School Calendar

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<td>13 September 2016</td>
<td>Soccer and Netball Interisland Sports Day at Russell Island State School</td>
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<td>14 September 2016</td>
<td>Principal’s Morning Tea – Small Undercover Area</td>
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<td>16 September 2016</td>
<td>Disco P &amp; C Running</td>
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<td>16 September 2016</td>
<td>Last Day of Term 3</td>
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<td>18 and 25 October</td>
<td>Pre-Prep Program- Ring the Office on 3400 8333 to enrol your child.</td>
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<td>Hearing Tests – Forms to be returned by 24 October 2016</td>
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A reminder to all parents/guardians and students that the grounds and facilities of Macleay Island State School are not to be accessed after school hours including the weekend without prior permission from the School Principal. The staff and students are very proud of the school and actively work to keep the facilities provided in a good state of repair. To ensure ongoing 24 hour surveillance cameras (CCTV) have been installed.

Drones, droids and robots was the theme for Science week 2016. Staff from the Science Department at Victoria Point High School came to visit bringing their equipment, energy and passion for all things scientific. In keeping with the theme for 2016 students learned how robots can be programmed to assist with even the simplest tasks such as tying a shoe lace. The most significant question asked by students related to the level of intelligence and control. Is the robot smarter than the scientist? A response to this question gave justification for students to engage in the coding activities provided to them by Mr Greg Miller.

As the weather warms up and holidays approach we begin to consider time at the beach and in the water. Water safety is the focus of our swim program conducted each year using the pool facilities on Russel Island. Students who are still learning to swim will be involved in a water safety lessons while those who are proficient swimmers will learn to play water polo under the instruction of our very own water polo coach Jessica Armstrong. Students are excited about learning the skills required to play water polo from a highly skilled and competitive water polo player. More details about dates, times and costs will be forwarded at the commencement of Term 4.

This is the final newsletter for Term 3 and it is appropriate for me to say thank you to students, staff, parents/carers, and members of the community for a wonderful Term 3. It is a great privilege to working in such a happy and energetic community.

Principal
Mrs Glenda Seawright
Drones, droids and robots at Macleay Island State School

Book week Winners
The student Bookweek costume winners are Prep – Isabella, 1/2B Everlit, 1/2C Amelia, 3/4E Harry, 3/4F Shanelle, 5/6H Isla and 5/6G Kayla. Classroom door prize was 1/2C.

Same Day Student Absence Notification from 2017

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and the Queensland Government.

From the beginning of 2017, when a student is absent from school without explanation, State Schools will be required to notify parents/guardians on the same day.

Macleay Island State School has already begun SMS parents/guardians. We ask that parents and guardians help in the following:

- Make sure you update your parent/guardian contact details if you have recently changed mobile number or moved house, forms can be found in the Administration Office to update your details.
- Access our student absence line to notify the school when your child is absent. This is a message service that is available 24/7. Please call on 07 3400 8333 and press 1.

If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days a Doctors Certificate must be provide to your classroom teacher or the Administration Office.

Purchasing School Uniform

School Uniform can be purchased from the Administration Office between the hours of 8-3pm Monday to Friday. Hats – $7.50, Polo Shirts $20 and Bomber Jackets $30. New stock has just arrived, polo shirts in various sizes S6-16. Payment by EFTPOS or cash (correct money).
Overdue Library Books
A reminder to all students to please return your library books before the end of Term 3.

Pre-Prep Program

![Pre-Prep Program](image)

Attending Prep is Compulsory 2017

From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1.

To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017.

Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. The vast majority of Queensland parents already choose to enrol their child in Prep when they reach the eligible age.

Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning.


Chillax Sessions

Students and Staff are invited to a morning Chillax Session.
We will relax and prepare for the day with meditation and stretching.
Time: 8:30am - 9:00am

Days: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Where: Resource Centre (Library)
Contact: Mrs Crossley (Ms C)
The **HandBall Heroes Tournament** was a great success with a total of 21 competitors. Everyone who competed received a certificate and the top 8 also received a free handball.

The top 3 players from the final round were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals to commemorate their experience (**Gold** Jack, **Silver** Cody, **Bronze** Marshall).

The tournament will run again in term 4, so all students continue to practice over the holidays as any one of you could be honoured as the next HandBall Hero!

**Happy Holiday!**
*A happy and safe holiday to everyone and best wishes in returning to enjoy an amazing and fulfilling term 4!*

**Cheers, Chappy Keith**

**Centrelink Visiting Macleay Island**

Near the Community Centre, Southsea Terrace

MACLEAY ISLAND

Thursday, 29 September 2016

9.30 am to 2.30 pm