It seems hard to believe another year has passed and we are again getting ready to farewell another group of students. This year we have a double graduation as 2014 was the final year that year 7 is to be offered in primary schools so on Thursday we will farewell our year 7 and year 6 students. We wish them every success as they begin a new chapter in their life and I am sure we will be proud in years to come when we hear of their achievements. **Good Luck to the graduating classes of 2014.**

At this point I would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers. Yesterday it was my privilege to host a morning tea to thank the people from Lions Club who do Breakfast Club and to thank the parents and community members who volunteer their time in our classrooms and grounds. It is a privilege to have so many volunteers in our school and they certainly make a difference with the time they give so selflessly to our students. Our school is a better place because of them.

This week we say good-bye to Ms Waters, Ms Hutson and Ms Leyland as they leave to take up new positions. We wish them well and thank them for the important contribution they have made to our school over their time here. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Carlaw on her appointment as Master Teacher to Macleay Island and Russell Island State Schools. While we will miss having her at our school full time, it is good to know she will still be around at least half of the time.

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating our students on what has been another very successful year in so many ways. I would also like to congratulate and thank the staff of Macleay Island State School for the dedication and hard work they have given to the students. It was a **good news** moment last week when our Assistant Regional Director congratulated our school on the improvement that has been noted in our Naplan results during the last couple of years. The rate of improvement displayed by our students is similar to that shown by students in many other *like* schools.

I wish you a happy and restful Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2015.

**Gaynor Brennan**

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 Kobi Orchard-Thomson, Jacqueline Hankin, Kayla Richmond, Riley Quinn and Ashalee Till 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:

- Kevin Frith
- Charleigh-Lee Watson
- Alisha McKenzie
- Aleerah-Rose Hill
- Kevin Frith
- Maxwell Rowlands
- Olivia Willis
- Harry Gibson
- Mrs Anne Carlaw

Head of Curriculum

Well Done!
To all our fantastic award winners!

ENROL FOR PREP 2015 NOW!

We are currently taking enrolments for Prep 2015.

Enrolment packs are available from the office. Birth Certificates must be sighted and copied before start of school in 2015. We are running a resource scheme specifically for the Prep year. The cost is $66.00 and this covers resources for the school year. This must be paid before the beginning of the 2015 school year.

AWARDS CEREMONY and SCHOOL CONCERT 2014

We are holding our Annual Awards Ceremony and School Concert on Thursday 11th December.

The event kicks off at 8.50am sharp. It will be a celebration of achievements interspaced with some musical numbers from our fantastic school students. We would love to see all parents and carers come along to support our students on this wonderful occasion.

P & C NEWS

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas parade and twilight markets. It was a very successful afternoon with fun had by young and old. Save the date for Valentines 2015! Saturday 14th February we will be holding a Valentines themed trivia night. Keep a look out for posters in January for more information! The Macleay Island P&C Facebook page will be closing and a new MISS P&C Matters site opening with loads of changes, photos and regular updates so keep an eye out for this as well. Everyone on the P&C wishes you all a safe and happy holidays!

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will be open on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January from 9am to 10am for all your back to school supplies. There is now the option to lay-by uniforms with a 20% deposit and 3 months to pay. This is a great option for orders over $50. When school resumes in 2015 the uniform shop will be open every Friday from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will NOT BE OPEN this Friday due to most children being at Wet and Wild.

Tuckshop for 2015 will resume on Friday 6th of February so please note there will be no tuckshop the 1st week back to school. Tuckshop has now got the luxury of picking our own fresh veggies from the school garden for use in our wraps and sandwiches, Thank you to the Preppies who helped pick the lettuces for us to use! The Tuckshop menu will change in 2015 so please don't use old order forms. New forms will be distributed when school resumes.
Chappy Corner

I can hardly believe that we are at the end of 2014! It has been a great year for me here at Macleay Island State School and I have met so many amazing people, and been involved with so many exciting events at the school and on the island that I am really looking forward to what 2015 will have in store. Next year I will be introducing some new programs to the school as well as continuing with the Drumbeat program, Chappy Challenge Awards, and Name drawings!

To the year 6/7 graduates… Enjoy your moment on Thursday but don’t forget to continue to prepare yourselves for next year as you enter into your freshman year as “High Schoolers”. This will be a new beginning for you all but also a time not to forget all the positive things you have learned at Macleay Island State School. What you have learned and the memories of the good times you have experienced can be the foundation to your future. Good Luck and God Bless you all!

It has been a pleasure for me to be a member of the staff here at Macleay Island State School and I wish everyone in the school community a safe and Happy Christmas Season and a blessed New Year!

Season's Greetings, Chappy Keith

XMAS PARADE

The Macleay Island Xmas Parade was held last Saturday. The parade kicked off at 4.00pm, with many excited students on the back of the truck. A very special THANK YOU goes to John Jackson, (The Motivated Maintenance Man, 0448 470 492) who very kindly donated his time, his truck and ALL the lollies thrown from the back of the truck during the parade. We really appreciate the effort you made and couldn’t have asked for more! Thanks also go to the staff and students who helped set up and packed up the float.

Santa stopped by and the markets kicked off at the school. Fun times and bargains galore. A very well attended event that is becoming somewhat of an institution on the island!
Victoria Point Magic Football Club - Christmas Camp

Victoria Point Magic Football Club will be running a Football (Soccer) Camp for players aged Under 6 to Under 14. The camp will run over four days, Monday 15th to Thursday 18th December, from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm (1.30 pm finish on Thursday). During camps players are put into age groups and have development coaching in the morning. After morning tea coaches will deliver fun games; during the break coaches deliver fun activities such as the biggest flag competition, dance off, master chef, water bomb fights and joke off. After lunch, players play in a World Cup competition. Sign up at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call 0413 888 643. There is an early bird special of only $120 if payment is made before Friday 28th November.

Dates: Monday 15th to Thursday 18th December.
Venue: Victoria Point State School, School Road, Victoria Point, QLD, 4165.

Bubble Soccer

Would you like a Saturday or Sunday morning of fun? 10th or 11th January, 2015.
8 teams of 5 needed.
Children - $15
Adults - $25.
Money & Teams need to be in by 31st December
Ring Mick on 34091457 or 0401483079.
Google “Bubble Soccer” if you have not heard of it. Fun for all ages from 8 years

Thanks to all the Staff and Students at Macleay Island State School for making 2014 another great year.

Thanks to all P & C members, all Parents and Community members for your continued support of our wonderful school.