Welcome back to our last school term for 2015 and as you can see from our calendar above it will be a busy term.

On Monday 19 October 2015, the school will be closed due to a Pupil Free Day. Please do not send your child to school. School resumes on Tuesday 20 October 2015. Staff will be working off site on this day with staff from Russell Island SS and Vienna Woods State School.

Parents please note that due to Workplace Health and Safety Requirements ALL ANIMALS are PROHIBITED from the school grounds and this includes walking dogs on the oval at all times or bringing them into the school grounds to collect or drop off your child. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Just a reminder that EVERY DAY COUNTS for your child if they are to receive the very best education they can so please ensure your child is at school every day unless sick.

See page 2..
On Monday the 26th October we will be holding a Mental Health workshop for our 5/6 students. We have organised these workshops in response to some of the issues we have been experiencing with our year 5/6 classes. The student sessions help students think about what stressors they are dealing with and how they can cope.

As part of this day we are holding a parent session where you can hear the message we will be giving your child so that you can continue discussions at home. This workshop is available to all our parents, not just the parents of our year 5/6 students. We would love to see many parents join in this great opportunity to learn ways in which they can assist their child grow. Please see below for a description of the parent workshop.

ADULT WORKSHOP
Resilience is one of the most protective factors against a child developing mental illnesses. The Resilience Doughnut is a short workshop (1.5 hours) which helps parents identify their child’s areas of strength and use them to build up the areas where they aren’t going so well. It is a practical interactive workshop, where you are guided through helping a case study child, before applying the learnt principles to your own children. It really does make you think more about how you can help your child develop and grow through using their strengths rather than weaknesses.

Kind Regards
Gaynor Brennan

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:

1. Respect
2. Safety
3. Participation

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. The following students filled up their reward chart – Cheylee. The following students received awards at parade on 12 October 2015 – Max, Charlie, Cheylee, Bradley and Dakoda from 1B. Mikey, Brad, Christian, Jack, Keyfee and Thomas all from 3/4E. Mikey, Jasmin, Dejan and Clarissa from 3/4F. Nikki and Siana from 5/6I.

Pre Prep Programme
Will run for 4 weeks and will consist of 2 hour sessions from 10.30-12.30pm. The dates for the programme are: 20th October 2015, 27th October 2015, 3rd November 2015 and 10th November 2015. Prep Enrolment forms will be available from the office at this time.

Please note appointments are required for all prospective 2016 Prep enrolments. The appointment will be with Prep Classroom Teacher, Ms Catterson or School’s Principal, Gaynor Brennan. 2016 enrolment interviews begin from 2 November 2015 onwards. Please make your 15 minute appointment by Email – Admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au or Phone on 3400 8333 or call into the Admin Office to schedule your appointment.

It is a compulsory government requirement that a copy of your child’s birth certificate is sighted before your child starts Prep so please bring a copy to your enrolment interview. We would also request that you bring your child’s transition statement from Kindergarten to the appointment.

2016 Prep packs can be purchased from the School’s Admin office at a cost of $76 and will be available from the end of November 2015 onwards.

Senior Camp
Reminder to Year 5 and 6 parents and students that outstanding monies for the Senior Camp are now due and must be paid for by 16 October 2015. Preferred method of payment - eftpos, direct deposit or cash. If payment is not received by the due date there is the possibility of the camp being CANCELLED. To ensure this does not happen please pay by the due date, there will be no extensions given after this date.

Account Name: Macleay Island State School
BSB Number: 064-138 CBA Cleveland
Account Number: 1016 3499
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 Admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au to up to date 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.

Student Council Raffle
1st prize stereo, 2nd prize portable speaker and 3rd prize headphones. It will be drawn on 26th Oct 2015 at parade. You can buy tickets before school and first break.

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.

Golf Competition
Jack Burnett & Marshall Law joined the District Golf Competitions this year and have played in the Junior District Championships at Logan Golf Club on the 12th September 2015 and have just finished playing in the Pee Wee Pennant tournament.

The finals were held on Sunday 11th October at Chambers Pines Golf Course and 54 players attended. Jack and Marshall played like a Presidents Cup team to win their final event for this season (1 up after 9 holes).

P & C News
Tuckshop Orders due in by 2.45pm Thursday. Tuckshop orders can be left in the Tuckshop box located in the Administration office.

Uniform Shop open Fridays from 8.30-10am, if you are unable to come in at that time please see the Administration Office.
Family Friendly 7-A-Side Soccer Competition
Starting soon

When: Saturday Mornings (Starting 17th October for 6-8 weeks)

Where: Union Street Sports Oval - Russell Island

Who: Everyone welcome – all age groups - families encouraged (adjusted rules to include younger children)

How: Register & Pay at our Family fun day on 10th October or register now call Deb at Skills Alliance on 3367 0833 or Mick on 0401 483 079

Costs: Membership & includes 1st 7-A-Side Competition
$15 individual
$25 family with 2 children - $5 for each additional child

7-A-Side Format
- Fun, fun, fun and lots of giggles
- 2 x 25 minute halves
- 8 players per team (maximum of 3 adults and 3 teenagers)
- No tackling of primary school aged children (can only steal the ball)
- The team captain will be responsible for organising shirt colours and notifying players of game times
- Younger children (Grade 3 and below) need to have their parent/guardian in the team
- Offering free basic coaching training by Brisbane Football to parents interested

Family Fun Morning Saturday 10th October 10am – 12 noon
- Come and meet Emily Geilnik and Brooke Spence from the Brisbane Roar Women’s league
- Try out your soccer skills in a fun way
- Sausage Sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase

The Queensland Government is supporting the Bay Islands United Football Club through the Get Going Clubs program to increase Queenslanders participation in sport and recreation activities.
**Personalise your gift**

*using your school portrait or supply your own photo*

*If using your own photo, email the image with file name to countryschoolphotos@gmail.com
Phone Paul or Donna for any queries on 0427 946 360

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**Payment details**

- **Mastercard**
- **Visa**
- **Cheque**
- **Direct Deposit** – Details below. Please email notification of deposit

**Direct Deposit Details:**
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