Our School Cross Country takes place tomorrow starting at 9am and all parents are welcome to attend. Please ensure your child is in sun safe clothing and has sneakers to run in. Also they will need to have water for after their race as it is supposed to be quite hot tomorrow.

Our seniors are trying to raise money for their camp later this year so have organised a sausage sizzle tomorrow. The seniors have only been able to organise the sausage sizzle in the last couple of days so we apologise for any inconvenience the late notice may cause. Added to this we have been advised today that there was an issue yesterday with the company that we do our SMS messages through so you may not have received notification of the sausage sizzle. We have resent the message this morning so be assured if your child wishes to order a sausage we will still accept orders in the morning.

Are you using the QSchools mobile app to get information about school activities? You can download this app free.

For your child to be alert and ready to learn each day they need to have at least 8-10 hours sleep a night. Lately we are having a lot of children nearly asleep in class and saying they are tired so parents would you please ensure your child has a good night’s rest to ensure they are able to access the learning they need.

Our students enjoyed a good time at the Community Information and Fun Day last week and we thank the Redlands Council for the effort they put into making the visit a fun time for the students.

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:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be 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.

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:

- Tyeka McKenzie – 1/2C
- Emily Kiernan – 1/2C
- Talisha Gardiner – 1/2C
- Sienna Mann – 1/2C
- Naomi Millar – 1/2C

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

On Tuesday 31 March, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Macleay Island State School to run workshops with our students. Year 5-6 students will be taking a behind-the-scenes look at creating a book, and applying their own creative components. Year 3-4 students will be exploring skills to develop exciting and descriptive writing. Prep and Year 1 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and creative activity with Cameron.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form prior to the visit. **Forms and payment can be returned to the Office before or on the morning of the visit (Tuesday 31 March).** Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message), and students will receive their books in time for the school holidays.
School Bus Conveyance Committee

Reminder on Monday 23rd March, a meeting will be held at Macleay Island State School near the office at 8:45am to set up the conveyance committee. If you are the parent of a distance eligible child who travels on the school bus (i.e. not safety net) please consider becoming a member of this committee. If you are a parent of a safety net child, you are most welcome to come to the meeting as well and ask any questions you may have about the school bus. The meeting will be short but as informative as you need.

If you have any questions, please contact Geoff or Sandra Jacob (Blue Bus) on 07 3820 7815

Expression of Interest for a SCHOOL CLEANER

The school is currently seeking a casual cleaner, if you are interested please contact the office on 3400 8333. Information packs are available from the office please make sure you address the selection criteria.

Dates of employment are 13th April – 5th June, Monday to Friday.
Police clearance and blue card are required.
Applications close by 30 March 2015.

The winners of the School Year Resolution Chappy Challenge Award were: a student from 1B and Ashalee Till from 3/4F. Everyone did a fantastic job of coming up with great ideas on how to make some positive changes that will help them be successful for this school year.

The last Chappy Challenge for term 1 is all about finding ways to encourage others. Encouragement is something we all want to receive but it is important to remember to also give encouragement to those around you, as what we give to others often comes back to us in the same way!

Cheers, Chappy Keith
2015 Earn 2 Learn News - Week Two Update

“Earn 2 Learn” for 2015 had a great first week and an amazing start to its 10th Anniversary. Again, we thank all schools for your ongoing support in this competition and welcome all new participants. This year we have seen even more customers who look forward to the competition’s return every year and get behind it right from the word go!

During week one, schools wasted no time in rallying support and competition is already fierce. Redland District Special School has taken first place, followed by Redland Bay State School and Mount Cotton State School.

An easy way to boost points is by shopping at sponsor stores, and on Triple Tuesdays and Super Sundays. One customer earned a whopping 870 points on Triple Tuesday for Redland Bay State School and another scored a huge $54 for MacLeay Island State School on Super Sunday. Shopping at a sponsor store on Tuesday and Sunday is another way of boosting points, as your double or triple score will be multiplied by 5! Remember, shop smart, not hard!

You can also multiply your points by shopping:
- On SUPER SUNDAYS and receive 2 POINTS for every $1
- On TRIPLE TUESDAYS and receive 3 POINTS for every $1
- Receive 5 POINTS for every $1 when shopping at stores participating in this year’s competition - Telstra Store Victoria Point, Ed’s PCs, Terry White Chemists, Muffin Break and Boost Juice.

At the end of the 4 weeks, the school that reaches the highest average spend per student will WIN $5,000 in gift cards, thanks to Victoria Point Shopping Centre!

The other great prizes up for grabs include:
- 2nd prize of $4,000 in Gift Cards from Ed’s PCs Victoria Point
- 3rd prize of $1,500 Cash from Telstra Store Victoria Point
- 4th prize of $500 in Gift Cards from Terry White Chemist Victoria Point

Every week, customers can win a $100 Victoria Point Shopping Centre Gift Card, a $100 Gift Card from Ed’s PCs Victoria Point or six “Six Pack of Muffins” Gift Cards from Muffin Break, just for registering. There are also weekly prizes for schools thanks to Victoria Point Shopping Centre, Muffin Break and Ed’s PCs Victoria Point.

Good luck!

You can also drop your receipts into the School Administration Office, Monday to Friday. Don’t forget we only have until 2nd April 2015.