Welcome back to term 4. I trust everyone had an enjoyable time with their children over the holiday time.

Our summer season is nearly here and the weather is warming up so would parents please remind students to bring a sun-safe hat to school as they are unable to play without a hat and their physical education programme is also impacted if they do not bring a hat.

Our summer uniform consists of royal blue shorts/skorts and our school polo shirt and it is great to see most of our students in full school uniform. Our uniform shop is open and they are willing to assist you to ensure your child is in school uniform so please drop in and see the ladies on Thursday or Friday morning if you have any requests.

Unfortunately in the last couple of weeks we have had substantial damage done to the school through vandalism so if you have seen anyone hanging around the school or on the school buildings would you please contact the school office or the police.

Attendance rates of students have a direct bearing on how well they achieve at school so please ensure your child attends every day unless they are genuinely sick. This end of the year is a time of consolidating and catching up on things learnt through the year so regular attendance is vital.
It has been wonderful to see students receiving stickers, certificates, Gotchas and other rewards for their wonderful behaviour. A big well done goes to Siana Stojanovic and Andrew Hankin 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:

- Taniesha Walsh
- Molly Dillon
- Summer Newton
- Alex Pfeffer
- Emily Kiernan
- Talisha Gardiner
- Rhiannon Boyd
- Tayla Mitchel
- Sam Wood
- Rhani Spicer
- Aleerah Rose Hill

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

**Be Safe, Respectful and a Learner in all classroom settings.**

- Value the rights of others to learn
- Put your hand up to speak
- Work using appropriate noise levels
- Touch things that belong to me or that I have permission to touch
- Knock before entering another classroom
- Ask permission before leaving your seat

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

DATE CLAIMER: Thursday, 4th December: Japanese Cultural Day.

Year 4-7 students will participate in a Japanese cultural day. This day will be full with fun and exciting Japanese cultural activities. The morning session will involve rotational class activities. Japanese pancakes (okinomiyaki) and SUMO entertainment will also be on!

COST: Year 4 and 7 students will need to pay $2 for a serve of Japanese pancakes (okinomiyaki). Send your $2 up to the school administration.

PARENT HELPERS:
If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day, please write your name and contact details on the form at the school administration.
Thank you,
Arigato gozaimasu
Sensei Barnes

P & C NEWS

Our regular P&C meeting was held on Monday 13th October. Items on the agenda included the Christmas Parade, Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, the new school garden and much more. Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, as this is an insight into the running of and the making of decisions for events that affect your children. The next P&C meeting will be on the 3rd November in the Macleay Island State School Library meeting room at 9.00am. Please come along and help make a positive difference in your child’s schooling life.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop order forms are now available attached with this newsletter, on the MISS website and as a hard copy from the office! There are lots of healthy changes, so please check it out. Please remember that tuckshop orders are due in by 3pm on Thursdays (NO exceptions). This is due to stock now being purchased on the Thursday evening to bring your child the freshest produce available.
Volunteers are always welcome to help out in the tuckshop. If you would like to be involved please come and see Lisa or Mel at the tuckshop on a Friday morning.

Uniform Shop
Reminder that the Uniform shop will be having a sale of remaining shelf stock on the 12th November from 9am-11am (this is a cash only event). Get in early to grab a bargain!

CHESS SETS WANTED

If you have a chess set that is no longer needed at home, please consider donating to our school. We are setting up a lunchtime chess club for the students and desperately need more sets. Thank you.
**What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?**

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

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**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 everyday!!