



Macleay Island State School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – 9th March 2022

Calendar

Administration	Office hours - Monday to Friday 8.30-3pm Please ensure you are wearing a mask.	07 3400 8333 or admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au
Uniform Shop	Thursday and Friday 8-9.30am	Please ring the office and pay using card over phone or invoice will be raised if you cannot attend on those days.
Swimming –	Swimming at Russell Island Swimming Pool has been cancelled for Term 1, 2022	
KindyLinQ	Tuesday and Friday 9:00am – 12:00noon	Early Years Room
Playgroup	Monday 8:30am – 10:30am	Early Years Room

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Carers,



I think we can officially say that the weather has been crazy. I hope that you have all been managing the rain and that your homes and yards are not too wet. Thankyou for your support over the past 2 weeks as the school was closed off and on, due to the weather.

This week, I am allowing the students to play on the oval and undercover areas at playtimes, even though there is still some water around the edges. I think it's so important that they get to play with their friends and have a break from the classroom. Some students may come home with the dirt and mud on their legs or shoes, and I hope that will be OK.

Our two main priorities for 2022 will be improving reading and having engaging and fun lessons at school. School lessons will be based on the Australian curriculum around student interest areas. We will achieve better reading results when students want to read and are enjoying what they are reading. We have looked at the level the students are reading at now and have set some goals to achieve over the year. Mrs. Carlaw is working hard in this area, along with our teachers and teacher aides.

Easter Hat Parade - On the 29th March we will have our Easter Hat Parade for Prep, Year 1 and year 2 along with Bay Island Early Learning Centre Kindy children. All parents of P, 1 and 2 students are invited to attend. It will start at 9am and finish around 9.45am.

School Camp - Those year 5/6 students attending school camp, please do not pay for camp until next week when our finance system is up and running. Thanks!

We welcome Mr. M our PE teacher to the school who works Thursday and Friday, Miss Flower our year 5/6 teacher, Miss Jung and Mrs. D.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday 14 March at 10.30am. We welcome all parents to be a part of the P&C and would love you to attend and help us make our school even better. Our President is Kaylene and she is wonderful and will make everyone feel welcome. See you there!

Just some reminders:

- The uniform shop is open on Thursday and Friday 8.00 – 9.30am
- Only two parents in the Admin area. Please wait patiently outside – we will do our best to help you as soon as we can
- No child needs to be immunised to attend school
- All parents can come into the school grounds – no immunisation is necessary
- The junior fort is closed due to excessive rusting
- School starts at 8.45 and finishes at 2.45pm

Take care and stay dry and safe.

Regards,
Cynthia Mangakahia

Congratulations to our award winners this week!



Uniform Sales

Only on Thursday and Friday from 8-9.30am available from the office. Purchases can be made and paid using card with our EFTPOS facilities and/or a invoice can be raised. If you are unable to attend in person please ring during those times and a invoice can be raised.

Once payment has been raised uniform will be given to student.

2022 UNIFORM PRICES – Uniform Shop open Thursday and Fridays 8:00 – 9:30am

Polo Shirt – \$25

Senior Polo Shirts for Year 6 students only - \$30

Bomber jackets – \$35

Hats \$12.50

Both Library bags \$10 and Shorts \$5 (will be discontinued)

Uniforms have been ordered

Bomber Jackets (sizes 6,8,10,12 14 nd 16 only) and hats (sizes small, medium and large) will arrive in 3 weeks

Polo Shirts will arrive in 3-4 months



Contact Details / Emergency Contact Details



Please let administration know if you have recently changed addresses, changed your contact details or need to update your child's emergency contact information.

3400 8333 or admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au

Swimming

Due to the recent Covid-19 directives swimming for Years 3,4,5,6 at Russell Island Swimming Pool has had to be cancelled for Term 1, 2022. More information regarding the changes will come.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Did you know you need a birth certificate to finalise your child's enrolment for school or kindy? Ordering one at the Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is easy. Complete the application online and show your certified ID documents in person or via post. Visit [#www.qld.gov.au/birthcertificate#startingschool](http://www.qld.gov.au/birthcertificate#startingschool) #prep2022 #kindy2022

Early Years Room



Come and checkout Playgroup and KindyLinQ. The free programs we have to offer in the Early Years Room. The Early Years room is located next to the Prep Room. We ask parents to please stay with their children during the session times and to have your mask ready for when social distancing is *not possible* and to sign in with the attendance register.

Playgroup is on Monday from 8:30 – 10:30 and

KindyLinQ is on Tuesday from from 9:00 – 12:00

Prep Hearing Screening

Prep parents will be receiving information and permission slips regarding a free prep hearing session that will be available onsite at Macleay Island State School. Please fill these permission slips and bring them back as soon as possible.

