A student’s school attendance rate is a good indicator of success at school – how is your child doing? It is important that students are at school every day unless they are sick as regular non-attendance means they miss vital instruction time that can cause them to not understand key year level concepts. Our school attendance goal is that every students has a 90% or more attendance rate so please help you child succeed by ensuring they are at school for every day that they are not sick.

Payment is now due for student’s spelling books and can be made at the school office. The cost of the book is $25. Please note that students do not receive their workbook until payment has been made so please pay early so that your child has the right tools for their spelling lessons.

I would like to invite you to assist us in improving our students’ literacy and numeracy results. Below are a few ideas:-

Does your child know their addition and multiplication facts? To enable them to succeed in Maths it is vital that they master this skill so take some time and play some games or have competitions to assist them in mastering addition and multiplication facts.

Get your child to read to you for 15 minutes each night paying particular attention to how fluent they are reading. If you are reading to them it is ok to choose a harder book than they are capable of reading as you are modelling to them how good readers go about reading.

We look forward to improved reading and number skills for your child and thank you for working with us to achieve this.

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

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, date reminders, school updates and information.

Fire and Lockdown Drills
All schools are required to “practice” Lockdowns and Fire Drills. Students are to become familiar with the school’s critical incident procedures, including lockdowns and fire drills. These are practised on a regular basis, up to 4 times a year.

P & C News
NEW TUCKSHOP DAY IS THURSDAY and tuckshop orders are due in by 2.45pm WEDNESDAYS. Tuckshop orders can be left in the Tuckshop box located in the Administration office.

New Menus will be distributed early next week during parade on Monday, extra copies can be found at the Administration Office.

The Uniform Shop will be open only from 9-10am when the tuckshop is open.

Uniforms – Polo Shirts and Hats are available to purchase from the Administration Office from 8-3pm Monday to Friday. Blue shorts can be purchased on mainland from big departments stores, the uniform shop will no longer be selling them.

Our Annual AGM meeting is on 7 March 2016 where all executive positions will be vacated and elections held to determine the 2016 executive.

The P & C has a Facebook page called Macleay Island State School P & C. Please request to join for regular information and updates.