Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you and your family enjoyed the Easter break and the Anzac Day long weekend.

Congratulations to those students who represented our school at the District Cross Country on Monday. It was miserable weather but our students all tried their best – well done Joe Quinn, Jesse Moore, Jack Stephens, Caleb Bradley, JJ Wilkes, Nici Fraser, Jacqueline Haktion and Aaliah Johnson.

Over the holidays a number of our buildings were painted and the classrooms in C block were also painted. The colour scheme was chosen to ensure a consistent colour scheme is seen throughout our permanent buildings. The painting done over the last few months has certainly freshened up our school and with the walkways and junior playground to be completed during this term our school will certainly be looking smart.

To assist in the process of ensuring our school looks smart we would like to do some work in the grounds. To this end a working bee is planned for Saturday, 24th May and we are asking assistance from our parents to do some gardening and maybe a little painting. If you could assist with this please let the office know so we can organise the catering.

By the time our next newsletter is sent out our students will be participating in the annual NAPLAN tests. All students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the tests unless their parent makes a formal request to the school to exempt them from the tests. If for any reason you do not wish your student to participate in these tests then you will need to contact me before Friday, 9th May.

Students in these year levels will be provided with a sausage sizzle on the morning of the tests and we would also ask parents to ensure students have a good night’s sleep before the tests and arrive at school about 8.30am to ensure they have time to eat and prepare themselves for the tests.

The P&C meets on Monday, 5th May at 9am in our resource centre so please come along and join with us. The P&C committee represents the voice of parents in any decisions made regarding the school so I would encourage you to come along and have your opinion on issues heard.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
**P & C NEWS**

The next ordinary P&C meeting will occur **Monday May 5th, 2014, at 9:00am in the School Resource Centre (part of the school library).**

The P&C committee represents the voice of parents in any decisions made regarding the school so we would encourage you to come along and have your opinion on issues heard. We encourage **all parents and interested community members** to attend and support our school.

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**SWPBS NEWS**

It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. A big well done goes to Alex Marriage who received a prize for filling up his sticker chart.

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

Johnny Blockey  
Felicity Searle  
Cody McLaren  
Braithen Savage

**Our rule focus for week 1 & 2 is:**

**Be safe and respectful in all settings by:**

- Keeping your hands, feet, objects and hurtful comments to yourself
- Using your words to solve problems in a calm way
- Understanding that other people have a right to their own values and opinions and feelings

Mrs Anne Carlaw  
Head of Curriculum

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**CHAPPY CORNER**

Chappy Week is held every year in schools that have a chaplain and this year Chappy Keith will be asking the students and teachers of Macleay Island State School toChallenge him to do one of the following challenges…

- Eat Something (within reason… No cockroaches, please!)
- Wear Something (like a tuxedo… He looks great in a tux!)
- Do Something (like singing his country’s national anthem on parade… Yikes!!!)

The idea behind the Chappy Challenge is to raise funds for the Macleay Island Chaplaincy program. So once we get a few suggestions for the challenge it will cost you a gold coin to vote for the one you would like to see Chappy Keith do in front of the whole school during **Chappy Week from 19th-23rd May.** Don’t be afraid to get creative with your ideas….. after all it is supposed to be a challenge!

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The Drumbeat program is coming to Macleay Island State School this term! Drumbeat is a therapeutic program using rhythm and/or experiential learning with cognitive behavioural therapy, and engages young people who may be anxious or resistant to ‘talk based’ therapies. I will be partnering with Bayside Child and Youth Mental Health Service to facilitate this program with eight students from the year 6 and 7 classes. The students involved will be working towards a performance that will be held beginning term 3.

If you wish to volunteer your services or would like to speak to me regarding any chaplaincy programs or would just like to have a chat, please feel free to contact me at the school on alternate Wednesdays or weekly on Thursday and Friday.
2014年四月二日
いらしゃいませ、ラセッル。イランド所学校で日本語がいる。
こんにちは、先生 バンズ です。
Welcome to Macleay Island State School Japanese Department.
Hello, my name is Sensei Barnes.

This year has started off to be very busy and exciting! The year 5/6 and 7 LOTE classes have been learning about Japanese culture, geography and introductions. The year 3, 4 and 5’s have also been learning about culture and introductions. Japanese technologies such as voki, Japanese Joy and Kids Web Japan have been worthwhile sites for online learning.

This term, will be even more interesting where upper school students will learn a unit on Japanese schools and school subjects. Year 4 and 5 students will learn a unit on “Crazy Creatures.”

ありがとございます
先生バンズです。

District Cross Country

Congratulations to Joe Quinn, Jesse Moore, Jack Stephens, Caleb Bradley, JJ Wilkes, Nici Fraser, Jacqueline Hankin and Aaliah Johnson who qualified to represent Macleay Island State School at District Cross Country on Monday 28th April.

Our athletes attended the event with Miss Price and demonstrated the outstanding sportsmanship, dedication and ambition of Macleay Islanders.

While none of our students qualified to represent our district they all did an outstanding job and we are very proud of all of them.

WORKING BEE

A working bee is planned for Saturday, 24th May and we are asking assistance from our parents to do some gardening and maybe a little painting. If you could assist with this please let the office know on 3400 8333 so we can organise the catering.

We appreciate any amount of time that you can spare on the day.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Please take note that due to our new electronic marking system all students arriving at school after 8.45am will need to come up to the office for a late note. This ensures that your child is marked as being present at school.
The Cage Youth Foundation is pleased to promote the
Stepping Forward Program presented by Family Drug Support

Program One of Three
Will be start on
Wednesday 30th of April
7pm Start
At The Cage Community Centre
Located at 882 German Church Rd
Redland Bay
2nd on Wednesday 7th May
3rd on Wednesday 14th May

To confirm your attendance please contact Dom Shelley, dom@fds.ngo.org.au, or 0419 689 857

Information on FDS
Family Drug Support is a caring, non-religious organisation which provides non-judgemental, non-directive support and information to families and friends of substance dependent people across Australia.
FDS believe families are important and any connection with the alcohol/drug user is critical. Sadly, families are left to work through tough issues without support. Their normal support network may not be enough despite everyone’s good intentions.
Family support is crucial when dealing with dependent alcohol and other drug use. The journey for families is chaotic, often abusive and lengthy. In order to cope better, to become resilient and to survive this journey, families need on-going support. Without this, families can become isolated and helpless.
FDS offers:
- Regular support meetings
- 24-hour/7 day a week telephone support line
- Bi monthly magazine ‘Insight’
- “Stepping Stones to Success” Courses
- Stepping Forward Course
- Interactive websites www.fds.org.au & www.yds.org.au
- Our revised information resource: “A Guide to Coping”
- Membership to Family Drug Support
- Bereavement Support
- Youth Drug Support, education sessions for Young people
- Training & up skilling of staff and workers from other organisations, support line for debriefing of workers

FDS is a non-profit Non-Government Organisation and relies on limited government funding and public donations to continue providing this support.
Qld and Northern Territory contact is Dom Shelley, dom@fds.ngo.org.au, or 0419 689 857.

QSchools smartphone app

Queensland school communities now have a new way to interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with a new type of school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website.
The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.
The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.
All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.
Subscribe to your school to stay engaged with the school community
Add schools to your favourites to get school news items, newsletters and calendar events straight to your smartphone. Add events to your smartphone calendar.
Multiple schools can be added as favourites.

Important alerts
Receive push notifications for important announcements about school closures and natural disasters.

School search
Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

School details
View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.

Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

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.