**CALCER D OF EVENTS**

**TERM 4 2012**

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

Saturday 10 November
4-9pm Christmas Fair

Sunday 11 November
10.45am Remembrance Day Service at Jubilee Park.

Wednesday 14 November
6.30pm P&C meeting

Friday 16 November
Mackay Chinese Speaking Competition

Wednesday 28 November
Yr 7 SEP students MSHS orientation. 11.45am 2013 School leaders speeches & elections in the hall.

Friday 30 November
All library books due back to the library. Free Spinal safety presentation for Year 1-7.

Wednesday 5 December
Yr SEP students transition session to MSHS.

Friday 7 December
P&C Disco

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**Eisteddfod results:**

Congratulations to our Choir groups who continue to achieve excellent results in a range of different events:

**Folk group:** 1st
**Hymn and Folk group:** Gold

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**MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICANS**

**GOLD AWARD**
John Soriano
Kai Stavrow
Marjill Galvan
Riley Beets
Zainab Ali
Melody Tass
Leon Vella
Kimo Vlijken
Jada Threadgate
Joshua Anderson
Abbey Thompson
Lily Bourke
Mayson Venables
Nik Ali
Ziluo Huang
Dylan Ringwood

**SILVER AWARD**
Will Morgan
Rhys Neale
Shelby Mackelvie
Samantha Williamson
Hannah Walz
Colby Sehl
Cody Hilton
Brydon Edwards
Britney Boss
Joel DeJong
Arnab Bhandare
Paige Lewis
Jakob Igusti
Jayden Peberdy

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**Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 314**
**New total for the year so far: 4983**
"What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do."

John Ruskin (1819-1900).

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Rare opportunity to learn from solar eclipse**
Far North Queensland schools will have a rare opportunity to view a total solar eclipse on 14 November. Schools in the Cairns area will be in prime position to see the eclipse at approximately 6.38 am, while the rest of Queensland will experience a partial eclipse around the same time. Teaching resources are available from the CSIRO and the Astronomical Association of Queensland. The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists warns to view the eclipse safely by not looking directly at the sun. The Exploratorium has instructions for a pinhole projector for safe viewing.

**Congratulations**
Mrs Lea Arnold was nominated as an Inspirational Teacher through the NEITA Awards. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Arnold has now been announced as one of 527 finalists for the National Inspirational Teacher Awards with the final award recipients to be announced in December this year. Congratulations Mrs Arnold.

**Term 4 staff changes**
On 16 November we farewell and wish Mrs Seipen all the best, as she embarks on maternity leave and starts a new chapter in her life. We welcome Mrs Lara Russell as her replacement until the end of term.

**Ants on the Senior Oval**
The ants on the Senior Oval & playing fields (Old Infants School) are an annual challenge for us. The ants can inflict a painful sting/bite. Each year the oval is treated by a licensed pest control company. This action does reduce the prevalence of the ants. If bitten/stung the best treatment is to apply ice to the area and to seek medical advice if the effects of the bite/sting do not ease.

**2013 Planning**
Thank you to the many families who have already returned the Student Enrolment Survey form. The information you have provided will assist teachers in their decision making for next year’s classes. If you have yet to return the survey form, please do so before Friday 17 November.

**Changes to Queen’s Birthday and Labour Day public holidays**
The State Government last week passed legislation moving the Labour Day public holiday to the first Monday in October. The Queen’s Birthday holiday will be returned to the second Monday in June. The changes mean in 2013, the Queen’s Birthday will occur on Monday 10 June while the Labour Day public holiday will be celebrated on Monday 7 October. The 2013 school calendar, which incorporates the changed public holidays, is now available from the state school holidays website.

**Outstanding Payments**
The school offers students access to a number of activities and resources through a “user pays” system or as a “resource hire agreement”. Parents and carers are requested to finalise any outstanding payments owing to the school including Laptop hire, excursion costs etc. Please contact the school office to arrange payment.

