Nominations for 2015 School Captain are now open!

Current Year 6 School Captains, Ashton Scriha and Lucy Baulch, glance at the new nomination forms that Year 5 students, like Baden Robinson, Mackenzie Harder and Tatarnya Poli, will be using to nominate for our 2015 School Captain positions. More details of this process inside.
Principals Report

Semester Two is rapidly winding up. In this report I want to focus on outlining key events that will be occurring at school as the year ends.

2014 Awards Night

Our Awards Night will be held at the school hall on Thursday, December 4th. The program will begin at 6pm, and it’s our intention to have all Special Awards concluded by 8pm. Of note is that this year will be unique in the sense that we will have both Year 6 and Year 7 Special Awards. The event is open to all members of the school community. Parents of students who will be receiving Year level, subject or Special awards will receive personal invitations. Coffee and tea will be available at the conclusion, and parents are invited to bring a plate of food to share with other guests.

This year, I’m pleased to announce that we have gained sponsorship for our Special Awards. Mark Daniel, Real Estate Consultant with Harcourts, Mackay, will be sponsoring our Special Awards this year. Along with their Special Awards trophy, each winner will receive a cheque for $50, courtesy of Mark’s sponsorship. I would here like to thank Mark for his kind decision to sponsor our Special Awards, and for his continued support of schools in the Pioneer Valley. For the purposes of clarity, the factors taken into consideration in determining who is eligible for receiving a Special Award are published after this Principal’s Report.

2015 School Captains

This year’s Awards Night will conclude with the announcement of the 2015 School Captains. I have had tremendous pleasure working with our current captains, Lucy Baulch, Ashton Scriha, Sean Baker and Jameson Harder, particularly in organising and running whole school parades. The process by which we will be determining who will be next year’s school captains is as follows:

Nomination Stage

- Nominations open Friday, 21st November. Nominations close 3pm Tuesday, 25th November.

This year’s Nomination forms will have a section in which students need to list personal qualities that would make them suitable for the position, and their involvement in extra-curricular activities at school and in the broader community. Parents are allowed to help their children in completing these lists. Nomination forms also need to be signed by a parent.

Shortlisting Stage

Teaching staff will review all student nomination forms to determine the eight most suitable candidates for the student voting stage. Having nominees list their qualities and extra-curricular activities on their Nomination forms will help all staff get a fuller picture of each candidates’ qualities. The shortlisting of applicants to determine the final eight candidates will be done by staff vote on Wednesday, 26th November.

Student Voting Stage

- Shortlisted candidates will then have the week to prepare a 3 minute speech, which they will then present during a special Year 4 to 5 parade held on Wednesday, 3rd December.

- Year 4 and 5 students will then vote in the hall at the end of the parade. Students will be asked to place a tick besides the names of two students they most prefer for the positions. Each year level’s vote will hold the same weighting.

The four students receiving the most votes will be announced as the 2015 School Captains at the end of our Awards night. There will be no distinction between Captains and Vice Captains – I’ve found having all four of the same status provides a great deal of comradery, and it simplifies the process of sharing Whole School parade roles.

House captains will be voted on next year. In the event that one of our 2015 School Captains needs to change schools over the Christmas break, the vacant position will in the first instant be offered to the student who received the fifth highest number of votes.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation Dinner

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our Year 6 and 7 Graduation will be on Thursday, 11th December. Parents and Caregivers can pay for guest tickets at the office, $30 per guest with a maximum of two guests for each student. Year 6 and 7 students don’t need to pay anything. The deadline for all payments is Friday, 5th December.

Incentive Day

Our Incentive Day will be on Wednesday, 10th December. This year, we will be offering different activities for students in the upper and lower schools. Students in Year 5 to 7 will be going to the Bluewater Lagoon in the morning, then returning to school for a sausage sizzle and movie in the afternoon. Students in Prep to Year 3 will be doing a range of activities on school grounds, as well as a sausage sizzle and movie in the afternoon.
If a parent of a Year 4 to 7 student would prefer them to stay at school instead of going to the Lagoon, they are welcome to. Such students will help staff, and participate with the Prep to Year 3 students in the morning. The P&C is currently finalising the list of activities for the Prep-Year 3 group, but it will likely include playing on a jumping castle, mini-Olympics games, and a disco. A note with more details about these activities will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Students who have been well behaved this term will be invited to attend our Incentive Day. Reference will be made to One School behaviour reports and our Detention Book to determine who will not receive an invite. Students who are not invited will be supervised by teaching staff.