School Photo Day

at

Macleay Island State School

'Country School Photos'

will be at school to take class, portrait, and sibling photos on

Thursday 28th April 2022



Customer Service and
Professional Photography

p:0427 946 360

e:countryphotos@gmail.com

w: www.countryphotos.com.au

Owners: Paul and Donna Webb

P.O.Box 982 Warwick 4370

ABN: 51944 801 243


- Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day or as directed by your school. **One envelope per student.** (Additional envelopes for separated parents & grandparents are available from the school office or by contacting us. Please write 'Mum's order' or 'Dad's order' across the top of the envelope)
- Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

IMPORTANT – 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION' STUDENTS

Please ensure that your media release instructions are current & correct. This includes whether your child's image is to be included in the class photos and/or if your child's full name is able to be shown – either present or absent. **You must notify the school immediately if you need to have these records changed.** All students, otherwise, will be photographed & named in their class photo for purchase by all families.

- Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. The digital copies of portraits & sibling photos are available with purchase of Photo Packs by noting on envelope or emailing Donna.
- Payment can be made by cash, credit card, direct deposit, or cheque. **We DO NOT charge any fees for late orders or credit cards.**
- Sibling photo **only** to be ordered on your **eldest child's envelope.** **Make sure your eldest child knows that a sibling photo is to be taken.**

Tips for a better photo:

Have your child practise their smile. Say 'chooky' or 'monkey'.  Breathe out and relax your shoulders. Have hair as tidy as possible and a clean uniform.

We will adhere to the safe social distancing rules and have minimal contact with each student whilst they are being photographed. Hand sanitisers and hand wipes will be available for all to use to help ensure a safe working environment.

Please contact Donna who will happily answer any questions you may have.

Parent Enquiries Mobile: 0429 405 418

Email: countryphotos@gmail.com www.countryphotos.com.au



PARENTING & ENJOYING TEENAGERS



BABI
Youth & Family
Service
Established 1988

A RELAXED, INFORMATIVE & ENJOYABLE GROUP PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN 10YRS+

TOPICS COVERED

- Adolescent development & challenges of parenting
- Highlighting and building on strengths
- Using effective and assertive communication
- Building your relationship with your teenager
- Setting limits and boundaries
- Improving life balance and developing self-care strategies
- Dealing with anger - yours and your teenager!
- Hot topics: sex, alcohol and drug use, driving, social media and more!

***PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE GIVEN THE EVER CHANGING COVID-19 SITUATION**

TERM 1- 6 WEEKS PROGRAM

Cost is \$60 or \$90 for a couple (negotiable in some circumstances). Refreshments will be provided.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
PHONE BABI ON 3393 4176**

Once booked, payments can be made to
BABI Youth & Family Service
BSB# 084 129 A/C# 86662 9467
(please include in reference your surname followed by PET (eg. SurnamePET))

HOW TO REGISTER

What past participants had to say about the group..

"Definitely helped us as parents to cope with challenging teenagers"

"Helpful to understand my teen and put things into perspective"

"Gave me strategies to temper my response and encourage discussion in a supportive relationship"

"Learned to see our kids for who they are, not just who we want them to be"



Queensland Government

The Early Years Corner:

KindyLinQ

We are back for 2022

KindyLinQ is a free, fun program for families with young children aged 2.5 to 3.5 years and their younger siblings.

It is important to give all children a great start by helping develop their skills to be confident and engaged learners.



KindyLinQ provides the opportunity for your child to develop these skills in a play-based learning environment perfect for their young developing minds. It also is a wonderful place for parents, grandparents, and carers to connect with others in the community. You and your child will enjoy exploring, singing, creating, cooking, socialising, playing and so much more.

It is lots of fun so come along and see for yourself what wonderful experiences your child can engage in at KindyLinQ

The program is held every **Tuesday and Friday from 9-12 in the Early Years** room next to Prep. If

you have questions about this program, please just pop in to see us or give us a call on 34008333. We look forward to seeing you and your young children at KindyLinQ soon.



A huge thank you to the Redlands city Councils First Five Forever for coming and joining us for a library session at our playgroup!
Come and checkout The Buzzing Bee's Playgroup on Mondays, from 8:30am - 10:30am in the Early Years Room during the school term.

We sing. We play. We talk. We laugh. We connect. We Grow.

Do you have a child aged 3-5?

Interested in joining free, virtual learning and play?

You would be among the first participants
to trial this new way of teaching and
learning.

What you'll receive:

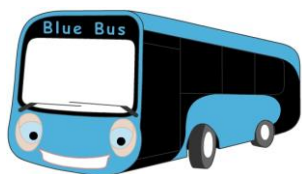
- Free learning and play with a Goodstart teacher.
- A range of 15 - 20 min sessions on a variety of days and times.
- Additional free activities to try at home.

