Principal’s Report

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. We have just completed the NAPLAN testing and it was great to see all students ready to give it their best effort. The tests will inform us on our strengths and weaknesses which in turn will inform us about where our resources and efforts should be focused.

Reports are currently being prepared. Please note that with the advent of the Australian Curriculum particularly into Prep, old benchmarks have been lifted. Basically this means that students have to perform at a higher level to attain the same marks/standard. This does not necessarily mean that your child is not working hard it simply means that the C standard in the Early Years (P-3) previously may be a D standard under the new system. Why has this happened? Basically there is now an expectation that Prep students will reach a reading benchmark of around 10 by the end of the year which in turn means that the year 1 and year 2 benchmark levels have needed to be lifted. Prep students take a while to process the reading skills and as such this term they may seem to be taking a while to ‘grasp’ reading concepts but we find once the basic skills are embedded they improve at a rapid rate.

The raising of standards is a good thing and the wave of higher achievement as it sweeps through the school over the next few years will see very positive benefits to the students and their achievements.

SUCCESSES CONTINUE. Congratulations to Jack Thompson and Ashton Scriha who have both made the Mackay Cross Country team. All our team performed very well in trying conditions.

WALK-A-THON. Friday is our Walk-a-thon fundraiser. Students will basically walk one lap above their year level for example year 4 will walk 5 laps. We will have plenty of water on hand for our walkers. We will start with the lower grades and work up through the grades.

SCHOOL FAIR. Planning for the Fair is well and truly underway but as always we need your help. Even if you can’t afford the time you may be able to assist in other ways. Contact the P & C or the school to find out how. Date for the School Fair is Saturday 27th July 2013.

WORKING BEE. We are looking at ‘fixing up’ the area where the students wait for buses. We intend to put down wooden boarders around the area, lay crusher dust and pave the whole area. Given a very hectic school calendar, Friday, June 7 looks to be a suitable time. It may be best to do the work after the children leave so we could do the job between 3pm and 5pm. Refreshments would be provided.
FROM CHAPPY AMIE

Reflecting on Mother’s Day just gone and my birthday coming all to soon, I started thinking about all the things I’m so grateful for that my mum did for me, and how she’s cared for and loved me these past 30 years, when I was challenged by this thought: why do I wait for one special day every year to tell mum how much I love her and how thankful I am? Let me encourage you to show your love and thankfulness to your mum, grandmum and every other mum-type person in between; not just on this one public day, but every day.

CENT SALE - Mirani State School are holding a Cent Sale on Sunday 2nd June in the Mirani State School Undercover Area. Doors open at 12 noon for a 1.00 p.m. start. Major Raffle - 1st Prize - $1000 The Good Guys Voucher; 2nd Prize - $200 Conway Beach Resort Voucher; 3rd Prize - $100 Channel Voucher. Spot raffles, lucky door and afternoon tea. Come along and enjoy a great afternoon with friends.

LOST IPOD

On Monday 6th May between 5.45pm and 6.15pm on the corner of Luscombe St & Margaret St Walkerston or this general area

Has a cracked screen and a yellow “Spongegbob” hard cover on the back of it.

If found please Phone 0419661191 or 49593595

MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 8 IN 2014

The Enrolment Management Plan has been lifted from Mackay North State High School. Students from all schools are able to enrol. Enrolments accepted from 5th June.

INFORMATION EVENING

6.00PM TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2013

MACKAY NORTH COMMUNITY HALL,

VALLEY STREET, NORTH MACKAY

Information and Application forms for Enrolment and Scholarships will be available.

For more information contact the school | Phone 07 4963 1666 | Email the.principal@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO HELP US WITH THESE PROJECTS.

Eton/Eton North QCWA Younger Set is based at the North Eton Hall, Mill Street, North Eton. If you are under the age of 25 (6 -10 yrs need parent or guardian supervision), you may want to consider joining at $6.95 per year. As well as participating in traditional skills that the QCWA is well known for, such as craft and cookery, there are plenty of opportunities to develop your personal and leadership skills, get involved in public speaking, debating & drama, learn meeting procedures, travel & be involved in your local community and develop international awareness e.g.: every year we study a different country & through Women of the World, help women & children within our Commonwealth. 2013 - supplying school stationary to underprivileged children in places such as East Timor & Papua New Guinea. If you wish to find out more look us up on Facebook or call Helen Foden 49541508 or email: skatah@activ8.net.au

Making Strides Walking Group

LifelnMotion

Starting Thursdays, May 2

Arrive 8.30am to start at 8.45am

Meet at the front of the Woolworths Complex, Dutton Street, Walkerston

Cost: Gold Coin

If you’re looking for a fun, social and easy way to get active, come and join our walking group which will also include some resistance exercise.

What do I need to do:

Wear loose, comfortable clothes and sandals. Please bring a hat and water bottle. If you have any doubt whether you are medically fit to attend gentle exercise classes please check with your doctor for clearance prior to starting.

For more information and to book your place contact:

Christine on 4961 9668 or Jodie on 4961 9653 or email hc@mackay.qid.gov.au

WANTED CASUAL KITCHEN HAND

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre has two casual positions available as Kitchen Hand. An information package is available by contacting the Centre on 49541426.

The successful applicant would be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings and offices. Applications close 14th