While I was absent our Naplan results arrived and our students are to be congratulated for their efforts that have ensured our results continue to improve. Our mean scores for year three have improved in the five areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. Our mean scores for year 5 have improved in four of the five areas mentioned above. If you would like a more detailed report on our progress in Naplan I will be reporting on this to our P&C at the next meeting so please feel free to attend.

Monday was the day for our school to celebrate science week and to assist this to happen we were fortunate to have a visit from Ms Russell and Mr Brennan of Victoria Point High School. Throughout the day students had sessions with these teachers where they explored aspects of light and how these can sometimes trick us into thinking things are different and not quite what they seem.

During the day students also responded to a technology challenge of creating a bridge by using up to 20 sheets of newspaper and some tape. During parade we held our school championship with 1/2C and 5/6G drawing for first place – their bridges held 28 dictionaries and then we ran out of dictionaries. Congratulations to 1/2C and 5/6G.

Please note our School Expo is being held on Thursday, 3rd September. All parents are invited to visit and view our students’ work and we would love to see all parents attending. A sausage sizzle will be held during the afternoon.

Congratulations to Tahlia Dwyer-Wobler and Angelo Gatula for their efforts in the recent Japanese competition.

Kind Regards

Gaynor Brennan
Hello Everyone,

- A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Tahlia Dwyer-Wolber and Angelo Gadula. Both students competed at the Annual Japanese Speech Contest on Sunday 16th of August at Griffith University, Gold Coast.
- I’d like to give a huge thanks to both parents for travelling to the Gold Coast on this day!
- Both students had to deliver a 2-3 minute self-introductory Japanese speech and then where asked 3-4 questions about themselves in Japanese.
- HIGHLY COMMENDED: Tahlia Dwyer-Wolber received a highly commended for the State School division. Well Done to Tahlia!
- Both students should be proud of their confidence and persistence at this event.

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先生 バンズ Sensei Barnes

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. It is great to see our students working hard to achieve great things in class. The following students received awards: Kevin from 1B.

P & C News

P & C – Tuckshop
Tuckshop menus and paper bags are available from the office. Please place your orders before Thursday 12noon each week. Orders are to be collected from tuckshop at 1st Break between 10.45-11.10am on Fridays. The Tuckshop is open on Fridays. NEW MENU next week. Remember Pie Day on 28 August 2015 (plus all the usual tasty meals).
Uniform Shop
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 8.30am - 10.00am every Friday. **Reminder to all parents sending in money with students, please send in only on Fridays to purchase hats, polo shirts directly from uniform shop.**

Local Sporting Champions
Programme, which is an Australian Government initiative, (via the Australian Sports Commission) initiative (via the Australian Sports Commission) designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 – 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation. Further information is available at:


Playgroup
**Macleay Island Playgroup on Tuesdays from 8.45-10.45am situated in Prep Building.** Playgroups are for all families. At playgroup, families connect by sharing information on raising children and establishing invaluable support networks and friendships. With a strong emphasis on inclusive play and parents as first teachers, Playgroup is the first step to lifelong learning. Playgroup members enjoy and understand the benefits of playing with their children in a safe and caring environment. All children from 0-5 years, including babies, love parent-led experiences. Children learn social and language skills when they take part in the hands-on activities provided at Playgroup.

Please call 1800 171 882 for more information or www.playgroupqld.com.au

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.

**EARN AND LEARN – 15 JULY TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Double Sticker Weekend!**
To help you collect even more, we are holding a big **Double Sticker Weekend** this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get **two** stickers for every $10 they spend*. The more you collect the more educational equipment you can redeem.

We are excited to work with you to help you earn valuable resources to make a difference for your School or Early Learning Centre.

**It's simple to participate.** 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.
Monday
French, Wear red, white & blue or dress as a French artist.

Tuesday
Dance, Beginners cartooning part 2

Wednesday
Music, Drama & Magic. Prizes awarded.

Thursday
Dance, Beginners cartooning part 2

Friday
Dance, Beginners cartooning part 2

Summary of Costs:

Short Day: $35 per child per day (8.30am - 3.30pm)
All activities listed in the programme take place within the Short Day.
Long Day: $40 per child per day (8am - 6pm or part thereof)
Long Day is designed for those families that are working or their children have extra to do more activities, cartooning, craft games.

Night Camps: $15 (6pm - 9pm) per night (Tuesday & Thursday)

Early Bird Special
Book & pay for 4 Long Days ONLY
Monday to Thursday Long Day & we will add your child manually to the Friday list for free here in our office.

Receive Friday for FREE!

Contact us for more information.

Enquiries: 02 9343 0911
Email: bookings@illustrating-man.com.au

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc

Lions Box located in Admin Office at the School