Term 1 – Semester 1 – 1 February 2017

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<td>6 February 2017</td>
<td>P and C Meeting – all welcome to attend</td>
<td>9am, Resource Centre</td>
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<td>Every Monday</td>
<td>Assembly held every Monday – all welcome to attend</td>
<td>2pm, Resource Centre</td>
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<td>23 February 2017</td>
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<td>31 March 2017</td>
<td>Term 1 Finishes</td>
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Macleay Island State School is abound with energy and enthusiasm from staff, students, parents and carers. It is a privilege to be part of such a wonderful school community. Each and every day students are being challenged to do their best, present themselves as respectful citizens at school and in the wider community and be proud of themselves and others.

Currently our enrolments allow us to structure **classes and teaching staff** in the following way:

- Prep – Mrs McDonald
- Year 1 H – Mrs Harris
- Year 2 S – Ms Stampton
- Year 3/4 B – Miss Brown
- Year 3/4 D – Ms De Rochefort
- Year 4/5 L – Mrs Lea
- Year 5/6 B – Mrs Burnitt
- Physical Education – Mr Krystolov
- Arts – Ms Fazika
- Technology and Design – Miss Zaki
- Japanese – Mrs Barnes
- Special Education Teachers – Mr Coenen & Mrs Hughes
- Learning support teacher – Mrs Catterson
- Teacher Librarian – Miss Fletcher
- Guidance Officer – Mrs Adderman
- Counsellor – Miss Toni Grigg
- Speech Language Pathologist – Mrs Byrnes
- Master Teacher – Mrs Carlaw
Before School Routine

The school day officially starts at 8:45 am and students should be at school ready to begin the day at this time. Upon arrival at school students in prep are required to go directly to the prep area and will be supervised by teacher aides from 8:25 am. Students in years 1-6 are required to go directly to the small undercover area and they will be supervised by teacher aides or teachers from 8:25 am. Upon arrival at the small undercover area students are allowed to visit breakfast club where toast and fruit are prepared by the Macleay Island Lions ladies. Students are required to sit while eating their breakfast. Handball can be played during this time but access to the fort or playground will only occur if additional staff are available to supervise these areas. Students know that access to play areas is restricted to times when staff are rostered on. NO TEACHER NO PLAY is communicated regularly to students as is NO HAT NO PLAY. At the moment due to increase temperatures, students are not playing on the senior oval. Instead they are participating in Futsal games in the senior undercover area.

This year the school library resource centre is open before school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and students are allowed to go directly to the resource centre and will be supervised by Miss Fletcher and Mrs Croxson. Parents & carers are also welcome at this time.

The student counsellor, Miss Toni Grigg, works with us each Friday and parents and students can access this service by telephoning on 34008333.

Tuckshop is now on Friday and is run by volunteers. The continuation of this service is subject to support from school families.

We look forward to your continued support and encourage you to seek our support as often as you need.

G Seawright

Principal Mrs Glenda Seawright
School Uniform can be purchased from the Administration Office between the hours of 8-3pm Monday to Friday. Hats are back in stock slight price increase now $9.50. Polo Shirts $20 and Bomber Jackets $30. Limited sizes in Polo Shirts, order has been placed, should arrive sometime in Term 1. Payment by EFTPOS or cash (correct money).

School Bus News

Bus passes will be issued to all students who have been approved by Queensland Transport for free travel on the island school bus by the start of week 3. If you were approved last year in most cases you will carry over from last year and do not need to reapply. If anything has changed (eg school, address, etc) you will need to reapply. Your child will be required to carry their pass with them at all times when they are travelling on the bus. If your child does not receive a pass but you have recently submitted a form, the driver will have a list of those students in the bus and they may travel for free until QT notifies us of their approval. We will then issue them with a bus pass. As there are thousands of forms to be processed by QT at this time of year, it can take some time for the approvals to come back to us, so we allow your child to travel for free once you have submitted your form. Please look after your pass and secure it to your bag, as a replacement one will cost $10.

If you have not handed your form to the driver, then, as of week 3 (6/2/17), your child will not be able to travel on the bus unless they pay a fare of $1.00 per trip (i.e. $2.00 return).

Your child is eligible for free school bus travel if you live 3.2 km or more from the school. You can obtain a Bus Travel Assistance Application form (brown) from the school bus driver. This must be filled out and returned to the driver as soon as possible so that your child can be issued with a bus pass.

Bus Safety-Net Scheme: If you live 3.2 km or less from the school and your child is listed on a concession card (i.e. Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card), you may be eligible for free bus travel, providing there is spare capacity on the bus. You need to obtain a Bus Travel Assistance Safety-Net Application form (purple) from the school bus driver.
This must be filled out and returned to the driver along with a photocopy of the concession card showing the child’s name as soon as possible so that your child can be eligible for travel.

If you live 3.2km or less from the school and you do not have a concession card but would like your child to catch the bus to school, you can pay a fare to the driver. Fares are $1.00 per child per trip.

You can find your nearest bus stop on the map on our website at www.bluebus.com.au. If you want your child to get on or off at a different stop, they must have a signed note from you stating the change otherwise they must get off at their designated stop.

A reminder that all school students travelling on school buses need to abide by the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel (QT). You can read this on the Queensland Transport website. This outlines the rights and responsibilities and the behaviour expected of students whilst travelling on the school bus. The consequences of failing to meet the behaviour expectations outlined in the code are clearly stated. This may mean that your child will be refused travel on the bus for a period of time, if they are unable to meet those expectations. These consequences will be strictly enforced for the safety and enjoyment of all bus travellers.

We hope you have a happy and safe year of travel on the school bus!

If you have any questions about school bus travel, please contact Geoff or Sandra Jacob at Blue Bus on ph: (07) 3820 7815.
RABY BAY

Mangrove Drive, Cleveland (Redland Bay)

• 26 - 30 September 2016 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
• 16 - 20 January 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)

Part-Time Program
• 19 Oct - 3 Dec 2016 (8 sessions, Saturday mornings)
• 28 Jan - 1 Apr 2017 (10 sessions, Saturday mornings)

8am - 10am
Registration includes long sleeve rash shirt, water bottle, activity book and wet bag.

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