As I write this our students are sitting their second day of Naplan tests, today being reading. Yesterday was the Language Convention and Writing tests and tomorrow will be the numeracy tests. Students are all putting in their best effort and we wish them well for the rest of their tests.

Our P&C meeting is on Monday, 18th May at 9am and will be held in our Resource Centre and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

Just a reminder, parents please ensure your child has a school jumper as the days start to cool off. or at the very least, ensure any jumpers worn are in school colours. Quite a number of students are starting to wear our new school jumper and they look very smart.

This year our goal is to achieve 90% or more in our attendance rate and so far 5 out of the 7 year levels are doing so. Congratulations to those year levels. To continue to achieve a 90% attendance rate or more we will need all students attending school every day unless sick.

Gaynor Brennan
Principal
Old McDonald’s Farm and Redland Indigiscapes Wildlife and Animal Rescue Ambulance Visit
Old McDonald’s Farm and Redland Indigiscapes Wildlife and Animal Rescue Ambulance will be visiting the school on 26 May 2015 – Prep, Year 1 and 2 only. Reminder to parents to return form and payment ($11) by 15 May 2015 to the Administration office.

School Textbooks
Payment for the Spelling Mastery Textbook is now overdue. The cost of the book is $25.00. If you have not paid your child is missing out on learning. The school has paid for the Maths Mastery Textbook and we asked that parents pay for the Spelling Mastery Textbook. The money can be paid by cash, Eftpos or by direct deposit (details below).

Account Name: Macleay Island State School
BSB Number: 064-138 CBA Cleveland
Account Number: 10163499
Reference details: Students Name

SMS and Email Contacts
Reminder to all parents, we are now using SMS to communicate to all parents/guardians – please update your mobile numbers and email addresses for school newsletter. Contact office on 3400 8333 to update your details.

Q Schools App – Mobile Phones
Reminder to download the Q Schools App on your mobile phone, you will then have access to Macleay Island State School newsletters, date reminders, school updates and information.

P & C News
At the AGM on 27th April the following were elected to the following roles: Graeme Harry – President; Lil Edwards – Secretary; Rob Watt – Treasurer; Mel Lafebba - Uniform Shop; Yvonne Powers – Media Liaison; Heather Billaney – Fundraising. Congratulations and thank you to these people for taking on these roles. There is still a vacant position for Vice President if you would like to take on this role – please speak to a P&C member.

The next meeting for the P&C will be held at 9am on Monday, 18th May 2015 and from then on meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 9am. Meetings are held in the Resource Centre and are a good opportunity to find out what is happening in the school and for you to have a place to express your opinion.

Uniform Shop – Open Thursday and Fridays 8.30-10.30am
Keeping warm on those windy rain soaked days, is now a lot more affordable with ALL CLEARANCE LINE STOCK NOW REDUCED! HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST. Rain Coats, Scarfs, Winter Fleecy Jumpers, Microfiber Jackets/Pants, Fleece Jumpers. Affordable pre loved items. Call MEL on 0422 850 608.

Dental Van – Ph - 0412 680 634 (for all queries)
The dental van has arrived. Appointments have commenced.
A new system has been put in place for the parent/guardian to accompany the child. The parent/guardian is to visit the Administration office, Administration Officer will then call the classroom. We are trying to discourage parents going to the classes as we are trying to minimise the disruptions to the learning of all students.
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 Monday, and teachers will follow up in class with discussions and explicit lesson on Tuesday morning. 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:

This week’s award winners are from 1B: Sophie Wilson, Max Rowlands, Bradley Manning-Wheatley and 2 other students from 1B class.

Volunteers Wanted for childcare project

Do you have a child aged 0-8 years old?
Do you use currently childcare or wish that you could?
Do you have a weekly income of less than $1200 (before tax)?

If so, you may be interested in participating in study examining Australian parents’ experiences accessing flexible childcare.

What will my participation involve?

You will be asked to take part in two interviews (three months apart) about your experiences, desires, and expectations regarding childcare

The interviews will take place at a time and location that is convenient for you

You may also be asked to keep a childcare diary for a short period of time

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the research please contact the chief investigator:

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