**Term 1 – Semester 1 – 15 February 2017**

**Calendar**

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Details</th>
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<tr>
<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>
<td>School Photos – students to wear school uniform – ie polo shirt, dress or blouse.</td>
<td>Payment Envelopes sent home with students – please return on 23 February 2017 and give to the photographers.</td>
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<td>Bell Times</td>
<td>8.25am – 1st Bell 8.40am – Head to Class 10.45-11.10am Play 11.10-11.25am – Eating 1-1.10pm Play 1.10-1.25pm – Eating School Finishes 2.45pm</td>
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<td>28 March 2017</td>
<td>Cross Country Year 3-6 only</td>
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<td>31 March 2017</td>
<td>Term 1 Finishes</td>
<td>2.45pm</td>
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<td>18 April 2017</td>
<td>Term 2 Starts</td>
<td>8.25am</td>
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the P and C for all their fundraising efforts in 2016. We have been fortunate enough to use the funds raised in 2016 for installation of air conditioning in the senior classroom demountable block for 4/5L and 5/6H classes. The fund raising will continue throughout 2017 with the goal to have all classrooms air conditioned as soon as possible.

From time to time I will travel on the school bus to find out for myself how students are behaving at the bus stop and while travelling to and from school. The safety of students is our highest priority. Please assist us by reminding your child/children to sit on the seats at the bus shelter if they are provided. Games and exploration of the surrounds of the bus stop including the drains and bushes could result in serious injury. Where there is no designated seating please remind your child/children to stand away from the edge of the road and not move toward the bus until the bus comes to a complete stop. We are very fortunate to have this bus service. Max the driver knows the children well and keeps us informed of any safety issues or misconduct. Please inform the bus company staff of any changes to pick up and drop off locations. At the end of each school day students who travel home on the school bus are supervised by Miss Kelli Price and Mrs Barbara Pope on the balcony of the library resource centre. When the bus arrives these staff members escort the students onto the bus. Please remind your child/children to make their way to the balcony promptly after being released from class.

Glenda Seawright/Principal
Hello Everyone!

Year Prep’s to Year 2 students are working on a Japanese unit called “All about Japan.” Students will be learning about “Greeting words,” and intercultural understandings of the geography of Japan.

Year 3 and 4 students are working on a Japanese unit called “Let’s go to Japan!” Students will be learning about geography, landmarks of Japan. Also, they will be developing their intercultural understandings of transportation used within Japan.

Year 5 and 6 students are working on a Japanese unit called “Jikoshokai.” Students will be learning about, “How to introduce themselves?” They will engage in conversations about their hobbies and interests, also they will develop their intercultural understandings of traditional Japanese sports.

This year will be full of びっくり-surprises: Paper plane and speech contests and Japanese food-tasting.

Looking forward to learning a lot more Japanese!

Thankyou!

Sensei Barnes
Birth Certificate

Important reminder to all parents and guardians, if you recently received a letter from school requesting a copy of your child’s birth certificate or any documentation showing your child’s date of birth it is a request by the Department of Education that this documentation must be submitted to the school by 3 March 2017 at latest.

Library News

Amanda Fletcher (Left), Christine Croxson (Right)

This year in the library we have a new team - Amanda Fletcher, Teacher-Librarian and Christine Croxson, Library Aide.

I believe it is important for children to read and be read to regularly. I am encouraging our students to ask for bed time stories. Reading with and to your child is a fantastic way to spend quality time with your child. It also has a multitude of educational benefits. You are modelling yourself as a reader. Books often use vocabulary that we don’t use in everyday speaking. Stories excite the imagination and expand the world for our children.

Parents, we need your help to get students ready for the routines of borrowing from the library. Please help your child find a place to keep their library book safe at home, so it doesn’t get lost. Please provide your child with a library bag to store the books safely in their school bag and help them remember to return their books to school for borrowing day.

Library is open for borrowing from 8.15am - 2.45pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents are welcome to come into the library with their children before school for borrowing.
Community Events on Macleay Island

FREE FAMILY EVENT

At the community centre car park,
On Saturday the 18th of February starting at 6.45pm

Brought to you by
The wee FLYING SCOTSMAN and the LIONS CLUB

Popcorn and soft drinks will be available