Fred Taylor Memorial RSL Bursary winners announced!

From left to right: Calum Proctor, Josh Harding, Jessica Grech, Dennis Doring (Walkerston-Pleystowe Sub-Branch RSL), Lachlan McLennan, Ryhs Symonds, Ethan Boccanfuso

The topic of this year’s RSL Bursary was to investigate the life and service of Lance Corporal James Eric Campbell, of the 20th Australian Infantry Battalion. LCpl Campbell died of wounds received on the battlefields of Pozieres in 1916. Students independently undertook research into James Campbell life, which included visiting the Australian War Memorial during the recent Sydney-Canberra trip.

A number of students in years 6 and 7 presented their research, from which three finalists from Year 6, and three from Year 7, were selected. The finalists were: Lachlan McLennan (56C), Ethan Boccanfuso and Ryhs Symonds (67B), and Jessica Grech, Josh Harding and Calum Proctor (7A). On Wednesday, 5th November, we were joined by students from St Johns, and finalists from both schools presented their research to the RSL Bursary Committee, consisting of Michael Tynan, Col Duncan and Dennis Doring. The students from Walkerston State School who were selected as giving the best presentations were announced the next day. The winners were:

1st Place: Calum Proctor
2nd Place: Josh Harding
3rd Place: Jessica Grech

Congratulations to our place-getters, the other finalists, and all other students for competing. The bursary winners will be presented with their cheques during next week’s Remembrance Day ceremony.
Tait Poli, 7A, is our final Principal’s Award winner for Term 3. To qualify for a Principal’s Award, students need to improve a grade level in at least two of our three Core subjects: English, Maths and Science. Tait moved from a B to an A in Maths, and a C to a B in Science. We unfortunately missed Tait’s admirable improvement during our initial review of Term 3’s results. Sorry about that Tait!
Principals Report

We are mid-way through the last term of the year. Typical for this time of year, it is a time to wind up teaching, assessment and other school activities, and plan for next year as well.

Prep Enrolments in 2015

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of hosting our Prep Orientation Day. Over forty parents and their children attended school to meet our current Prep teachers and see the work that students are doing in Prep classes. Information provided to us by the parents and caregivers present will help us organise our prep classes for next year.

At the conclusion of the Orientation Day, parents were reminded that they need to organise for an enrolment interview with a member of the school’s admin team, at which the enrolment form and all other forms need to be reviewed and signed. You should receive a letter next week to choose a suitable interview time. This allows the school to ensure that all key forms and information that need to be discussed when enrolling in a Queensland state school are addressed. When attending one of these meetings, it’s also important that parents/caregivers bring along the birth certificate and immunization record of the children they are intending to enrol at our school if this has not yet been provided.

While talking about next year’s future enrolments, I should also note that a perennial issue for schools at this time of year is trying to determine their student numbers for next year. We’ve already received information from some parents who are moving to other locations, so here could I stress that if you know you are, or suspect that you may be, moving your child to another school next year please let us know, so we can be better prepared for how classes will be organised for next year.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation

As we prepare for our new Prep enrolments, we must also ready ourselves for the departure of our Year 6 and 7 students. The Year 6 and 7 Graduation will be held at North Mackay Bowls Club on Thursday, 11th December. This is the last Thursday of term. All details for the Graduation are listed below. I need to stress the importance that we place on the limitation of how many people are able to attend with each student. We completely understand that the realities of modern life is that families split and/or re-marries, and that some students are brought up by more than simply their direct mother and/or father, hence the use of the term ‘caregivers’. For reasons of resourcing, every child in Years 6 and 7 are allocated three tickets – one for themselves, and two for two important members of their family. For reasons of fairness, any unused tickets cannot be passed or sold on to other students.

Moving home or school?
Please let the office know so we can be clearer of our planning for 2015

Year 6 and 7 Graduation: key information

- **When:** Thursday, 11th December, 6:30 pm to 9 pm
- **Where:** North Mackay Bowls Club, 74 Malcomson St., North Mackay
- **Dinner:** Buffet, drinks available at bar
- **Cost (includes venue hire and buffet):**
  - **Graduating Students:** FREE (due to contribution by P&C)
  - **Graduating Student’s Guests:** $30 per person (max. of two people)
- **Due date for payment:** Payment must be made to the office by Friday, December 5th
- **Dress Code:** Smart Casual – club’s dress code applies

Parents please be aware the students have been asked to provide $5 for a gift.
**Student of the Week Awards for Term 4 — Weeks 3 & Week 4**

