Macleay Island State School Newsletter
Semester 2, Term 3
Wednesday September 17th 2014

Term 3 has been a busy term and our last week is no exception. This week we have had the following:

- On Wednesday we had the Principal’s Morning Tea where we celebrated the consistent excellent behaviour of our blue zone students.
- On Tuesday afternoon we had some of our students representing Macleay Island in soccer and netball competitions against Russell Island.
- Friday we celebrate the end of term by inviting our students to “Dress like a Pirate”. Parents can come along to Parade and enjoy the many Pirates on Parade!

Our Pre-Prep program begins Wednesday 22nd October. If you know of a child eligible to start Prep next year let them know about our Pre-Prep program. A Parent Information Session is on Wednesday 12th November so come along and meet other parents and find out information to assist your child’s entry to Prep.

We are currently organising our end of year excursion. This year we will be going to Wet ‘N Wild. Thanks to the kind donations from Bay Island Transit System we are hoping to keep the cost to a minimum. Information will be going home to parents early next term.

Unfortunately, we suffered some recent vandalism where eggs were thrown at our buildings and it took staff many hours of hard work to clean up the damage caused. If you see anything suspicious happening at the school over the holidays please ring 131 788 and report your concern so we can ensure our school is in good condition for our students to return to in October.

I wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, 7th October.

Anne Carlaw
Acting Principal
It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. A big well done goes to Jamian Corcoran, Kobi Orchard-Thomson, Tameika Crofts, Ashalee Till, Sidney Playford, Kayla Richmond, Sebastian Federoff, Abbie Purcell and Riley Quinn who received a drink bottle or Frisbee for filling up their sticker chart.

**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:

- Joe Quinn
- Jackson Davidson
- Cooper Wilson
- Kyle Hodgetts

**Our rule focus for week 9 & 10 is:**

- 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
- Be aware of how your actions affect others.

Mrs Anne Carlaw
Head of Curriculum

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**Pre-Prep Program**

All parents and students starting Prep in 2015 are invited to attend our **Pre-Prep Program.** The program will run from **Wednesday 22nd October** for a **four week period.**

This involves coming in to Prep from **10.30am – 12.30pm every Wednesday**.

Students will need to **bring a snack for break time.** We will also be running a **parent information session on Wednesday 12th November from 10.30am-12.30pm.**

Please contact the school office on **3400 8333** if you and your child would like to participate in our Pre-Prep Program and parent information session.

Prep enrolment packages are available from the office.

*Please note that it is a government requirement that a prospective student’s birth certificate must be sighted and copied before a student can begin Prep in 2015*

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*Date claimer* **Wet ’N Wild Excursion – 12th December, 2014**

**International Talk Like A Pirate Day –**

**Free Dress for Pirates! - Friday 19th Sept.**

Gold coin donation, raising money for Children's Cancer.

(www.talklikeapirateday.org)

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

**3400 8333**

Please call if your child is absent. It is an answerphone and the line is available 24/7.
Last week we celebrated Book Week with fun activities and a dress-up parade. Lots of fun was had by all and the students enjoyed seeing a different side to their teachers and Principal!

Our costume winners were:
Prep A – Madison Cheeseman
Prep 1/B – Harry Gibson
1/2C - Naomi Miller
1/2C – Alexis Peppi
1/2C – Matilda Federoff
2D – Shaylyn Hodges
2D – Haydyn Wilkes
3E – Dejan Stojanovic

All winners were lucky enough to receive a library bag made by our own Mrs Budgeons’ mum!

The second two Chappy Challenge awards were presented at parade on Friday 12th September. There were several names submitted for doing something positive that will change a bad or negative situation into a good or positive outcome. It was difficult to choose the winners, however both students who received the award were very deserving by setting a good example for others through their actions. The winning students were presented with a certificate and a $10 dollar voucher for a free pizza from Mumma’s Pizza Café. Well Done to both students!
The next ordinary P&C meeting will occur Monday October 13th, 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 have had a new executive committee elected and our Uniform shop and Tuckshop are operational on a Friday. We encourage all parents and interested community members to attend our meetings and support our school.

Pencil Grip Holders for sale from office – $1.60 each - this will assist your child in holding a pencil correctly.

DRAMA CLASSES
Macleay Island State School is now offering free Drama Classes for Year 3 to Year 7 students only.
Commencing week 1, Term 4, 2014
Every Thursday from 3.00pm – 3.45pm in the school resource centre
Please contact the school office on 34008333 for further details or to put your child’s name on the list.