What's involved:

- The trial will start in March 2022 and run for six weeks, with potential to extend.
- We'll need you to commit to attending three sessions per week during this time.
- You'll need a device with internet connection and camera, and to attend with your child.
- You'll get follow up activities to try at home.
- We'll seek regular feedback to help us learn and grow.



Interested? Register your interest here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qkZzrYtg00>
or email us at: ExperienceDesign@goodstart.org.au



SCHOOL BUS NEWS.

Welcome back to a new year of travel on the Macleay Island School Bus!

Bus passes will be issued to all students who have been approved by Queensland Transport for free travel on the island school bus in the next couple of weeks. If you were approved last year in most cases you will carry over from last year and do not need to reapply. If anything has changed (eg school, address, etc) you will need to reapply.

Your child will be required to carry their pass with them at all times when they are travelling on the bus. If your child does not receive a pass but you have recently submitted an application, the driver will have a list of those students in the bus and they may travel for free until QT notifies us of their approval. We will then issue them with a bus pass. As there are thousands of forms to be processed by QT at this time of year, it can take some time for the approvals to come back to us, so we allow your child to travel for free once you have submitted your application. Please **look after your pass** and secure it to your bag, as a replacement one will cost **\$10**.

You can apply for your child's bus pass online!

See www.qld.gov.au/SchoolTransportAssistance or call 1300 119 289.

Your child is eligible for **free school bus travel** if you live 3.2 km or more from the school. **Apply online** or you can obtain a *Bus Travel Assistance Application* form (brown) from the school bus driver. This must be filled out and returned to the driver as soon as possible so that your child can be issued with a bus pass.

Safety-Net Scheme: If you live 3.2 km or less from the school and your child is listed on a *concession card* (i.e. Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Dept. of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card), you may be eligible for free bus travel, providing there is spare capacity on the bus. **Apply online** or you need to obtain a *Bus Travel Assistance Safety-Net Application* form (purple) from the school bus driver. This must be filled out and returned to the driver along with a photocopy of the concession card showing the child's name as soon as possible so that your child can be eligible for travel.

If you live 3.2 km or less from the school and you do *not* have a concession card but would like your child to catch the bus to school, you can pay a fare to the driver. Fares are \$1.20 per child per trip. Please do not allow yourself to get in arrears with fare payments as we will refuse travel if more than a week's fares are overdue. If you wish to pay upfront for the term, contact us for an invoice. We give a 30% discount for fares paid upfront for the term.

You can find your nearest bus stop on the map on our website at www.bluebus.com.au. If you want your child to get on or off at a different stop, they must have a **signed note** from you stating the change otherwise they must get off at their designated stop.

If you have not applied online or handed your form to the driver, then, as of **week 3 (25/2/22)**, your child **will not be able to travel on the bus** unless they pay a fare of \$1.20 per trip (i.e. \$2.40 return).

A reminder that all school students travelling on school buses need to abide by the *Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel* (QT). You can read this on the Queensland Transport website. This outlines the rights and responsibilities and the behaviour expected of students whilst travelling on the school bus. The consequences of failing to meet the behaviour expectations outlined in the code are clearly stated. This may mean that your child will be refused travel on the bus for a period of time, if they are unable to meet those expectations. These consequences will be strictly enforced for the safety and enjoyment of all bus travellers.

We hope you have a happy and safe year of travel on the school bus!

If you have any questions about school bus travel, please contact Geoff or Sandra Jacob at Blue Bus on ph: (07) 3820 7815 or email info@bluebus.com.au. Follow us on Facebook for school bus updates: Macleay Island Bus Service.

In an EMERGENCY
dial TRIPLE ZERO
(000)



For NON-URGENT
Police contact call
POLICELINK
131 444

Crime Prevention Corner

Motorcycle fatalities are preventable

Last February saw 1/5th of all motorcycle fatalities of 2021. There were 13 motorcyclists' lives lost in that month alone. This February let's not let this be repeated. Many deaths are from obvious disregard for road rules by inexperienced riders resulting in "at fault" rider deaths. Many deaths are from a single act of inattention or attempting a manoeuvre to fast. These deaths ARE preventable.

To help educate drivers:

- The quality of the motorcycle helmet fitted correctly determines how effectively it can reduce the impact of a collision.
- Head and chest injuries are common causes of death – both of which can be essentially prevented by good safety gear.
- Drivers of motorcycles travelling at speed will die hitting another vehicle, the road or objects.
- Whilst there may be an increase in motorcycle registrations, 50% deaths at fault so far are deliberately unlicensed / unregistered.

Ravside DCPC – ph 07 33088180 – email DCPC Wvnnnm@police.qld.gov.au – blog www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wvnnnm