**In summary, key events:**

- **November 21**, Friday: Year 5 nominations for 2015 School Captains open
- **November 25**, Tuesday: Year 5 nominations for 2015 School Captains close
- **November 26**, Wednesday: Final eight 2015 School Captain candidates announced
- **December 3**, Wednesday: 2015 School Captain speeches and student vote
- **December 4**, Thursday: Award Night
- **December 5**, Friday: final date to pay for Year 6/7 Graduation tickets
- **December 10**, Wednesday: Incentive Day
- **December 11**, Thursday: Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner

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**Awards Night Year 6 and Year 7 Special Awards Conditions**

**Note:** for 2014, with both Year 6 and Year 7 students graduating, each year level will receive separate awards, ie the Year 6 Cultural Award, Year 7 Cultural Award etc...

**Cultural Award**
The Cultural Award is given to the student who has made a continued effort in the various areas of the school’s Arts program throughout the year, including their achievement in Arts subjects, and their participation in various school-based activities and endeavours.

**Citizenship Award**
The Citizenship Award is given to the student that displays a great attitude towards all people in the school community.

**Consistency Award**
The Consistency Award goes to the student who does well across all areas of the curriculum, achieving above average results, and who works consistently at all times and in all situations.

**Encouragement Award**
The Encouragement Award is awarded to the student who has worked hard throughout the year, trying their absolute best at all times.

**Male and Female Allrounder Sports Awards**
The Allrounder Sports Awards go to the male and female students who have excelled in sport throughout the year by participating in school-based sporting activities. Student achievement in reaching representative level, and their observed participation and sportsmanship, are also taken into consideration.

**Dux Proximus**
The award of Dux Proximus goes to the student who achieved the second highest accumulative level of academic achievement in the areas of Mathematics, English and Science throughout the year.

**Dux**
The award of Dux goes to the student who achieved the highest accumulative level of academic achievement in the areas of Mathematics, English and Science throughout the year.
P & C
The next P & C Meeting will be at 1pm on Friday 21st of November at 1pm in the Hall. All are welcome. The P & C plays a vital role in supporting the school community. We are currently in the process of organising a shade for the playground near the prep building and activities for Incentive Day. All money raised by the P & C goes into school improvements.
We are still looking for a treasurer for next year. If you are able to take on the role next year, Karen is happy to give you training. Please contact Andrea on 0427593384.
Don’t forget Icy Cups on Thursdays second break!!

Chaplain Report.
Hi Everyone,
A quick reminder that Breakfast Club is on every morning from 8am. We stop serving at 8.40am so the students are ready to start the school day on time, I would like to thank Walkerston Bakery, Woolworths Walkerston and Kellogg’s for supplying all our breakfast needs. Also to the Reject shop at Marian who recently donated an extra toaster. A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who help at Breakfast Club. Remember all are welcome at Breakfast Club and parents and teachers are invited to pop in and say hello.
I am available at school all day Mondays and Wednesday and every morning on other days. You can always find me around the hall before school.
I hope everyone is having a great term.
Cheers, Chappy A

Swimming News
The requirement of achievement for the levels and certificates for swimming have been adjusted. As a result greater levels of skill and fitness are required to achieve the new levels.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 6 AND 7 STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2015

ICT NEWS from Mackay State High School
Year 6 and Year 7 students transitioning to Mackay State High School and wishing to use technology in their studies, the following dates and information is important.

1:1 eLearning Program (Year 7 students only)
This program gives students a school laptop which has all software installed including anti-virus software, is covered by Accidental Damage insurance (excesses do apply), and has extended warranty. If a laptop in this program has an issue, school technicians will assist to fix the problem. If a laptop is damaged, students may receive a loan device while third party technicians fix the damage.
The 1:1 eLearning Program has a fee of $200 per year. Parents wishing to access this program, can pay their $200 either at the beginning of the 2015 school year or those wishing to secure a deployment place in the first week can pay their fee by Friday, 5 December 2014.

BYOx Program (Year 6 students only)
This program is Bring Your Own Technology and it allows students to use their own technology devices in their studies. These devices must meet the Mackay State High School’s specifications (see school website for specifications).
Finalisation of software development at head office has delayed processes in this program. Therefore, all students wishing to participate in the BYOx Program will be advised when to bring their devices to ICT Services at the beginning of the 2015 school year to have connectivity software install. Students and parents will sign the BYOx Participation and Connectivity Request form at the beginning of 2015 school year.
Parents and students please do not hesitate to contact us via the email, BYOX@mackayshs.eq.edu.au, if you have any further queries on the BYOx Program or the 1:1 eLearning Program.
Christine Adams, HOD – Business and Information Technology

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**Student of the Week Awards for Term 4 — Weeks 5 & Week 6**

**Prep A**
- **Alexander Perry**—For settling in well to his new class and for an amazing effort with his homework activities.
- **Imogen Alderton**—For working hard to do beautiful handwriting and for always trying her very best.
- **Kalysta Bone**—For having an amazingly positive attitude towards her schoolwork and for always trying her very best.

