Thank you

It has been a pleasure and honour to take on the role of Acting Principal for the first 4 weeks of term 3. I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful students, staff, parents and members of the wider community. I know that I am richer for the experience of being at Macleay Island State School and I wish everyone all the best for the future. The school welcomes back Mrs Brennan who returns from her leave on Tuesday 11 August 2015.

**Attendance: Every Day Counts...**

Our 2015 attendance target is for students to attend school 90% or more of the time. Our staff work hard to provide a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment for every child. If there are any issues that make sending your child to school every day difficult, then please contact any member of staff. We all share the same goal of seeing your child be a successful learner.

If a child is unable to come to school, then parents and carers are expected to provide the school with a reason. This can be done by sending a note with the child to the classroom teacher, contacting the office, or by emailing admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au

**Sporting Schools**

Our Sporting Schools program will commence on Wednesday 12 August. Mr Rob Watt will be taking Rugby League every Wednesday afternoon. Information and a permission slip has been provided to all interested students about the rugby league program. This program has a limited number of places, so places are allocated in order of returned permission slips to the office.
Travel Safety

Traveling safely to and from school is everyone’s responsibilities. Students that are riding bikes need to correctly wear an approved helmet and follow the road rules. Those students walking need to where ever possible use the designated crossings and footpaths. Students that travel on a bus need to ensure that they are on the lookout for other vehicles. All students and reminded that crossing the road needs to be done safely.

Outstanding Attendance Awards

This week I was fortunate to hand out ‘Outstanding Attendance Awards’ to 62 of our students. Students who were given these awards had attended every day of the first 2 weeks of this term. Coming to school every day is a great first step towards a better education.

NAPLAN

On Monday 3 August students in Year 3 and 5 were issued with their NAPLAN student reports. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. They also provide information on how students have performed in relation to other students in the same year group, and against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards.

If you would like some more information about your child’s NAPLAN student report then you can make a time to meet with the classroom teacher or access additional information http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/Student_reports_brochure_2014-web.pdf

Personal Technology Devices at School

Macleay Island State School has a clear policy regarding personal technology devices, such as iPods, iPhones, cameras or MP3 players, at school. The school strongly discourages students bringing these items to school as there is a risk of theft, damage or misuse. If a personal technology device needs to be brought to school then the item must be handed into the office when the student first enters the school grounds. The device can then be collected from the office at the end of the day. Parents and carers can read the full policy from our school website https://macleayislandss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/MISS-responsible-behaviour-plan-2013.pdf

District Athletics Day

Will be held at Cleveland State High School on Thursday 6th August and Friday 7th August 2015 we have students attending and we wish them all the best.

Warm Regards

Gary Boobyer

Acting Principal

LOTE(Languages Other Than English) News Term 3, 2015

Hello Everyone,

A big congratulation’s goes to Angelo and Tahlia who have been chosen to compete in this year’s annual “Japanese Speech Contest.” This contest will be held at Griffith University-Gold Coast campus on Sunday, 16 August. さようなら、先生 バンズ Sensei Barnes
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. Be Safe
2. Be Respectful
3. Be a Learner

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. It is great to see our students working hard to achieve great things in class. The following students received awards: Chelsea from 1B. Olly, Blake, Jack, Tristan all from 3/4E. and Mikey and Blake from 3/4F completed their reward charts, Keeley, Xiva, Rikki-Lee and Dylan all from Prep. Auriianne, Marshall, Charlotte, Angelo, Amelia all from 5/6I.

Q Schools App – Mobile Phones

Reminder to download the Q Schools App on your mobile phone, you will then have access to Macleay Island State School newsletters, date reminders, school updates and information.

Permanent Cleaner Position

We are currently seeking a permanent cleaner to work at the school, Monday to Friday. 17.75 Hours per week. For further information please contact Administration Office on 3400 8333 for an information pack and all applications are to address the selection criteria.

**Police clearance and blue card are required (school will complete)**

Applications close 3pm, Friday 7 August 2015.

P & C News

P & C – Tuckshop

New menu is available and a reminder that orders need to be placed box located in the office before Thursday 12noon each week. **Orders are to be collected from tuckshop at 1st Break between 10.45-11.10am on Fridays.** The Tuckshop (only open on a Friday) is seeking volunteers, if you are interested please contact Jan/Graeme Harry on 0408 770 001. Remember Pie Day on 28 August 2015 – Big Pie $3.50, Little Pies $1.50, Sausage Rolls $2.00 (plus all the usual tasty meals).

Uniform Shop

Macleay Island State School has a dress code that is endorsed by our P&C and school community, and as such we like to see our students wearing the endorsed school uniform. Our uniform shop is open 8.30am - 10.00am every Friday and school jumpers are priced at $35.
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

**It's simple to participate.** From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet or stickers in the Collection Box located in Administration Office at school. For preppies a collection box will be located in the Prep classroom.

The school will then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for all students to use.

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**Community Events**

**The 4 Islands Festival**

**Just for the Kids**

**Macleay**

**Dress like a Pirate Day**

**Sunday 2nd August**

Meet at the Old Macleay Jetty 10:00am

**Captain Jack**

**Magic, Games and Kids Entertainment**

**Prize for Best Dressed Boy & Girl**

**Russell**

**Dress like a Pirate Day**

**Sunday 9th August**

Meet at Jock Kennedy Park, Russell Island 10am

**A Circus Work Shop Juggling Games and Kids Entertainment.**

**Prize for Best Dressed Boy & Girl**

**Children's PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY**

Send us your photo of what you think shows the best image of “My Island Home”

Email Name / Year / School and attach Photo to info@thebayislands.com.au

On Display August 1-9

Macleay Progress Hall

Russell Island Bowls Club