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<td>Chloe Hemley</td>
<td>Working hard on her sentence writing.</td>
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<td>Brianna King</td>
<td>For putting a lot of effort into her story writing. Keep up the great work</td>
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<td>Savannah Ramos</td>
<td>For putting a lot of effort into her story writing. Great job Savannah!</td>
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<td>Gabrielle North</td>
<td>For consistently working very hard and showing great organisation. Excellent work Gabby!</td>
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<td>Maddison Lote</td>
<td>For always having a positive and happy attitude. Thank you Maddison!</td>
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<td>Charli Woodhouse</td>
<td>Charli always has a positive attitude towards all her class work.</td>
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<td>Imogen Kennedy</td>
<td>Always works on her class tasks with a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Haydyn Anderson</td>
<td>For a more positive attitude towards applying himself to his work and to the class expectations.</td>
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<td>Class 3A</td>
<td>Harrison Leijen</td>
<td>Your determination and brilliant attitude is producing wonderful work. You are amazing!</td>
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<td>Keeley Robinson</td>
<td>Wow Keeley, your ability to count back change is stupendous! You are fabulous!</td>
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<td>Ashton Janke</td>
<td>Sensational effort in STAMS Ashton. You are a brilliant shining STAR!</td>
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<td>Caitlin Grech</td>
<td>Oohlala Caitlin, you are a Maths whiz! Superb effort with your number puzzles.</td>
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<td>Jed Blackhall</td>
<td>Always completing his work to a high standard and being an enthusiastic learner. Excellent work Jed!</td>
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<td>Ty Murphy</td>
<td>Writing a great poem in English. You are showing an impressive dedication to your writing. Well done</td>
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<td>Brock Zammit</td>
<td>For making connections in Maths and seeing patterns galore.</td>
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<td>Aprile Benson</td>
<td>For always giving her best at school.</td>
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<td>Madison Galea</td>
<td>For always being an attentive and organised student. You Rock!!</td>
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<td>Holly Cooper</td>
<td>For being a resilient and happy student who is a pleasure to teach! You're awesome!!</td>
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<td>Aubrey Fontelera</td>
<td>For always taking a keen interest in her schoolwork. Keep up the great work Aubrey!</td>
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<td>Lauren Combridget</td>
<td>For always working conscientiously with a positive attitude towards her work. Keep up the great work</td>
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<td>Matia Contor</td>
<td>For always working conscientiously with a positive attitude towards her work. Keep up the great work</td>
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<td>Joshua Macan</td>
<td>For always trying his best in all subject areas.</td>
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<td>Sarah Brett</td>
<td>For always utilising her time effectively in class and giving her full attention to her learning.</td>
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<td>Jessica Moyle</td>
<td>For the perseverance she has shown to overcome her temporary disability.</td>
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<td>Kele Bennett</td>
<td>For consistently applying himself to his learning.</td>
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<td>Calum Proctor</td>
<td>For consistently applying himself to his learning in all subject areas. Well done.</td>
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ENROLMENT INTERVIEW APPOINTMENTS

An enrolment interview is essential for your child’s transition from primary to secondary, and allows the school administration and parents/carers to discuss any special requirements, interests and circumstances of the student.

The following times have specifically been set aside for interviews between yourself with your child and a member of the school administration (should these times be unsuitable please contact the school and we will endeavour to meet your requirements).

Monday 17th November - Friday 21st November 7am – 6.00pm
Monday 24th November - Friday 28th November 7am – 6.00pm

Please phone the Mirani State High School office on 49667111 to make an appointment by Wednesday 12th November.

Your child will be given enrolment forms at their primary school. Please complete these forms and bring them with you on the day of your interview.

Changes to Traffic Conditions on McColl Street

Please be aware that the traffic conditions along McColl Street have changed. A single white line now runs down the length of the street from the corner of Bold Street to Mary Magdalene Anglican Church beside our grounds. This single white line means:

You can cross the white line to access property
You cannot overtake another vehicle
You cannot do a U-turn

This last point needs to be emphasised, as it will require a number of us (the producers of this newsletter included!) to change driving habits. While writing this Principal’s Report earlier in the week I noticed that a police car pulled up in front of a car that had just done a U-turn. Here was the view from my desk:

Admittedly, the photo isn’t prize-worthy, but I felt it was worth sharing to ensure that the school community is aware that the change in traffic conditions is being enforced.
A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Recently on photo day we took the following special group photos:

- School Captains with Principal
- House Captains with Principal
- Student Council with Principal
- Senior Concert Band
- Junior Concert Band
- Capricornia Representatives
- Age Champions
- Chess Club

These presentations are a group photo presentation with the children standing together with their individual portraits below.

These special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only $27 ea by collecting a special group envelope from the school office.

You have until Friday, 21st November 2014 to purchase at this price (orders placed after Friday, 21st November 2014 will incur a $20 search fee as the images will then be archived).

Class photo orders will be delivered to the school in approximately 28 days.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email at schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Keep smiling!!

Japanese and Chinese Speech Contest 2014

Foreign languages are an enjoyable part of school as 105 of the best Japanese and Chinese speakers in our district proved on Thursday 23 October at the Mackay Regional Languages Speech Contest.

Held at the Central Queensland University, the contest had students from twenty four schools demonstrate their excellent language skills. The students in Grades 6 to 9 had to pass the judges’ strict criteria for fluency, intonation, accuracy and presentation.

Walkerston State School fielded four contestants, all of whom showcased their admirable Japanese speaking talent. Our Year 6 entrants were Marissa White and Gabby Dhu. Our Year 7 competitors were Jamison Harder and Joshua Harding.

Congratulations to all our students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Book Fair

The library will be hosting a book fair from Tuesday 11th November to Friday 14th November. Everyone is invited to come in and see what is on offer. It is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping.

There will be a slight change to the way credit card payments are accepted this time. Scholastic has introduced the payment method used when ordering from Book Club – online or via mobile phone. Parents ring up or go online and write the receipt number on a slip which will be available in the library. This has been introduced because credit cards are now being issued without raised numbers, therefore they don’t work in the old swipe machines which we were given previously.

See you at the fair.

MIDGETS SEASON BREAK-UP

Sunday 30th November, 1-4pm, Walkerston State School

BBQ provided  SLUSHIE MACHINE
Jumping Castle  Water Slides
TROPHY PRESENTATION  LUCKY DOOR

PRIZE & Girls vs Boys Shoot Out Competition...

Please RSVP to your manager by 24th November for catering purposes

New club polo shirts will be available for purchase @ $25

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