



Macleay Island State School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 – 19 March 2021

Calendar

Administration	From end of this week we will have moved into the new Administration Block.	07 3400 8333 admin@macleayislandss.eq.edu.au
Tuckshop	Tuesdays Orders due in by 2.45pm Friday Tuckshop box located in Administration Area	Tuckshop 1 st Break Tuesdays
Kindylinq	Tuesday and Friday 9.00-12noon	Prep Block
Playgroup	Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00	Prep Block
Uniform Shop	Thursday and Friday 8-9.30am Payment by EFTPOS or card only	Situated behind Prep Block
Swimming	Swimming for Years 3 and 4: Friday 26 March	Reminder to collect your child by 2.48pm from jetty if they are not interisland or catching the blue bus
Term 1	Last day Thursday 1 April 2021	2.45pm
Term 2	Commences Monday 20 April 2021	8.25am
Term 2	School Photos	29 April 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Care-givers,

Thank you for your patience as the refurbishment of the administration block and the library were completed.

The good news is the refurbishment is now COMPLETE! As of Monday you will be able to take a short walk to the administration block now situated at the front of the school. Open the door and come on in. Just a reminder that it is like moving into a new home. There is a lot of unpacking to do and a little bit of trial and error around where best to place things. For safety reasons it is not appropriate for visitors to access any other part of the school without first signing in at the new administration office.

Assembly will be held in the new administration block and access to assembly will be via the ramp just as it was previously. If you wish to attend assembly we ask that you arrive and be seated no later than 2:05 pm on a Monday afternoon. As you enter the room please remove your hats and caps and turn off your mobile phones. It is respectful to stand when the national anthem is sung. The students now sing 2 verses of the national anthem accompanied by Ms Winchester on guitar.

The end of first term is fast approaching and we are busy with assessment tasks in amongst training for cross country and preparing for KinyLinQ Open day. Parents and caregivers are most welcome as spectators during cross country day. It is not appropriate the secondary school students attend this event as it is a school day and they should be in attendance at their high school.

At the commencement of term 2 I will be taking long service leave returning at the beginning of Term 3. I have been advised that Mr Simon Bliss will be acting Principal during my absence. Many of you will remember Mr Bliss as the teaching principal who worked with staff and students introducing them to robotics. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to Mr Bliss when you visit the school.

Yours sincerely,



Glenda Seawright
Principal

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is located behind the Prep Block. **Uniform Shop is open on Thursday and Fridays 8-9.30am.**

A reminder to parents that students are to be dressed in school uniform and not wear streetwear including "hoodies" and/or t-shirts.

Swimming Fridays

The swimming program will commence in Term 1 for students in Years 3 to 6. Each class will be allocated four, one hour swimming lessons as outlined below;

Year 5 and 6 swimming has now been completed.

Swimming will commence for Years 3 and 4:

- Friday March 19th
- Friday March 26th

At 12:15pm classes will travel by Blue Bus to the Macleay Island Jetty and take the 12:33pm interisland ferry to Russell Island. They will then travel by Blue Bus on Russell Island to continue their journey to the Russell Island Pool. The swimming lesson will be conducted from 1:00 – 2:00pm.

At 2:25 pm classes will travel by Blue Bus to Russell Island Jetty and take the 2:35pm ferry to Macleay Island. Students can:

- **Be collected by parents/carers at the Macleay Island Jetty at 2:48pm**
- Travel home on the Blue Bus on Macleay Island
- Travel on the interisland ferry to Lamb Island, Russell Island or Karragarra Island

Students who live on Russell Island can be collected by parents/carers at Russell Island Pool no later than 2:20 pm. If parents/carers are not at the pool at this time the students will be required to travel back to Macleay and then take a return interisland boat as per a normal school day. It is not appropriate for a student to remain at the Russell Island Pool unsupervised by staff. The duty of care and safety of children is always a priority.

There is no cost to parents/carers for children to participate in this program. Ongoing participation in this program will be dependent on the student adhering to the Student Code of Conduct.

To the fantastic Dads, Grandfathers and male carers of our school community!

We will be establishing a NEW Dads Group within our school community through an organisation called The Fathering Project. The purpose of partnering with The Fathering Project is that they have found through their research that the role of a Father in the life of child is profound and as a Dad, they want to help you be the best Father and Father figure that you can be. This is a simple but empowering process where we invite the Fathers and Father-Figures from our school community to get together for fun and engaging events with their kids; and as Men, support and encourage each other in this influential role. Although we as a school will be promoting this Dads Group, this group will be run by the Dads, for the Dads of our community and with the support and guidance by The Fathering Project, you and your children will have opportunities to make great memories together and strengthen your relationships in a positive way.

Next week, all students will bring home an invitation with more information about our launch in week 10. Your "hosts" at the launch will be John from the project together with Chappy Tracey and Mr Coenen. Check out the Fathering Project for yourself here www.thefatheringproject.org and keep an eye out for more information on how to join our Dads Group as well as Fathering Tips and resources in 2021.

Head lice are back again

Head lice are human parasites that live on the scalp and hair and feed on our blood. They cause itching and discomfort and are contagious from one person to another. They are primarily spread through human contact, so it is important to screen for them regularly and remove all the lice and their eggs (nits) as early as possible. Head lice cannot hop, jump or fly but they can crawl quickly. The goal is to comb out the lice and nits when there are fewer of them and before the task becomes unnecessarily challenging.

Please make sure you check your child's hair daily and treat as required.



OPEN DAY FOR

KindyLinQ



FREE FOOD AND FUN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2021

09:30AM - 12:30PM

IN THE EARLY YEARS ROOM

Community News

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Crime Prevention Corner

Vehicle Security Tips for Families

- The majority of crimes reported in Bayside suburbs every week involve motor vehicles. Vehicles are either stolen or have valuables stolen from inside. Vehicles parked in public places including streets and carparks at night are particularly vulnerable.
- Most of these crimes are committed by juveniles or young adult males.
- A significant factor why these crimes occur are that as many as one in seven vehicles (approximately 15 %) are left unlocked and / or insecure ie: valuables left in plain view inside the vehicle.

Owners can minimise the risk of becoming victims of crime by taking some simple precautions.

- Lock it or Lose it! Make sure your vehicle is secured and remove belongings when you leave it unattended, right down to loose coins. GPS units, dash cameras, mobile phones, tablets etc are extremely popular with thieves and easy to dispose of.
- Keep your car key out of sight inside your home – not on the kitchen bench. Often, car keys are stolen during house break-ins, allowing the offender to gain access to the vehicle at a later time / date.
- Keep your garage door closed and secure at all times, even when you are at home.
- Lock your car when it is garaged and do not leave the key somewhere nearby.

Bayside DCPC – ph 07 33088180 – email DCPC.Wynnum@police.qld.gov.au – blog www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wynnum

Bay Islands United Soccer Club

We looking for 1 or 2 more players to join our under 8`s born 2013 & under 9`s born 2012 for this season in the Football Brisbane league. Even born 2011 can be included as we on an island.

Training is held every Saturday at 9.30am

Location - Russell Island Sports Oval

Season will start in April

Contact - Mick Marriott – 0401 483 079



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