Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you and your family had an enjoyable break. Reports were sent out at the end of term 2 so if you would like an interview with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress please speak to the teacher to organise a time. An opportunity to discuss your child’s performance will also be available at our School Expo which will be held on Thursday, 21st August and further details of this will be available in later newsletters.

During this week invitations to participate in our annual school opinion survey will be sent out. This year all parents are invited to participate in the survey. Today we are sending out a letter that explains the survey process and that also contains codes that will allow you to access the survey as they are available online. If you do not have access to online facilities please feel free to request the use of a school computer to enable you to participate. 60 students in years 4-7 will also be participating in their own survey this week.

Last Friday our school participated in NAIDOC celebrations where all students were given the opportunity to participate in activities that focused on our indigenous people’s culture. I would like to thank Ms Waters, Ms Taylor and Ms Quinn for the work in organising the day. They did a fantastic job and the students all enjoyed the activities they participated in.

This semester our school is to participate in a Quadrennial School Review which all schools do every four years. During this review we celebrate those things we have been doing well in the last four years, look at areas we would like to improve and plan for where we would like our school to be in four years and how we plan to get there. As part of this process we will be consulting staff, parents, students and community members. Please keep an eye out for opportunities in the near future where you can participate in our review – details will be in the next newsletter.

**Staffing** - For the first 5 weeks of term 3 Mrs Budgeon is on long service leave and during this time Mr Rob Perrott is taking her class. Ms Thomas is still unwell so Mr Scott McKavanagh is taking 3E. Ms Leyland is now working 3 days a week and we have Ms Kylie Newton working one day a week in learning support.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. Congratulations to the wonderful students who received Student of the Week and special awards on Parade. It is great to see our students working hard to achieve great things in class. They were:

Tyhler Searle
Carter McConnel
Chase Corcoran
Alex Pfeffer

Makailah Millar
Dakoda Richmond
Eve Longland

Our rule focus for week 1 & 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

Well Done!
To all our fantastic award winners!

NAIDOC WEEK 2014

On Friday 18th July Macleay Island State School celebrated NAIDOC Week with a cultural activities and games day. We had a visit from Ranger Jamie, who brought along some reptiles for the students to get up close with. The students enjoyed a cake and different activities, ranging from boomerang painting, hand printing, traditional games and drawing. A great day was had, with the students being challenged by the many varied activities. Many thanks go to Robyn Waters for the organisation of this event, Foley Taylor for her invaluable advice and help in the smooth running and organisation, Ranger Jamie for her wonderful presentation and Emily Quinn for all her help and volunteer time. Thank you to all who came along and supported our students on the day.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
3400 8333

Please call if your child is absent. It is an answerphone and the line is available 24/7.
Free Parent Information Session delivered by Bravehearts staff on Monday the 28th of July 2014

This information session is for parents, carers and other adults to raise awareness of child sexual assault and provide positive messages about what can be done to protect children. It focuses on dispelling common myths about child sexual assault while at the same time arming parents and carers with sound information that will help them keep their children safe.

Bravehearts training, workshops and information sessions are developed by a team of professionals from the fields of Criminology, Psychology and Education. The knowledge Bravehearts impart is a direct result of the 16 years of experience supporting and counselling victims of Child Sexual Assault. Bravehearts offer specialist knowledge in prevention and response to child sexual assault and this information session draws on current research and best practice.

This information session will be delivered at the school while many of the younger students are attending the Bravehearts Ditto Show and has been made possible by the generous support of the Bay Island Golf Club; we thank them for their support of Bravehearts and the Macleay Island Community.

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 every day!!!

LOTE NEWS

みんな 今日、Hello Everyone! Term 3 will be a very busy term for Macleay Island State School Japanese students. Year 6 students will be designing their own Japanese board game and Year 7 students will be learning about Japanese weather and seasons.

The annual Griffith University Language Speech Contest will be held again on Sunday, 17th August. One student from year 6 and year 7 will be chosen to participate on this day. On Thursday 18th of September, Japanese students will be able to participate in a "reward" Japanese session. This session is an incentive for students to be rewarded for their behaviour and efforts in Japanese classes. They will be involved in Japanese games and watching manga films.

Just reminding parents that Year 6 and 7 Japanese classes are on every Thursday. Feel free to contact me on Thursdays-(preferably before 9:45am) for any queries about the L.O.T.E (Languages Other Than English) program or student progress.

ありがとうございました、
Thank you,
Sensei Barnes
Pencil Grip Holders for sale from office – $1.60 each - this will assist your child in holding a pencil correctly.

P & C NEWS

The next ordinary P&C meeting will occur Monday August 4th, 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.

**DANCE WITH MISS ROSALIE**
Classes are on a Tuesday and run from 2.45pm – 3.45pm in the small undercover area.
Please be sure that you are there to collect your student promptly.

**Moreton Bay College Open Day**
Friday 1 August 2014
9.00am - 12 noon
Information address at 9.15am
Music Centre
Open Day is an ideal occasion for families to view the College in action. Our program for the morning includes a personalised tour of the campus and the opportunity to speak with current parents, Senior Leadership members and specialist staff about your daughter’s educational needs.

Have you loaded this app onto your phone?
It gives you a direct feed from the news items on the front page of our website and also the calendar and newsletters from the website. It is quite a handy app to have loaded. If you have students at other schools, you can have that school loaded as well.

*Date claimer*

**Book Week**
8th - 12th September