Welcome back to the 2014 school year. I hope you and your family had a good holiday.

During the holidays we were able to get quite a bit of painting done and in the next couple of months we will be painting the rest of our permanent buildings, so we are looking forward to our new look school later this term. At the end of 2013 we received word that we were successful in obtaining a government subsidy to renew our Junior Playground surface and construct some extra covered walkways. We are at present obtaining quotes for this work. Later in the term we hope to have a working bee to prepare the junior playground for the work ahead as this will cut down costs and allow us to make maximum use of the subsidy we have obtained. We will let you know when the proposed working bee will be and hope many of you will be available to assist.

Our teaching staff for this year is as follows:

- Prep – Nerida Hutson
- Prep/1B – Cassie Catterson
- 1C – Christine McDonald
- 2D – Tamara Rizzolo
- 3E – Chloe Thomas
- 4F – Helen Burnitt
- 5/6G – Nicole Watson
- 5/6/7H – Margaret Budgeon
- 6G/7H/I – Robyn Waters
- Students With Disabilities – Anna Neville
- Learning Support – Simone Leyland
- Literacy and Numeracy Support – Peter Fox
- Head of Curriculum – Anne Carlaw
- PE/Art/ICT – Brooke Litzow

If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher as listed above. I would ask that if you require a lengthy interview that you request an interview time as teacher’s priority during class time is student learning and so they will not be available to speak with you during this time.

Next Monday and Wednesday will see the beginning of our Get Active programme for 2014 and this term our sports will be Volleyball and Basketball. Enrolment forms for these activities have already gone out.

I wish the following students good luck when they represent our school in the District Swimming Carnival on Monday: Jack Stephens, Jesse Moore and Giorgia Warner.

On Tuesday, 11th February between 3pm – 4pm we would invite you to attend our Parent Information Session. We will first meet in our Resource Centre to get an overview of whole school programmes and then you will be invited to go to your child’s classroom where you can speak to their teacher about classroom procedures and expectations for 2014. Our P&C will also be present to speak to anyone interested in finding out what a P&C does. I look forward to seeing you at this session.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
Tuesday 24th July
VPSHS Information

Monday 6th August
P&C Meeting

Friday 2nd & 3rd August
District Sports Carnival

*Parade every Friday at 8.45am*

REMEMBER

P & C NEWS

Our A.G.M for this year is on Monday 3rd March at 6.30pm
In the resource centre.
All welcome.
Please come along to support your P&C.

SWPBS NEWS

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 1 the trophy was won by 5/6/7H. Well Done!

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:

Molly Dillon
Nici Fraser
Theodore Wesley
Logan Darby
Josh Ralph
Leigh Hugyecz
Coralie Warbrick
Tyra Johnson
Malakai Manning

Congratulations 5/6/7H
Our Behaviour Stars!

Our rule focus for week 2 is:

✓ Be Safe, Respectful and a Learner in all classroom settings.
✓ Value the rights of others to learn
✓ Put your hand up to speak
✓ Work using appropriate noise levels
✓ Touch things that belong to me or that I have permission to touch
✓ Knock before entering another classroom
✓ Ask permission before leaving your seat

Students who are consistently not complying with our school rules will receive a Red Room detention. A letter will go home to parents every time their child has a Red Room (behaviour withdrawal room) detention telling them the Rule that was broken; there is also an acknowledgement section to send back to the school.

