19/12
22 November 2012
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4 2012
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

Monday 10 December
9.30-10.30am Come & Try Prep.
‘Moving up’ day for P-6
MSHS YR 7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 11 December
5pm Yr 4-7 Swim carnival

Wednesday 12 December
9am P-3 Fun swim carnival
6.30pm P&C meeting

Thursday 13 December
School Awards ceremony
Yr 7 Graduation luncheon & Awards ceremony.

Friday 14 December— Last day of term.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations to Prep A and 2B for winning the class pizza lunch for providing the most prizes for the Christmas Fair. Enjoy your yummy lunch and thank you for supporting the P&C.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO

Great fun dancing in the hall.

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Cybersafety and Cyberbullying

A message about cybersafety

The safety of our students is paramount and this responsibility includes management of cybersafety and cyberbullying. Cyberbullying occurs when technology such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites, such as Facebook, are used to bully someone. This includes sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages.

Our school is committed to addressing cyberbullying. The Department of Education and Training protects students from inappropriate websites through special filtering software, blocking sites, such as Facebook and YouTube. When used safely, these sites offer opportunities to learn and communicate, however, when used inappropriately they can become hurtful and dangerous places.

If students use websites inappropriately outside of school, the school can, in certain circumstances, take disciplinary action, with serious matters referred to police.

A recommended approach is for you to discuss cyberbullying with your child and highlight the importance of appropriate online behaviour.

If your child is of a suitable age to be connected to any social networking site, reviewing their ‘friends list’ may help you manage their safety and reduce the risk of them associating with inappropriate contacts.

To assist you, provided below are websites containing advice and resources:

http://www.cyberbullying.org.nz/

The department also has cybersafety information available on its website at http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety.html

Please remember, as a parent or caregiver, you play an important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online.

Fair Success

Thank you to all the families in our school community for the wonderful support of the P&C’s annual Christmas Fair. There was certainly plenty of activity and entertainment with the highlight being the spectacular fireworks at the end of the night. Congratulations to all our willing P&C members, their families along with our staff and their families for what was a wonderful community activity.

Fans in the Hall

Two large fans are being installed in our hall this week. The fans will ensure that the hall is a cooler place for all who use it. I extend our sincere thanks to the P&C for funding the purchase and installation of the fans.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

A review of the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students has been undertaken this year. The updated plan will be available on our school website in the near future. The plan will be presented at the next P&C meeting for discussion and endorsement.

Support for Chaplaincy Program

The school has been without the services of a Chaplain for the past two terms. Scripture Union Queensland is actively seeking a Chaplain for the school and is confident of appointing a Chaplain for the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Each year the school is required to provide a report about the Chaplaincy program in our school. One aspect of the report requires the school to demonstrate ongoing community support for the program. Included in this newsletter is a response form for families to provide the school with your feedback about the Chaplaincy program.

Attendance

WELL DONE! Our attendance rate for the first five weeks of this term was 94.6%. Mrs Grant and I took great pleasure in delivering more than 400 Attendance Gotcha Cards to students this week. What was even more pleasing was the high number of students who had not missed a day of school during the first five weeks of this term.

Sun safety

Our school has a sun safety policy and students are encouraged to wear a hat, protective clothing and apply sunscreen when they are outside of the classroom. They are also required to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities.

As we move into summer, it’s important to remember that peak times for exposure to the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation are 10am – 2pm. It is vital that parents encourage their children to be sun safe every day.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates for achieving their designated reading goal:

Robert Anderson James Attard Kye Barba
Willow Watergo Nicola Chimes Kayne Cousen
Aiden Grace Leo Gupwell Libby Hood
Tom Kelly Seth Lester Noah Levitz
Katrina Luckett Pamela Malcolm Max Morrison
Kearah McBrown Porschia Moran Deagan Powell
Diana Qu Codin Smith Georgia Woods
Charlotte Toohey Hannah Morgan Brooke Keates
Brittany Pattemore Codey Yard Alec Scott
Chantel Xerinda Zainab Ali Ryan Vassie
Jada Threadgate Skye Streidt Nerry Martin
Purv Bhandare ( More certificates coming soon.)

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

When paying an invoice by Direct Deposit can you please use as your reference, the Customer ID, which is located at the bottom of the invoice. If you don’t have an invoice, please enter child’s name .

2013 school calendar now available

The 2013 school calendar can be downloaded at www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html
In 2013 the Labour Day public holiday will move to Monday 7 October and the Queen’s Birthday holiday will be returned to Monday 10 June.

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.

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music
Week 8 is the final week for instrumental lessons for 2012. All school instruments need to be returned at this final lesson.

Recruiting for Instrumental Music Programs 2013
If your child is in Grade 2 (Strings) and Grade 3 or 4 (Wind) in 2012 and are very interested in learning an instrument in 2013 Mrs Milles will finish conducting interviews with parents next week. Please ring the school (4951 6333) to make an appointment.

