What a busy start to Term 3! In Week 1 our school held 2 major events, the Athletics Carnival and NAIDOC Day activities. Both of these events were huge successes because of the commitment and effort of staff, students and the wider community. I would like to personally thank all those people who helped organise and run these events. A number of community members approached me during and after these events to tell me that they were the best that they had ever seen at Macleay Island State School, so thank you for this positive feedback.

Raising Expectations
As adults, we share the common ideal that we want the best opportunities for the future of our youth. There are 3 areas that we as a school look to raise expectations for all of our students.

Behaviour
Every student is taught the 3 school rules and the High 5 strategies. Teaching occurs during specific behaviour lessons, and also through interactions with staff throughout the day. Parents and carers can support their child by modelling and talking about the school rules and the High 5 strategies.

Attendance: Every Day Counts
Research shows that students who very rarely miss a day of school, on average, achieve higher grades. Our 2015 attendance target is for students to attend school 90% or more of the time. Our staff work hard to provide a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment for every child. If there are any issues that make sending your child to school every day difficult, then please contact any member of staff. We all share the same goal of seeing your child be a successful learner.

Life-longer Learning
Our school motto is ‘Knowledge, Truth and Determination’. Students work with staff to build the skills to be a life-long learner. To do this student’s must display determination towards learning new and challenging skills and knowledge. So putting is simply students are asked to, give everything a go, never give up, and let others help guide you.

Keep in Touch
If you have a concern, question, suggestion or feedback, then you can get in contact with me by phoning the office on 3400 8333 or by emailing me directly at principal@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au

Warm Regards
Gary Boobyer
Acting Principal
Athletics Day
Results for Athletics Day:

Shea 619
Dalpura 350
Lucas 326

Thank you to all staff and parents who helped on the day and to Lions Club who donated the tents on the day.

School Opinion Survey
Every year each school throughout Queensland provides students, staff and parents with the opportunity to share their opinion about the school. This information collected from the survey is used to help make decisions that affect the school. Late last term parents were provided with a unique code to complete the online survey. The survey closes on Friday 31 July 2015 and every parent is encouraged to share their opinion. If you need access to a computer to complete the survey please contact the Administration office.

SPELLING MASTERY TEXTBOOK
Payment for the Spelling Mastery Textbook is now overdue and we request you pay before the end of term. The cost of the book is $25.00. If you have not paid your child is missing out on learning.
Payment methods – cash, Eftpos or by direct deposit (details below):

Account Name: Macleay Island State School
BSB Number: 064-138
Account Number: 1016 3499
Reference details: Students Name

Sporting Activities – Insurance
All sporting activities carry an inherent risk of physical injury. Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types of what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in sporting activities ie athletics day, cluster sports etc.

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 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 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](image1)
![Be Respectful](image2)
![Be a Learner](image3)

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour.

It is great to see our students working hard to achieve great things in class. The following students received awards: Seth and Nici of 5/6I, Seth, Shanelle, Kaelin, Hallie, Tom of 3/4E and Blake of 3/4F was presented with an award at last week’s parade. Mahli and 3 other students from Prep.
Permanent Cleaner Position
We are currently seeking a permanent cleaner to work at the school, Monday to Friday. 17.75 Hours per week.
For further information please contact Administration Office on 3400 8333 for an information pack and all applications are to address the selection criteria.
Police clearance and blue card are required.
Applications close 3pm, Friday 7 August 2015.

P & C News

P & C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held at 9am on Monday 27 July 2015 in the Library Meeting Room. This will be a great opportunity for all members of the school community to come together to provide input into the decisions made that affect Macleay Island State School. I look forward to seeing meeting you in person.

P & C – Tuckshop
Thank you to students, parents and volunteers for last week’s tuckshop re-opening. It was great to see healthy food being prepared for and enjoyed by our students. A reminder that orders need to be placed box located in the office before Thursday 12noon each week. Orders are to be collected from tuckshop at 1st Break between 10.45-11.10am on Fridays. The Tuckshop (only open on a Friday) is seeking volunteers, if you are interested please contact Jan/Graeme Harry on 0408 770 001.

Uniform Shop
During last week’s cold weather many students were visibly shivering as they were without jumpers and long pants. Macleay Island State School has a dress code that is endorsed by our P&C and school community, and as such we like to see our students wearing the endorsed school uniform. Our uniform shop is open 8.30-10am every Friday and school jumpers are priced at $35.

EARN AND LEARN – 15TH JULY TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2015
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet or stickers in the Collection Box located in Administration Office at school. For preppies a collection box will be located in the Prep classroom.

The school will then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for all students to use.
Dear Parents/Carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Warm Regards

Gary Boobyer
Acting Principal

Community Events

The 4 Islands Festival is being held from the 1-9 August 2015, and as a part of this event our students have been invited to participate in a photo competition entitled, My Island Home. To enter the competition students are being asked to take a photo of something that is meaningful to them and that is connected to the idea of, My Island Home. The photos will be displayed in the Russell Island Progress Hall as part of the festival. If you have any questions regarding this competition, then feel free to contact Steve Morgan on [info@thebayislands.com.au](mailto:info@thebayislands.com.au)