Tomorrow we are running our cross country for 2016. Students will assemble at 8.45am and races will begin at 9am and the event will conclude at 10.45am. Normal classes will run for the rest of the day. Parents, you are invited to come and watch your child/ren run. Please ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle in this warm weather. The pre-ordered sausage and popper deal will be delivered to the students’ eating areas at eating time.

On Friday we have two teams of students going over to Russell Island to play soccer. We wish them good luck for the games.

On the last day of school we are having our Easter Bonnet Parade at 12 noon followed by lunch with parents and then our disco. We would love to see lots of parents joining with us for our fun afternoon.

Parents do you realise:
1 day absent per fortnight is equal to 4 weeks per year or 1.5 years over your child’s time at school.
1 day absent per week is equal to 8 weeks per year or 2.5 years over your child’s time at school.
10 minutes late each day is equal to 1.5 weeks per year or 0.5 years over their time at school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS so please help your child get the best education by making sure they are at school unless they are sick.

Please note the 11th April at 9am our P&C is meeting. This will be the first meeting led by the new executive and we wish them well.

As this is our last newsletter this term I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday. I look forward to working with you and your children when we return for term 2 on 11th April.

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.

We have three rules which reflect the needs of our school community. Our school rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

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 principal@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au to update your details.

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

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, up to date news, school updates and events.

P & C News

Thank you for your wonderful donations for the Easter Raffle! Please bring any last donations in by Wednesday afternoon as we’ll be finalising our Easter baskets on Thursday. Tickets are on sale daily from Monday 14 March 2016 outside the Administration Office. We will be there from 8-8.45am and again from 2.30-3pm. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The baskets will be displayed in the office as we assemble them. Tickets will also be available before the draw on the 24 March 2016 from the Large Undercover area. The draw is scheduled between the Easter Bonnet Parade and shared lunch around 12.30pm.

The 24 March 2016 will also be the end of Term Disco, from 1-2.45pm. Disco Doug will be there supplying the tunes and there will be plenty of fun, party food and drinks available from the tuckshop. We'll be selling some novelties as well, with prices ranging from 50C to $5. As the P & C are streamlining the uniform shop, we will also be taking this opportunity to sell off some end of line stock at great prices! List of items and prices can be found on the noticeboard and on the P & C Facebook page from Wednesday.

Raffle tickets available to buy before school 8-8.45am and 2.30-3pm daily outside the office.

Remember TUCKSHOP on Thursdays! Orders due in Wednesday 2.45pm. Please bring to the office and place in the Tuckshop Box.
Chaplaincy Services provide spiritual, ethical, and personal support to school communities. SU Qld Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of the P&C Association.

**What does a School Chaplain do?**

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

Working with other members of the school’s support team, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown, and depression.

The partnership between the school and the Chaplaincy Service, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face difficult issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning, and purpose.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs.

**Who is the Macleay Island State School Chaplain?**

My name is Keith Gard or you may hear your child refer to me as Chappy Keith. I have been serving as a chaplain in the Qld. state school system for about 7 years and have been at Macleay Island State School for 2 years. I currently have a diploma in chaplaincy and hold training certifications for several social and emotional based programs such as Drumbeat, Rock & Water, RAGE & Friends for Life. I have been working with children and youth for over 30 years and enjoy journeying with children and families to help them to achieve their greatest potential in life.

**How can I contact the Chaplain?**

I am currently working 1.5 days per week in the school, which works out to Monday (fortnightly) and Friday from 7:40am – 3:15pm. If you have any questions regarding what I do in the school please feel free to drop by my office in C block at the school or call the school administration office on 3400 8333.