**MACLEAY ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
*Semester 1, Term 1*  
*Wednesday March 5th, 2014*

**School Calendar**

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Since our last newsletter we have had our Chaplaincy Committee meeting. This committee supports the work of the Chaplain in the school and we would love to have a parent representative on this committee so if you are interested please contact the school office. You do not need to be affiliated to a religious body to participate as a member of this committee.

The school has had a new phone system installed in the last week and we are still working out the finer details of the system. If you have been accidentally cut off in the last week we do apologise but we have just about sorted out all the issues.

Today is school photo day and I do thank parents for their effort in ensuring our students are in school uniform or at least school colours.

Last night was the AGM for our P&C and a new executive were elected. Please see inside for details. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Skye Price and Elina Ruusula for their efforts over the last few months as they have been working without a full executive and have carried the load to keep our P&C operational until we could hold the AGM.

One of our school expectations is Be a Learner. This looks like always trying your best, following the teacher’s instructions, being in your seat and on task, asking questions if you do not understand and being prepared for the day. Would you please re-enforce this expectation with your child so that they can get the best they possibly can from each day at school. It is amazing what we can achieve if we are all striving towards the same goal.

Gaynor Brennan  
Principal
**P & C NEWS**

On Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March the P&C held its Annual General Meeting. The new P&C President for 2014 is Mr Rob Watt. We extend our thanks to the outgoing office bearers for all their hard work throughout 2013 and wish the incoming committee well in its endeavours for our school in 2014.

P&C is looking for parents to take an interest in their school and become involved, even in a small capacity. We welcome all parents and community members to our next meeting, which will be held on **Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} March, 2014** at a time to be advised (we are currently in discussion about whether to hold meetings at an earlier time of day) in the resource centre.

Please come along to support your P&C.

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**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 5 the **trophy was won by 3E.** 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:

- Cooper Wilson
- Rhiannon Boyd
- Tayla Mitchell
- Leigh Hugyecz
- Matilda Federoff
- Lauren Huwiler
- Ashalee Till
- Naomi Millar
- Braidin Baker
- Archie Moore
- Bradley Manning-Wheatley
- Sophie Wilson
- Matty DeThierry
- Aaliah Johnson
- Amelia Kirk
- Anna Teichmann
- Joe Quinn
- Scott Miller

**Our rule focus for week 2 is:**

**Be Respectful and a Learner in all settings by:**

- Being prepared to learn
- Keep trying-never give up (persistence)
- Bouncing Back from setbacks (resilience)
- Always doing your best

Mrs Anne Carlaw
Head of Curriculum

**M.I.S.S CROSS COUNTRY**

The cross country is being held on **Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} March.** The day will kick off at 9:30am after Parade.

Parents, Grandparents and family members are more than welcome to attend our cross country sports event to cheer on their children and their sports house. Please make sure that your child has a sun safe hat so that they can participate.

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**ABSENTEE PHONE LINE**

We now have a dedicated absence phone line. Just ring the school number on **3400 8333** and dial 1 to leave an absence message. This can be done at any time.
MACLEAY ISLAND YOUTH COMMUNITY DANCE
Sponsored by SMBI YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTION GROUP

FRIDAY 7th MARCH
MACLEAY ISLAND STATE SCHOOL UNDER COVER AREA
0 - Year 4: 4pm - 6pm
(Parents must attend with pre-schoolers/ a parent contact number must be provided on entry)
Year 5 - Year 12: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
(A parent contact number must be provided on entry)
Entry by gold coin

ClusTer Sports
Notes have gone home to selected senior students who will be participating in Bayside Cluster Sports. The dates for this round are Tuesday 25th March and Tuesday 20th May. Please return permission and medical forms with payment to the school office as soon as possible.
The cost of participation is $24.00 has been calculated based on nominations received. This includes the cost of the bus fare. Please note that this total pricing is calculated on pre-booked numbers for the bus and we are unable to refund money if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend on either or both days. Students will also require a Go Card or the cost of the Ferry fare with them on the day ($11.00).
Students competing are required to attend in full school uniform and bring a water bottle, sun safe hat, sunscreen and appropriate sports shoes. It is advisable that students bring their lunch.
Payment due date is Wednesday 12th March

Raising funds to build a school in the remote village of Fulkharka.
Where: Kathmandue Newa Chhe’N
72 Latrobe Terrace Paddington
Time: 11.30am arrival
Tickets: $40 per person.*
Tickets must be purchased before the event.
Contact us via Facebook or email for tickets.

HANDS / IN / NEPAL / APPEAL / 22 March

A Change of Altitude
Support our fundraising events and follow our adventure through Nepal

Drinks, Chips, etc for sale
What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but......

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<td>Over 2.5 Weeks per year</td>
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<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>8 Weeks per year</td>
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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!!

School Starts at 8:45am!!

Quality Behaviour......
Quality Teaching & learning......
Quality Relationships......
Quality Outcomes

At Macleay Island State School
Every Child Matters, Everyday

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!