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:

Prep A: Tahlia Howell – Super reading skills.
Prep A: Matt Anderson – Outstanding behaviour.
1A: Deagan Powell – Being honest with money.
1A: Robbie Anderson – Excellent manners.
2A: Lorna Edwards – Being a great helper.
2/3: Zeky Schmidt: Being honest with money.
2/3: Rory Kempin – Being responsible.
3C: John Agustin – Being a responsible student.
4A: Riley Inkson – Pat-R improvement
4C: Francis Alamodin – Always a helpful classmate.
5B: Hunter Sinnott: Excellent effort with writing.
6B: Hannah Morgan – Novelty Chorus participation.
6C: String Ensemble Eisteddfod participation.
7C: Salome Mualaulau: Very well behaved on the bus.
7A: Purav Bhandare – Helpful at the Fair.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep A: Ella Frost - Always having an outstanding attitude.
Prep A: Stacey Daly - Always being enthusiastic and ready to learn.
Prep B: Kayla Bindemann - Being a kind and caring friend.
Prep D: Ava Peppin - Always having an excellent attitude towards learning.
1A: Aiden Grace - Always being a happy and helpful student and friend!
1B: Lily Gravenell - Always having an outstanding attitude and producing work of a very high standard.
1B: Reynan Mayores - Working well in all areas and improving his presentation of work.
1B: Amelia Aitken - Outstanding results in her reading and spelling tests.
1C: Taj Cook - Being a Super Maths Learner! Keep it up Taj!
1D: Aiden Westwood - A super effort with his procedure writing. Great Job!
1D: Trying her sounding out strategy during reading groups!
2B: Tyruss Crunlinski - Always trying his best.
2B: Chanmani Zuercher - Making huge improvements in her writing, reading and maths.
2B: Emily Dowson - Making concerted efforts to improve her reading and writing.
2C: Filipe Buli - Being a courteous and helpful student.
2C: Kaylee Harberger - Being a thoughtful and considerate classmate.
2/3: Maddison Newstead - A sensational poem.
3C: Yidi Wang - Always working hard to achieve the best possible results.
4C: Kacee Carroll - Fantastic effort with weekly spelling.
5A: Ben Porter - Excellent effort in all subject areas last week. Keep up the good work.
5B: Leiann Yuzon - Fantastic start to your persuasive writing! Keep up the creative and original ideas Leiann!
6A: Ryan Vassie - An excellent persuasive writing piece.
6A: Colby Sehl - A fantastic presentation of his Government Quiz.
6B: Hunter Mc Veigh - A fantastic presentation of his Government Quiz.
6C: Jai Veivers - Being such a positive, well-mannered student who always brightens up the 6C classroom.
6C: Isabella Green - Being so thoughtful and helpful towards others. Excellent effort Bella!
6D: Amber May - Writing a fantastic persuasive text.
7A: Tahlia Inkson - Consistent work and effort in all areas.
7B: Saad Ahmeed - Excellent results in mathematics this semester. Well done, Saad, keep smiling!
7C: Tanya Doogan - Excellent effort on her song analysis.
LIBRARY NEWS
The Library will be CLOSED to students for the last two weeks of the school year. Students are reminded that ALL books are to be returned by Friday 30 November.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Lost At School Fair
White Ipod Touch has been lost at the Christmas Fair. If anyone has found this, the owner is offering a reward of $50 for its return.
Please contact Chris 0427 859 707.

Souths Junior Rugby League 2013 Season Sign-On-Day
Date: Sunday 3 February 2013
Venue: Souths Leagues Club, Milton Street, Mackay
Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm
New players need to bring along proof of age, ie: Original Birth Certificate or current Passport.
Enquiries to Club Registrar—Kellie Cairns
Mob: 0407 742 359
Email: rkcarpentry@bigpond.com
or southsirl@bigpond.com

The Roar Active Program Includes:
• Pauls Roar Inflatable Fields
• Supporters Pack including a T-Shirt.
• Fun Football Sessions by our Roar Coaches

Date: 19 January to 22 January 2013
Venue: Theo Hansen Oval, Beaconsfield Rd Andergrove
Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm on these days
Ages: 8-12 years (boys & girls)

Cost: $75 per child regardless of the days attending
For enquiries please contact Melinda Griffin: 4952 6341 or mrfzone@bigpond.com
Registration Forms available from Administration Foyer.

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School
2 x Permanent Schools Officers
(Grounds & Facilities) Positions
38 Hours per week
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS is the newest school in the Central Queensland Region and is located in the rapidly expanding Northern Beaches community, 10 km north of the Mackay City centre.

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School will commence its provision of quality, world class education for students in January 2013 with enrolments in both Year 7 and 8.
We are very excited to welcome Year 7 into our secondary setting as part of Education Queensland’s Flying Start Year 7 into High School initiative.

The above positions will commence in 2013 with a salary of $20.82 & $22.36 per hour. The Role Description detailing the responsibilities required for the Schools Officer at Mackay Northern Beaches SHS, including how you will be accessed in your application, can be downloaded from the school website at www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au

Applicants must respond by:
• addressing the 5 key attributes, as described within this Role Description (2 pages; no less than Arial font, 11);
• providing a 2 page resume;
• providing the names and contact details of two current referees.

Applications will remain current for a 12 month period and may be used to fill future vacancies.

Applications close on Monday 03 December 2012.

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The Business Services Manager, C/- PO Box 760, MACKAY QLD 4740
or email - Vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au

“The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

VISION
Real Estate (Qld)

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

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities
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 guardian.

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.