It is with sadness that we heard the news that a previous student of our school, Tyson Archbold, was killed in an accident yesterday. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. Some of our students have been experiencing sadness at this news and it may be in the next couple of days they will need to talk to you about their feelings and fears and about death in general. Please take time to speak to them about death and answer their questions as honestly as possible as this is the best way to respond to their needs at this time. Our chaplain will be at school tomorrow if you or your child would like someone to talk to.

**CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR:** On Thursday afternoon at 1.45pm students will be advised as to what teacher they will have next year and will visit that teacher and their new classroom. Class lists will be posted on our noticeboard.

**Thursday** brings our **end of year concert and awards** and we hope that as many parents can come along and celebrate another successful year with us. **We start our concert at 8.50am.**

Our **Big Day Out** takes place on **Friday** and we are looking forward to spending an enjoyable day with students at the Plantation. Please ensure you have advised us about any alternate arrangements re: pick-up.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a Happy Christmas and hope you enjoy your holiday time with your family. We look forward to working with you and your family in 2014.

**Gaynor Brennan**
Principal
P & C NEWS

Our first meeting for next year is on
Monday, 3rd February at 6.00pm
In the resource centre.
All welcome.
Please come along to support your P&C.
Congratulations Prep

Our Behaviour Stars!

Each week we award one class a trophy for outstanding behaviour in specialist lessons. This class also gets to play on the Wii in the library every lunch time for the week. In week 9 the trophy was won by Prep. Well Done!

It has been wonderful to see so many students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. A big well done goes to Cooper Wilson, Shaylyn Hodges Roberts, Kiarni Baker, Livv Zastera, Shakaya Rak Hallie Crook and Sophie Albiez who received a drink bottle or Frisbee for filling up their sticker chart.

Congratulations to the wonderful students who received Student of the Week awards on Parade. It is great to see so many of our students working hard to achieve great things in class. They were:

Student of the Week: Jorja Deaforce, Zachary Hollis, Coralie Warbrick
Literacy: Braidin Baker, Tomas Blake, Staysha Crook, Isaiah Howell, Cody Hustler, Indiana Mollenhagen, Kane Mollenhagen, Shanelle Peake, Banjo Perry, Kaelin Savage, Kira Thompson-Darcy
Maths: Blake Baden, Alessio Juen, Nathaniel Hoppo, Trent Kelson, Hayden Wilkes
Community: Jennifer Hankin, Zachary Jones, Joshua Ralph, Sidney Playford, Blake Spicer, Ashalee Till

Our rule focus for week 10 is:

On Excursions - Be Respectful and Be a Learner:
- Accept the decision of the sporting official
- Be considerate of community members
- Clean up when you are leaving an area.

Mrs Anne Carlaw
Head of Curriculum

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

To the Students, Parents and Staff of Macleay Island SS,

Friday is my last official day of class before I take my ‘Maternity Leave’ and I wanted to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful memories during my time teaching here at Macleay SS.

I have lived on our beautiful island for 7 years and taught here for the last couple of years after transferring from my position on the mainland. During my time as arts teacher I have been blessed to teach many inspiring, talented and wonderful students.

To all my students thank you for telling me you loved my class. It meant the world to me. Thank you for being so smart and so ridiculous with me. Thank you for thinking my silly sense of humour was funny. Thank you for all the learning and exploring we did together. You all made me so proud and my heart so full. I treasure all of your letters, notes, and cards. I even have pictures of notes you wrote me on the board at the end of the year. I will not forget any of you. You taught me to be a better teacher, to be a better person in this world, to never assume you know why someone acts the way they do, and to be open and present in the moment in the classroom.

Enjoy your school holidays, stay safe and remember I think you are absolutely capable of doing anything in the world that you want to. Work hard in your next journey, set goals and do everything in your power to achieve them, and remember how brilliant you are!! You are an incredible group of students that have forever changed my life.

Thank-you - From MRS VANEG – ARTS TEACHER 2013

SCHOOL UNIFORMS for SPARES

We have a large amount of spare clothing outstanding. If your child has borrowed clothes from school could you please endeavour to return them as soon as possible?

We currently have no spare sets of clothing left. This makes it difficult to help any student that needs to change, for whatever reason. If anyone has spare school uniforms that they no longer need or use, please consider donating them to the school for use. Thank you.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

DATE CLAIMER
22nd MARCH 2014
BAY ISLANDS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

There will be an opportunity for students to learn cultural dancing, taught by Miss Rosalie. This will be in the New Year. Please keep an eye out for further details closer to the date.

BAY ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Don’t be alone on Christmas Day.
Join Yasoda, Lakshmi and friends for
NEVER ALONE CHRISTMAS LUNCH
“B.I.C.S OP-SHOP”
South Sea Terrace
Macleay Island
From 1.00am – 1.00pm

Lunch is completely free of charge and is a Christmas gift to you
R.S.V.P forms available from The B.I.C.S Op-Shop
Please R.S.V.P. by 19th December for catering purposes

To all our Students,
Parents, Carers, Volunteers and Community Members.
We would like to wish you all a very safe and happy school holiday.
Come back to us refreshed and ready to learn next year!