**Attendance and Learning Critical until the very end of Term**
Term 4 is always a busy time of year. This is a 10 week term and it is important that all students are in class and learning until the end of term – including the last day. When students miss the final days or weeks of each term significant amounts of learning time are lost over a student’s years at school. At Victoria Park school we are reinforcing the message that students will be involved in meaningful learning activities right up to their last day of the school year, 14 December.

**2013 Classes**
Formation of classes for 2013 will commence shortly. If you are aware of any child that is planning to attend Victoria Park SS next year, please encourage their parents to contact the office for an enrolment package. Please be reminded that Prep enrolments or enrolments from interstate need a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunisation records to be attached to their enrolment form. Students from overseas will also need a copy of their visa.

Please notify the office, or return the survey form from the last newsletter, if your child/ children will not be attending Victoria Park SS in 2013 so we don’t add them unnecessarily to a 2013 class list. Thank you.

**Get set for Prep**
Families of 2013 enrolled Prep students are invited to attend ‘Get ready for Prep’ sessions on Wednesday afternoon 1:50-2:50pm in the Prep A classroom. Mrs Arvidson, one of our experienced Prep teachers, will run early Prep activities each Wednesday afternoon 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.

**Term 4 Sport kicks off**
Interschool and afternoon sports activities began last week. Years 4 to 7 are participating in Indoor Cricket for Interschool Sport playing against teams from Mackay West, Fitzgerald and Eimeo Road. Teachers are also providing a range of sports and games on a Friday afternoon for those not involved with interschool sport. These include soccer, flipper ball, netball, and diamond cricket just to name a few.

Prep to Year 3 children don’t miss out with each year level having a sport and games afternoon between 2 pm and 2:50 pm. Monday sees the Prep classes out and active, Tuesday is the Year 3 afternoon, Wednesday is for the Year 1s and Year 2s are out and active on Thursday afternoons.
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.

Direct Deposit
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep A: Olivia Scott - Always being enthusiastic and ready to learn.
Prep D: Sophie Cavanough - Coming back to term 4 with an excellent attitude towards learning. Well Done.
Prep D: Charlie Russell - Settling into Prep D with a fantastic attitude towards learning.
1A: Leo Guipwell - Being a four star learner and always making my day!!
1C: Nijole Farmer-Teava - You are a Sensational Spelling Superstar! Congratulations on your brilliant spelling.
1D: Taya Vella - Striving to be a more independent learner. Keep up the good work, Taya.
2A: Sasha Chang - Excellent listening in learning times and always helping others.
2A: Amber Hansen - Always trying her best in all school activities.
2C: Scott Ketchell-McLaughlin - Showing improvement in his schoolwork.
3A: Kai Stavrow - Kai is a thoughtful and considerate classmate who quietly gets on with his work. Well Done, Kai!
3C: Karmeeasha Pitt - Great work identifying language features of a poem.
3C: Tyler Stafford - Showing more independence in the classroom.
3/4: Blake Ireland - Coming back to term 4 with an excellent attitude towards learning. Well done and keep it up.
3/4: Lydia Mezzen - Overcoming her fear in Maths and proving to herself that she can trade.
4B: Bree Clifford - Always displaying the qualities of a 4 Star learner.
5A: Nicole Copo - Striving hard during SOSE research time and working well with class members.
5B: Mayson Armstrong: Outstanding SOSE poster on the South Sea Islanders. Well Done!!!
6A: Taelin Durante- Great work in reading.
6B: Riley Beets - Being a courteous and helpful student.
6C: Jade Philip - Always displaying an outstanding attitude towards your learning and being an exceptional role model for others.
6D: Tulley Rogers-Homoki - Working very hard to complete his SOSE PowerPoint.
7A: Isobel Odger—Fantastic work on her Len Hansen Bursary Assignment Tasks.
7B: Amber Walker - Always trying your best regardless of the task at hand. Excellent Job.
7B: Khyarna Smith - Always completing tasks to the best of your ability. Great job, Khyarna!
7C: Grace Ragau: Excellent effort on her Len Hansen Bursary Assignment.

