School Calendar

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<td>13 and 20 November 2015</td>
<td>Water Safety Lessons – Prep, Year 1 and 2 – 8.35am students to be dropped down to MI Jetty. Year 3, 4,5 and 6 – students need to be picked up at 3pm from MI Jetty.</td>
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<td>25 November 2015</td>
<td>LOTE Day – (Japanese) activities for Year 3-6 Students</td>
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<td>3 December 2015</td>
<td>Volunteer Morning Tea</td>
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<td>5 December 2015</td>
<td>Christmas Street Parade – Saturday</td>
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Congratulations to 1/2D who achieved a 92% attendance rate in Week 4. We hope they enjoyed their prize. Unfortunately no class achieved 90% or more in Week 5. Congratulations to the Whell family who were the lucky winners of the draw for students who had 100% attendance in October. I hope they enjoy their movie tickets. We would love to have all classes achieving a 90% attendance rate by the end of the year so please ensure your child is at school unless they are sick.

Our year 6 graduation will soon be upon us and letters go out today re costs. Due to the closing of the school finances it is important that students have their money in by Wednesday, 25th November as we cannot take money after that date.

Our 5/6s report that they had a great time at camp and all arrived back tired but happy. When I saw them on Monday afternoon they had just returned from their mud activity and by the look of students that activity was a hit. Thanks to Ms Lea, Mr Carroll and Chappy Keith for giving up their personal time so our students could attend camp.

The end of the year is fast approaching and there are many events between now and the last day of school so please keep an eye on our calendar so you or your children don’t miss out on anything.

Kind Regards
Gaynor Brennan
Principal
SWPBS NEWS

Macleay Island State School focuses on building better learning environments for all students through actively teaching our students appropriate behaviour that allows them to get their needs met in efficient and socially acceptable ways, as well as rewarding students for demonstrating appropriate behaviour. This is achieved through our School-Wide Positive Behaviour School (SWPBS) program. As part of this program, we focus on specific behaviour expectations and school rules each week.

For those of you who were with us last year, you will remember that we have three rules which reflect the needs of our school community. Our school rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. The following students received awards at Parade on 2 November 2015 – Charlie, Tia, Solomon and Cheyeele all from 1B. Olly from 1/2C. Tayla and Trent from 5/6I.

Prep 2016

2016 Prep packs can be purchased from the School’s Admin office at a cost of $76 and will be available from the 23 November 2015. Payment method - Eftpos or cash (correct money).

SMS and Email Contacts and School Absence Telephone Line

Reminder to all parents, we are now using SMS to communicate to all parents/guardians – please update your mobile numbers and email addresses to enable you to receive our school newsletter and any SMS’s we send. Send a note into the Admin office or email theprincipal@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au to update your details.

If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days a reminder that a Doctors Certificate is to be provided to school and parents can ring the school’s absence line on 3400 8333 and press “1” if your child is away from school.

Lote Day Year 3-6 Students

When: Wednesday 25 November 2015

What is Happening?
- Okinomiyaki (Japanese pancakes), Chopstick Competitions, Origami and Paper Planes, Sumo Fridge Magnets
- Japanese Taiso (Exercise), Japanese Schodo

Cost is $2 per students – please bring money into the Administration Office ASAP.
(Cost will cover your serve of a Japanese Pancake)
Parent helpers, if you would like to help out on the day please leave your details at the administration office and choose an activity you would like to help out. All helpers will receive a free Japanese pancake.

Water Safety Lessons

Only two days of water safety lessons left - 13 and 20 November 2015.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 students attending water safety lessons need to at Macleay Island jetty by 8.35am to catch the 8.48am ferry – Remember to bring your rashie and swimming cap etc.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 students attending water safety lessons need to be picked up at Macleay Island jetty unless you have indicated that they are to walk home.
Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 graduation will be held on Thursday 10 December 2015. Letters will be sent out to all Year 6 students today advising of details. We would like to thank the Lions Club who will be catering on the night. The Year 6 students will be making decorations during Art classes but parents will be required to assist in setting up so please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are able to assist in this area.

P & C News

P & C are organising a Christmas Raffle to be drawn on the 10th December 2015 at the last Parade of 2015. There are lots of great prizes so come prepared to buy some raffle tickets. More information soon.

We have a new facebook page – called Macleay Island State School P & C. The facebook page is a closed group to help inform parents and carers of what is happening with the P & C and School and let you know the ways in which you can help your child by helping the school.

The Uniform Shop has lots of stock in many sizes, including a second-hand section. The uniform shop is open every Friday from 9-10am but if for some reason our parent helper has been held up please see the Administration Office. We have available lay-by or payment plan options and if you would like to take advantage of this please discuss with Brooke, our parent helper. To assist you with the purchase of uniforms for 2016 the Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 21 January 2016 from 9-10am.

Reminder that a FREE playgroup is on every Tuesday from 8.45-10.45am in the Prep Room. Come and let the kids play and the parents can meet and make new friends.

Tuckshop Orders due in by 2.45pm Thursday. Tuckshop orders can be left in the Tuckshop box located in the Administration office. Pie and Sausage Roll week will be Friday 27 November 2015 and we will also be selling Zoopers Doopers for 50c at the beginning of lunch. A limit of 2 per student will be enforced.

Bay Islands Pop Up Cinema

A “Kids Movie Night” is to be held at 7pm on Saturday 28th November 2015 (soft drinks and snacks courtesy of Macleay Island Lions Club at Macleay Island Skate Park).