**Prep B**
- **Ella Waldon**—Outstanding work with her sentence writing.
- **Ayden Loader**—Working really hard with his reading and spelling.

**Prep C**
- **Lewis Springis**—For trying very hard with his story writing. Keep up the great work Lewis!
- **Autumn Matsen**—For always trying her best!

**Class 1A**
- **Jackson Cork**—For trying really hard in English and being an interactive class member.
- **Sarah Kucks**—For always being a positive role model to her classmates. Well done Sarah!

**Class 1B**
- **Stella Collins**—For obtaining great results on your maths test. Your hard work has paid off!

**Class 2A**
- **Ethan Dhu**—Working conscientiously on his written activities.
- **Ava Noy**—For being a positive contributor to class discussions in all subject areas.

**Class 2B**
- **Lilly Hansen**—Her great work in class to write a very convincing Persuasive text.
- **Mia Petrov**—Her positive attitude to complete all work to a high standard. Keep up the good work!
- **Jada Morro**—For always listening well and trying her best. Well done Jada.

**Class 3A**
- **Charlie Smith**—Wow Charlie, your ability to tell the time is sensational! You are a fabulous time keeper.
- **Shaniya Ortiz**—Your Christmas poem was magical oohlala! You are a Super Star Shaniya!
- **Jayden Richards**—Your Christmas poem was enticing and delightful! Thank you for putting in a solid effort.
- **Rubylee Stockwell**—Ruby, you are sensational! Your dazzling attitude to your school work and peers is outstanding.

**Class 3B**
- **Sasha Newman**—For displaying excellent enthusiasm with maths this week. Well Done!
- **Hayley Draper**—A fantastic student who always works super hard and is a wonderful role model.
- **Brock Larcombe**—An enthusiastic learner who keenly participates in all subject areas. Well done!
- **Chloe Smyth**—For displaying great enthusiasm in Maths this week. Well Done!

**Class 4A**
- **Emma Earsman**—For taking an interest in new vocabulary and being eager to apply these words in her own writing.
- **Sophie Gall**—For consistent attendance and always giving her best in the Early Morning Reading group.
- **Mason Finn**—For always being a happy and positive student. Keep on smiling.

**Class 45B**
- **Koby Townsend**—For being a sensational SCOPE master! Keep up the awesome effort!!
- **Luke Kucks**—For always being attentive and having an awesome attitude to learning as well as being fantastic.

**Class 5A**
- **Matia Contor**—For always following class and school rules carefully and setting a great example for her classmates.

**Class 56C**
- **Joshua Hopf**—For his effort and use of time management skills to complete subject tasks.

**Class 67B**
- **Tanith Helsham**—For taking a keen interest in her learning. In particular her reading.
- **Ethan Boccanfuso**—For amazing ingenuity and effort with the completion of his technology assessment. Well done!
Summer Reading Club at Your Local Public Library These School Holidays

Participation in the Summer Reading Club is FREE! It runs from Monday 1 December 2014 to Friday 23 January 2015 at your local Mackay Regional Council Library branch and online.

Register in person at the library and receive a Summer Reading Club Pack of activities, a reading log and some fun goodies. Also register online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au to be eligible for great prizes and enjoy a range of online activities.

EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

Monday 1st December at 1.30pm in the School Hall during Christmas Liturgy.

Families are asked to donate a non perishable item from their pantry (please check USE BY dates) to be put under the empty Christmas tree in the school office.

Representatives from St Vincent de Paul will collect items and distribute them among families in need in the

REMINDER NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Queensland Transport Bus Travel Assistance Application Forms for students commencing Year 7 and 8 in 2015 are required to be sent back to Mackay Transit Coaches by 05 December 2014. Enquiries please phone 49573330.

The Life Education Van will be visiting our School Grounds from the 25th till the 27th of November.

Life Education is about prevention through education—providing your child with important knowledge, skills and confidence to live a happy, safe life.

Parents are encouraged to visit www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents where there are fun activities and information on a range of topics from road safety to how to combat bullying.

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