Recently Rob Watt, President of the P&C, and I attended a meeting with other schools in our area, transport department, council and police representatives to discuss road safety at our schools particularly around drop off and pick up times. In the near future we will have representatives come to our school to observe our pick-up time to review the practice that we have in place and to ascertain if we can improve student safety in any way during this time. If you have any concerns in this area please drop us a note outlining your concerns and we will ensure they are directed to the correct body.

While I write this our year 3, 5 and 7 students are sitting the national Naplan test. The tests go over three days and test students literacy and numeracy skills. This is a ‘point in time’ test and is not the only indication of a student’s progress. Results of the tests are not available until late September or early October. In the meantime if you have any questions about your child’s progress do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher and make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress.

Under 8’s day is on next Wednesday and activities will begin at 9am and finish with a picnic lunch at 12.30pm. Parents are invited to join with us in a fun day that celebrates the early childhood school years. A letter will be coming home with details of the arrangements for the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you can spare some time on the 24th May we would appreciate assistance at our working bee. Please ring the office if you can come along for any time on that morning so that we can organise catering arrangements.

As part of Education Week activities Peter Dowling, our local member of parliament, will visit the school as ‘Principal for the Day’ on Monday, 26th May.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
P & C NEWS

The next ordinary P&C meeting will occur **Monday June 2nd, 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.

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 Sophie Haupt who received a prize for filling up her 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:

- Jade Janssen  
- Phoebe Lloyd  
- Nici Fraser  
- Charlotte Houley  
- Anna Teichmann  
- Naomi Millar  
- Coralie Warbrick  
- Archie Moore  
- Tameika Crofts  
- Thylar Searle  
- Alisha McKie  
- William Huwiler

- Nell Keid  
- Cooper Wilson  
- Hevan Brown  
- Kassy Wilkes  
- Jade Millar  
- Abby Purcell  
- Hailey Janssen  
- Olly Kennedy  
- Lachlan Bell  
- Aleerah Hill  
- Sasha Tomiyama-Hall  
- Dakoda Richmond

**Well Done!**

To all our fantastic award winners!

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Our rule focus for week 3 & 4 is:

**Respect Property In the Playground and Classroom:**

- ✔ Care for our trees, gardens and plants by leaving them alone
- ✔ Care for our sporting equipment by putting them away and using them respectfully
- ✔ Care for school equipment and resources by using them with respect

Mrs Anne Carlaw  
Head of Curriculum

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FREE LIFE EDUCATION PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY, 2014 AT 2 p.m. IN THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN**
Hello everyone!
Welcome to the Macleay Island State School LOTE department. It has been such a busy term so far. We have had Prep students learn numbers and classroom commands in Japanese and the Year 6 and 7 students learn about Self-introductions and greetings. This term Year 6 and 7 students will be learning about Japanese schooling and culture. In recognition of excellent student behaviour, a class party will be organised at the end of the term. At this party, students will have the opportunity to taste test some Japanese food.

Thank you Sensei Barnes

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Don’t forget **Under 8’s Week Activities and Picnic Lunch**

**Wednesday 21st May**

**9.00 – 12.30**

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**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.*
Lost Property

There has been a pair of glasses handed in to the school office. These were found by the school tennis courts. If you have lost a pair of glasses, come in to the office to have a look or give us a call on 3400 8333. There has also been a watch found on school grounds. If you have lost a watch, please come in to the office to have a look or give us a call on 3400 8333.

Metro Health South Oral Health Services

Under the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) which commenced on 1 January 2014, children aged from 2 to 17 years, whose families receive Family Tax Benefit A, will qualify for dental services up to the value of $1000 per child per two years. The CBDS requires a parent/legal guardian to attend all dental appointments with their children and sign the necessary forms. Metro Health South appreciates that we will need to make family attendance at our clinics as flexible as possible so parents can more easily attend appointments with their children at a time and a location that is most convenient.

From April 22, all dental examination and emergency appointments will be made by calling the Oral Health hub on 1300 300 850. Families can make appointments at any of our school dental clinics by calling this central number.

Metro South Health provides services at a number of school sites. Students who do not attend a school with a dental clinic on site can receive care at an alternative school location.

To allow the Hub to assist clients in accessing services, we plan to extend the number of days most of our clinics will open to allow them to provide care from Monday to Friday.

It is anticipated that the Dental Health Van will visit Macleay Island State School in 2015. Parents can access dental services before this date by making an appointment and attending any of the Bayside School Dental Clinic sites.

Chappy Challenge

Chappy Challenge has been narrowed down to the 3 choices listed and voting has now commenced. I wish to thank everyone in advance for donating gold coins to the Macleay Island State School Chaplaincy Program and I look forward to accepting the challenge that receives the most votes and will expect many of you to attend the school parade on 23rd May to witness something… Interesting!!!

Cheers, Chappy Keith