Mrs Anne Carlaw
Head of Curriculum

Break Times at Our School

8:25am students engage in supervised play in the undercover area (excepting prep students who go straight to prep area for the first 2 terms of the year)
8:40am make way to class and prepare for classroom activities
8:45am commencement of instruction
10:45am start of play time (30 mins)
11:15am start of eating time (15 mins)
11:30am start of second teaching session.
1:00pm start of afternoon play break (15 mins) students wishing to have a snack go to the small undercover area
1:25pm start of 2nd break
2:45pm end of the school day
School Banking, 2014
Deep Sea Savers
Welcome to another year of school banking. This year it’s themed as the Deep Sea Savers, and we’ll join the Dollarmites as they journey deep into the ocean to the Lost City of Savings.
This year there are new rewards.
When students make their first deposit, our school will receive $5 for each and 5% of every deposit made (up to $10 per individual deposit).
For people wanting to join in the school banking, you can do so at a Commonwealth Bank or via Commonwealth Bank internet site.
Looking forward to seeing you on
Fridays in the Library, from 8.15am-8.50am.
Thanking you, Rachel (School Banking Co-Ordinator)

School Photo Day
Macleay Island State School
‘Country School Photos’
will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on
Tuesday 4th March 2014
❖ Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day.
❖ Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
❖ Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.

Please contact Donna who will happily answer any questions you may have.
Mob: 0427 946 360/Ph: 07 3890 1078
Email: countryschoolphotos@gmail.com www.countryschoolphotos.com.au

BOOKCLUB
Book Club has been re-ordered and is due to arrive at the end of next week or the following. Any unwanted items please contact Iona Marcon on - iona_mareecrichton@hotmail.com
Thank you

AFTER SCHOOL BALLET
Ms Rosalie is conducting Ballet classes every Tuesday from 4th Feb – 17th March.
At 3.00pm - 4.00pm in the small undercover area.
Limited to 20 students.
Please call Lakshmi on: 0416 455 900
SCHOOL BUS NEWS

This week the bus drivers are issuing bus passes to all students who have been approved by Queensland Transport for free travel on the school bus. Your child will be required to carry their pass with them at all times when they are travelling on the bus. The driver will have a list of any child who has not received a pass, but have submitted a form, and they may travel for free until QT notifies us of their approval. We will then issue them with a bus pass. As there are thousands of forms to be processed by QT at this time of year, it can take some time for the approvals to come back to us, so we allow your child to travel for free once you have submitted your form. Please look after your pass and secure it to your bag, as a replacement one will cost $10.

If you have not handed your form to the driver, then, as of next week (10/2/14), your child will not be able to travel on the bus unless they pay a fare of $1.00 per trip (i.e. $2.00 return).

Your child is eligible for free school bus travel if you live 3.2 km or more from the school. You can obtain a Bus Travel Assistance Application form (brown) from the school bus driver. This must be filled out and returned to the driver as soon as possible so that your child can be issued with a bus pass.

Bus Safety-Net Scheme: If you live 3.2 km or less from the school and your child is listed on a concession card (i.e. Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card), you may be eligible for free bus travel, providing there is spare capacity on the bus. You need to obtain a Bus Travel Assistance Safety-Net Application form (purple) from the school bus driver. This must be filled out and returned to the driver along with a photocopy of the concession card showing the child’s name as soon as possible so that your child can be eligible for travel.

If you live 3.2 km or less from the school and you do not have a concession card but would like your child to catch the bus to school, you can pay a fare to the driver. Fares are $1.00 per child per trip.

This year we have printed the bus stop number where your child catches the bus on their bus pass. You can check the stop numbers on the map on our website at www.bluebus.com.au. If you want your child to get on or off at a different stop, they must have a signed note from you stating the change otherwise they must get off at their designated stop.

A reminder that all school students travelling on school buses need to abide by the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel (QT). You can read this on the Queensland Transport website. This outlines the rights and responsibilities and the behaviour expected of students whilst travelling on the school bus. The consequences of failing to meet the behaviour expectations outlined in the code are clearly stated. This may mean that your child will be refused travel on the bus for a period of time, if they are unable to meet those expectations. These consequences will be strictly enforced for the safety and enjoyment of all bus travellers.

We hope you have a happy and safe year of travel on the school bus!
If you have any questions about school bus travel, please contact Geoff or Sandra Jacob at Blue Bus on ph: (07) 3820 7815.