We have had to change the design of our newsletter slightly – did you notice? Government regulations now require all school communication to contain the state coat of arms which you will now see at the bottom of our newsletters, letters etc.

PLEASE NOTE – We have had to postpone our Cross Country and the new date and time are listed above. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause anyone.

This week our students have been invited to participate in a writing competition that has an anti-bullying theme and winners will be announced at parade on Friday when we will highlight the anti-bullying message as part of our Harmony Day celebration. Students and staff are invited to wear orange as an indicator they support the anti-bullying and Harmony Day message.

On Saturday morning some of our students will be performing at the Multi-cultural Festival, so please make some time to go along and hear/see them. Some are singing the national anthem; our drum line is performing as are our budding ballerinas.

I wish our sports teams well as they represent the school next Tuesday at the Bayside Cluster Sports. We have 2 teams competing in the netball competition and a junior soccer team competing in the soccer competition.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
Annual General Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting was held Monday March 3, 2014. The new executive officers include:

President: Rob Watt
Correspondence Secretary: Samantha Wesley
Minutes Secretary: Sophie Elden
Treasurer: Natalie Brown

Please welcome and congratulate newly elected executive officers. Thank you to retiring executive officers.

P&C also welcomes all new members who had an opportunity to attend the Annual General Meeting. We thank new convenors for taking up their roles too (all of the convenors are listed in the minute's documents available via the P&C Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/319812411445631/ and e-mailed to current members).

Any ideas and feedback for P&C can be e-mailed to: macleaypandc@gmail.com.

The next ordinary P&C meeting will occur Monday March 31, 2014, at 3:00pm in the School Resource Centre (part of the school library).

All parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend.

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 6 and 7 the trophy was won by 1/2C & 5/6G. Well Done!

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. A big well done goes to Tayla Mitchell, Tyrone Young, Talisha Gardiner and Kassy Wilkes 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:

Phoebe Lloyd                                      Adam Fennell
Hailey Janssen                                    Olly Kennedy
Lachlan Lindenberg                                Lachlan Bell
Jorja Delaforce                                    Blake, Baden
Shanelle Peake                                    Livv Zastera
Blake Spicer                                      Trent Kelson
Cooper Watt                                       George-Henry Leo
Zane Crofts                                       Tiana Kirk
Dejan Stojanovic                                  Aidan Playford
Blake McDermid

Our rule focus for week 8 & 9 is:

Be Safe, Respectful and a Learner in all settings by:

✔ Speaking respectfully to each other
✔ Using kind words not hurtful comments
✔ Using words to solve problems in a calm way
✔ Use language that is acceptable at school
✔ Value the rights of others to learn

Mrs Anne Carlaw
Head of Curriculum

M.I.S.S CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country is being held on Thursday, 3rd April.
The day will kick off at 9:00am.

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.
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 if you have not already done so as students will not be able to attend if forms are not returned.

The cost of participation, $24.00, has been calculated based on nominations received and 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.

Please ensure your child is at the jetty by 7:20am to enable teachers to mark rolls etc.

PAINT REMOVAL

Please note that students participating in Art classes will use paint, glue, glitter, textas, crayons, pencils etc. We have smocks available for students to wear, or if parents prefer, they may wish to provide their own smocks. Paint on clothing can be removed by soaking in warm water with washing detergent or the use of Wonder Soap. Stain removers may make the paint stains worse.

2014 National Day Against Bullying and Violence/World Harmony Day

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GOTCHA!

How does our Gotcha system work?

When a student is caught following the school rules outside of the classroom, they are rewarded with a gotcha ticket. The tickets are collected by the classroom teacher and counted before placing them in the weekly draw. On Friday's parade, we draw out two names from the Gotcha box and the students drawn out get to pick a prize from Mrs. Brennan’s prize box. The names are then put into the monthly draw where they have another chance to win a prize.

The number of Gotcha tickets counted by the classroom teacher each week is recorded against the class total. When each class reaches 50 Gotchas, they are given a slice of pizza for their class chart. When the class completes their pizza chart, they get to select a whole class prize. The prize is selected by the students and can range from a pizza party to an afternoon movie and popcorn session. You can keep track of how your child’s class is going by looking at the display board in the office.

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

At Macleay Island State School our students participate in Art classes. Our Art teacher is Ms Brooke Litzow. Our students enjoy making and discovering all things “arty”. Shown above: Livv, Zac and students having fun during their art sessions.

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.
EXCITING NEWS

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting;
Macleay Island State School from Wednesday 15th May to Tuesday 20th May 2014.

WHAT IS LIFE EDUCATION?

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future.

MODULE: ‘HAROLD’S SURPRISE’ – PREP
Harold and the class are invited to possum’s party in the park. On the way they become aware of and develop appreciation of their bodies, discuss the importance of healthy food choices and exercise, safety in the environment and identify how people grow and change.

MODULE: ‘CLUED UP’ – YEAR 1
The Children help Harold investigate the disappearance of his friend Cocky. Through being detectives and solving the mystery, they learn about friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and cooperation.

MODULE: ‘HAROLD’S MYSTERY TOUR’ – YEAR 2
The class joins Harold and his friends on a mystery tour where they experience an ‘Amazing Body Adventure.’ The children explore appropriate remedies when feeling sick, issues of safety and ways to cope when feeling pressured.

MODULE: ‘HAROLD’S HEROES’ – YEAR 3
The children join Harold’s superhero team to make the world a safer, healthier place for everyone. Throughout the mission they discover the importance of clean air, safe use of medicine and safety in the environment.

MODULE: ‘ALL SYSTEMS GO’ – YEARS 3 & 4
Inside a futuristic machine ‘The Venture’, the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood we explore the functions of various body parts and how magnificent the human body really is. The students discuss issues and engage in activities centered on peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines, factors that influence the function of body systems.

MODULE: ‘HAROLD’S DIARY’ – YEAR 4
The Children are invited to read Harold’s Diary as he shares stories relating to bullying, feelings, developing coping strategies, safety with medicines and the importance of making healthy food choices.

MODULE: ‘bCYBERWISE’ – YEARS 4, 5 & 6
The Children explore ‘netiquette’ (Internet etiquette) and Cybersafety issues through roleplay and interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive, respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult they trust.

MODULE: ‘MIND YOUR MEDICINE’ – YEAR 5
The children develop an understanding and gain information on legal drugs, their effects on physical development and their potential for harm. The program encompasses risk-taking, responding to pressure and recognising harmful situations.

MODULE: ‘THE BURNING ISSUE’ – YEAR 6
The class identify ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development. Students also identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures to smoke.

MODULE: ‘THINK TWICE’ – YEAR 6 & 7
Students identify social, personal situations and consequences that may place young people at risk from alcohol. This includes physical development, social interaction, as well as social pressures and influences. Students will discuss, compare and develop strategies to avoid the harmful consequences of alcohol misuse.

MODULE: ‘IT’S YOUR CALL’ – YEAR 7
Students clarify the definition of a drug; explore risks associated with the use of legal drugs and the short and long term consequences of misuse. They examine the decision-making process, and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations including digital media.

Come and learn what Life Education is all about –

FREE LIFE EDUCATION PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 2014 AT 2 p.m. IN THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN

☐ I will be attending ☐ I cannot attend (Please tick the appropriate box)

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD to participate in the Life Education Program at our school.

NAME ................................................................................... CLASS ............

Signed..............................................................................

Your contribution of $5 for all students covers your child’s participation in the program and a student workbook.

PLEASE SEND THE PERMISSION FORM AND MONEY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE