On Friday, 20th February the school closed due to the adverse weather conditions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support during this time. The SMS that was sent out to advise you of the cancellation worked well and only a couple of students had to be organised to go home. So thank you for keeping your contact details up to date as this allowed us to successfully contact our parent body. Thank you to the SES on the island for providing some sand bags that prevented some flooding at the school.

Unfortunately our P&C had to cancel the Annual General Meeting as the financial audit required for this meeting had not been completed. As soon as this requirement is fulfilled notice will be given for our 2015 Annual General Meeting. At this meeting all executive positions and membership become vacant and elections are held to determine the leadership positions for 2015. As part of our school improvement this year we have set a goal to achieve an attendance rate of 90%. To encourage students to consistently attend school we have been offering prizes for classes achieving a 90% attendance rate or better every two weeks. At this stage all classes have been successful in winning at least one prize but it does require that no student have an absent rate of more than one day in the fortnight. Parents we would ask that you support your child and their class in achieving the goal of a 90% attendance rate so, unless students are sick please assist by sending your child/children to school. Remember every day counts when it comes to the education of our students.

Improved Literacy and Numeracy standards are two other focus areas in our school improvement plan for this year. Two things parents can do to assist us with their child’s learning in these areas is to ensure your child/children reads every night and that they know their number facts. If you would like some ideas on how to assist us in these areas please speak to your child’s teacher.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
SWPBS NEWS

Macleay Island State School focuses on building better learning environments for all students through actively teaching our students appropriate behaviour that allows them to get their needs met in efficient and socially acceptable ways, as well as rewarding students for demonstrating appropriate behaviour. This is achieved through our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program. As part of this program, we focus on specific behaviour expectations and school rules each week.

For those of you who were with us last year, you will remember that we have three rules which reflect the needs of our school community. Our school rules are:

As part of this program, we will be focusing on specific behaviour expectations and school rules each week. The focus topic will be introduced on parade each Friday, and teachers will follow up in class with discussions and explicit lesson on Monday morning of the following week. It would be great if parents could discuss these topics at home with their children.

Our focus for the first two weeks of school was:

**Be Safe, Respectful and A Learner when entering a classroom.**

- Line up outside the classroom in two straight, quiet lines.
- Enter the room quietly when asked to do so by the teacher.
- Stand behind your chair and listen for your teacher’s instructions.

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:

- Danielle Hill – Prep
- Phoebe Gow – Prep
- Tiana Kirk and Monique McNulty – 5/6G
- Maths challenge award Jacqueline Hankin – 5/6G
- Seth Hudson and Tayla Mitchell – 5/6I
- Maths challenge award Angelo Gatdula – 5/6I

**SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS**

Payment for the Spelling Mastery Textbook is now due. The cost of the book is $25.00. The money can be paid by cash, Eftpos or;

**Direct Deposit**

Account Name: Macleay Island State School
BSB Number: 064-138 CBA
Account Number: 1016 3499
Reference details: Students Name - ie Joe Bloggs

A big thank you to Macleay Island Gifts and Stationery for their donation to the school – Thanks Lil, the school is extremely grateful.

**Well Done!**

**To all our fantastic award winners!**

School Photos

Your school photos will be delivered on the 1st day of Term 2

20 April 2015
Chappy Corner

We are already halfway through the first school term and there has been a lot happening so far! I am thrilled to be back as Chaplain for a second year and here is an update on what has been happening so far and what to expect soon…

Chappy Challenge Award

The first Chappy Challenge Awards will be presented soon with the students taking up the challenge to come up with a School Year Resolution! This gives everyone the chance to examine themselves and decide to make 1 positive change about their character that will affect the school community for the better. Let’s see who rises to this challenge… Stay Tuned!!!

DrumBeat

The DrumBeat program will be pounding out rhythms in term 3 this year. We will be partnering with Bayside Child & Youth Mental Health (CYMHS) services again to help facilitate this great program for the students. There is a limit of 10 yr 6 students for this group as CYMHS will be providing the school with drums to accommodate for this number. The participants will receive the benefits of learning how to harmonize together playing the core rhythms, while coming to a deeper understanding of what harmony in community looks like.

Let’s Read

The Let’s Read program is sponsored through The Smith Family children’s charity organisation. The aim of the program is to provide disadvantaged parents and carers with reading books and support to encourage them to have fun reading with their young children. The program also encourages children to develop a love of books and the ability to name letters and play with the sounds of words.

Children learn more when something is shown to them as well as explained, so Let’s Read gives parents and carers clear and simple information by providing a “Share and Show” technique. Participants receive support at four key points in a child’s early years of development – from 4 months, 12 months, 18 months and 3.5 years.

If you are interested in benefiting from this great opportunity please contact Chappy Keith at the school on 3400 8333

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