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:
Pd: Ellie Hansen - Always ready to learn.
1A: Georgia Woods - 2012 Concert performance.
1D: Jazmine Meng- Spectacular Concert performance.
2A: Eve Templeton—Being a learner-Homework.
2/3: Jake Ireland– Good focus on SOSE activity.
3A: Charlotte Odger - Great Technology helper.
3B: Denzel Bobongie- Returning notes
3/4: Blake Ireland– Super kicking skills.
4C: Francis Alamodin - Being helpful.
5B: Danica Harberger- String Ensemble Eisteddfod participation.
5B: Kelsey Aldous - Working to the best of her ability.
6A: Britney Boss - Mathletics whiz.
6D: Tulley Rogers-Homoki: Being helpful.
7A: Jessi Glassop– Attentive learner.
7C: Dylan Perry - Being responsible in the Concert performance.

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Mackay Remembrance Day Service
On Sunday 11 November, there will be a Remembrance Day Service at Jubilee Park (Mackay City Council grounds, Alfred St) commencing from 10:45am. The service will run approximately 45minutes.

All school leaders, class captains and other interested students are invited to attend. Our school leaders will be reading out the Honour Roll names of past soldiers.

Students attending will need to be in school uniform and arrive at approximately 10:30am. We look forward to as many students as possible attending.
Child safety notice
We remind students and families again that no student should be at school before 8am unless attending instrumental lessons. Names of students who are repeatedly observed to be at school before this time, will have their name recorded and parents contacted about arranging suitable before school supervision for their child. Parents who do not make suitable arrangements may be contacted by the Department of Child Services.

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

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.

P&C DATES TO REMEMBER
November Sat 10 – We are still needing 20 helpers on the night of the fair, if you are able to help please phone Michelle on 0438576784 ASAP

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

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

XMAS FAIR
All volunteers go in the draw for prizes and will be announced next week. We appreciate everyone’s help. Each parent helper also accumulates points for your child’s class and the class with highest points will receive a pizza lunch from the P&C. A big thank you to the teachers and staff for also volunteering their time.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CRICKET- Boy Free Zone
Announcing a Girls Only—Boy Free Zone Cricket Experience for girls aged 7-13. Commencing Friday 16 November for five weeks at Harrup Park, from 4pm to 5.30pm come on down and try cricket skills and games. For all levels beginner to experienced you can learn how to play the game or build on your current knowledge on the main oval with just other girls, no boys!
The program is free, and all equipment will be provided (or you can bring your own) and for those who wish they can purchase an optional in2cricket pack for $65 which includes bag, plastic bat, shirt, bucket hat, water bottle and ball. Accredited coaches and guaranteed fun.
For more details or register email mackayhurricanes@yahoo.com or register online at www.in2cricket.com.au/kids/boy-free-zone
Registration required before commencing the program.
(Note activities will be modified to suit the ability/knowledge/skills of participants)
Free Coaching, Free Prizes & Free Fun

Auditions for Mackay Junior Orchestra & Mackay Youth Orchestra 2013
If you are a young musician who loves music, is keen to develop your musical skills, is committed to practice and loves to be part of a team, then we would like to invite you to audition to become a member and enjoy the many benefits that music can offer. We aim to offer the full orchestra experience and complement the fabulous school music programs or provide opportunities to those who are not able to participate in school orchestras and band.
We will be holding auditions on Monday 19 November 2012, at the Conservatorium, Central Queensland University, from 4.30 pm. Please bring along two pieces of music of your own choice to play. You may also be asked to play a couple of scales. All enthusiastic young musicians are encouraged to join us! For more information contact Vicki on 0418150690 or Leonie 0413778676. We look forward to hearing from you!

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