby League all primary school students invited, Rugby League skills & development for kids. Cost includes lunch, afternoon tea, t-shirt, football and water bottle.

Dundula State School Cent Sale
Where: Souths Leagues Club
Date: Friday 2 November
Time: 7:00pm
Snap Raffles, Lucky Door Prize, Prizes Galore, Grocery bags, Mats, Manchester, car Accessories, Pamper Pack and LOTS LOTS MORE!!!!

HOLIDAY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Need a job for the holidays? With Christmas coming there are plenty available. Visit www.coaltocoastjobs.com.au and search for a job today!