Parents please be aware that students are not permitted to play on the school playgrounds after school as they are unsupervised and we cannot guarantee their safety at this time.

The Christmas Parade has come around again and we would like to invite students to join in the fun. The school will have a float and we are looking for students to be part of this and they also have the opportunity to decorate their bike and ride behind the float on the day. Students will be required at the school by 9.45am on Saturday, 5th December. The parade will leave from the school and finish up at the Community Centre where the Christmas Markets will be taking place. A note will come out by early next week with final details.

Parents please put in your diary our Awards Concert to be held on Thursday, 10th December at 8.45am— we hope to see you there supporting your child/ren.

Thanks to Mr Cippolone for organising the opportunity for our instrumental students to have a workshop with Vienna Woods SS. The students enjoyed and benefited from the experience.

Our school year end is fast approaching but students still have work that needs to be completed so please ensure your children are at school every day unless they are sick. Congratulations go to 1/2C; 1/2D and 5/6I for gaining an attendance rate of 90% or more during week 7 - they will receive their prize this week.

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:

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. The following students received awards at Parade on 23 November 2015 – Bradley, Sharny, Eve and Maxwell all from 1B, Seth, Aleerah, Jamian, Xavier and Tyler all from 1/2C, Cooper and Liv from 3/4F, Jade, Jemma, Angelo and Jacqueline all from 5/6I.

Prep 2016

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. Payment method - Eftpos or cash (correct money).

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 graduation will be held on Thursday 10 December 2015. Letters have been sent out to all Year 6 students today advising of details. We would like to thank the Lions Club who will be catering on the night. The Year 6 students will be making decorations during Art classes but parents will be required to assist in setting up so please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are able to assist in this area.

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 theprincipal@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au to update 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.

Santa’s Letterbox

Santa’s letterbox is located in the Administration Office. All students and siblings can write to Santa. Just place your handwritten letter in the letterbox no later than Friday 27 November 2015. Remember to write your name and class for Santa to write back to you.
P & C News

P & C are organising a Christmas Raffle to be drawn on the 10th December 2015 at the last Parade of 2015. There are lots of great prizes so come prepared to buy some raffle tickets. More information soon.

We have a new Facebook page – called Macleay Island State School P & C. The Facebook page is a closed group to help inform parents and carers of what is happening with the P & C and School and let you know the ways in which you can help your child by helping the school.

The Uniform Shop has lots of stock in many sizes, including a second-hand section. The uniform shop is open every Friday from 9-10am but if for some reason our parent helper has been held up please see the Administration Office. We have available lay-by or payment plan options and if you would like to take advantage of this please discuss with Brooke, our parent helper. To assist you with the purchase of uniforms for 2016 the Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 21 January 2016 from 9-10am.

Reminder that a FREE playgroup is on every Tuesday from 8.45-10.45am in the Prep Room. Come and let the kids play and the parents can meet and make new friends.

Tuckshop Orders due in by 2.45pm Thursday. Tuckshop orders can be left in the Tuckshop box located in the Administration office. Pie and Sausage Roll week will be Friday 27 November 2015 and we will also be selling Zoopers Doopers for 50c at the beginning of lunch. A limit of 2 per student will be enforced.

Community Events – Soccer Club

Good news for our soccer club, our quorum had a meeting with sports & rec, council & skilled alliance to find positive moves for our club. The outcome being we will still try to build Saturday training for the island children and in January there will be a free 3 hour coaching course held on the island for all who may like to give a little time to help Mick coach. Teenagers are welcome, you will get a coaching certificate. We will also do the same for a first aid course, so please all interested call in to see Mick at training on Saturday or ring mobile on 0401 483 079 or 07 3409 1457.

The New Year will also see a trial for the young ones between 2 to 5 years of age, probably Friday mornings for an hour. Membership has been kept low for families with children, now we have a club house let’s build some island teams. Still need 6 to 8 more adult player’s if we are to enter a Sunday team next year from March to September.

FREE CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY.
WHERE: THE HUT YOUTH SPACE
55 JACKSON ROAD RUSSELL ISLAND.
WHEN: SATURDAY 12TH DEC
12noon till 4pm
WHO: CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN TO 5 YEARS OF AGE
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND A DRINK
FOR ALL THE KIDS
SAVE THE CHILDREN'S VAN WILL BE HERE
WITH FREE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
FREE FACE PAINTING
SANTA WILL BE THERE FROM
1.00 PM
1:00 pm: CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGE OF NEWBORN TO 5 YEARS
1.30pm: AGE 6 TO 10 YEARS
2.00 pm: AGE 11 TO 15 YEARS