**Principals Report**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT:** Our staff are receiving professional development in many areas but the main area is Explicit Teaching. Students are responding very well to this strategy not only in this school but throughout the state. We are skillling ourselves so that we can better deliver this style of teaching. Staff have been taken ‘offline’ to be coached in this and other strategies.

**STRANGER DANGER:** I have spoken to the police and they have followed every lead but to no avail. We have not received any more reports. We will continue to monitor the school and surrounds and we will also keep in touch with the police.

**SPORT ACTIVITIES:** This is the season for trials and we are currently doing netball, basketball, touch, rugby league, tennis and AFL. Students are receiving information but if they are in doubt they should also check with Mrs Meigan or myself. Congratulations to Georgia Frerichs who was selected in the PV netball team and to Jed Muscat, Beau Muscat, Bailey Pace, Sean Baker, Kasey Addis and Emmersen McDonald who were selected in the PV basketball sides. Good luck at the next level.

**UNIFY:** This online, virtual program started this week and the four participants for this unit should be in for a stimulating time.

**PROJECT 600:** This highly successful program is running ‘full steam ahead’ and the year 5’s are going particularly well.

**ODDS AND ENDS:** We now have a firm quote for an undercover walkway to the hall. This project will be completed in the month of June. I am looking at having a “Working Bee” to tidy up around the bus seats at the McColl Street entrance. I plan to put a border around the area, lay crusher dust and then pave using the pavers sitting idle near the PCYC block. A date will be given after I discuss it more with the P & C. We are shortly having more solar panels installed. For these to operate efficiently we need to trim the trees around C Block. We will do a general clean-up of that area while we have the tree specialists in the school. One tree is already dead and another is dying.
WESTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Western Districts Junior Rugby League are still taking registrations and in particular, seeking players for our Under 12 team. Please contact Tracy on 0438 735 698 or secre-

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAY

(for primary school aged boys & girls)

(Children aged 5-12 years)

Where: Swayne St, North Mackay
When: Wednesday 3rd April, 2012 & Wednesday 10th April, 2013
Time: 9.30 – 11 a.m.
Cost: $15
Come & have fun in the gym Phone 49 531 425
Bookings Essential Limited numbers!
e. admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

PALMYRA BUS

A big thank you to Desley Chopping who has been the secretary of the Palmyra Bus Committee to date. Desley no longer has children on this bus so I’ve agreed to take over this role and be the contact between the parents and Mackay Transit Coaches. Could I please ask that all parents/carers of children who catch the Palmyra Bus to please forward their mobile phone number and email address to me at barb_blackhall@activ8.net.au or 0407 968 606? I can then pass on any information I receive regarding the bus run. Thank You. Barb Blackhall

PIONEER VALLEY MATHEMATICS COMP

P & C News

The first P & C meeting was held at the beginning of the month and I would like to thank all who attended. Our fundraising plans include a Mother’s day Stall at the end of April and a request for your assistance to run this stall will be sent out soon. Please give at least an hour of your time if you can. These stalls give all students the opportunity to buy a small gift for their mother/ grandmother/aunt at a reasonable price. Students will be brought to the hall, in class groups, by their teachers to make their purchases. Parents and staff are welcome to make purchases as well and the stall will be open before and after school.

Attached to this newsletter are two forms. The first is a registration form for the P & C. The second is a survey of meeting times. We would like to have as many parents as possible at the meetings so please let us know what times suit you. Please fill in the forms and return them to the teachers or the P&C box in the office by next Friday. Here are the contact numbers for the executive if you have any questions.

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