

## Newsletter No. 12 - 15 August 2008

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mr Matt O'Hanlon

### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Ms Donna Drinkwater

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Mr Bruce Heggie

### **REGISTRAR**

Mrs Desley Livermore

### **GUIDANCE OFFICER**

Mr Lindsay Hains

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

Ms Anne Crowley

### **CHAPLAIN**

Mr Phil Hall

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

### **COUNSELLOR/S**

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Val Wright

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Caitlyn Dinsdale

Patrick O'Hanlon

### **SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS**

Maggie Webster

Matthew Tandy

### **SPORTING HOUSES**

CHATAWAY

DENNISS

FORGAN

MACKAY

### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

What a tremendous victory to our Girls Netball team in the regional final of the Vicki Wilson Netball Championships. Along with a number of staff and students I witnessed an excellent performance of skill, fitness and team play. Well done girls! Following on from the Netball girls our Rugby League boys won the Capricornia Final of the Arrive Alive Cup with an 18-14 win over St Brendan's. They will now play in the Northern final in Townsville in a fortnight.

All parents are reminded that the Annual Contribution Levy is well and truly due. The levy needs to be paid before students can participate in school activities like the Senior and Year 10 Formals. Please pay these levys' as soon as is possible.

The school has been completing the School Opinion Surveys (SOS) over the last week. The SOS asks a range of questions about the school to parents, students, and staff. If you receive a SOS can you please return it as soon as is possible. Parents and students sampled are selected on a random basis. I have completed the Staff, Year 9 and Year 11 surveys last week. The information from the surveys is returned in late October and I will share it with the school community at that time.

Students have been reminded that where we have suspicion that students may be smoking that we will search student bags. Students are not to bring tobacco products or any other illegal substances to school and consequences will apply if they do.

I will be visiting primary schools next week with Ms Drinkwater, Mrs Barnard and a group of Year 11 students to talk about the Year 7s going into Year 8. This year we are looking to interview all prospective parents and talk to them about high school. Interviews will be conducted on the week of the 08 to the 12 September. If you need any more information please phone the school.

***M J O'Hanlon***

***Principal***

## *Parenting Skills Workshop*

### **PARENTING SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE 12—15 YEARS**

Mackay Youth Support Services are pleased to bring to Mackay **Ronit Baras** of "Be Happy in Life" Brisbane. **Ronit** is an educator who has worked with parents and teens for the past 22 years all over the world. Her workshops are inspirational, promoting strong family relationships and self acceptance.

In the Better Parenting Skills Program, parents are taught to coach themselves and their family towards positive thinking, self acceptance, appreciation, self confidence, love and caring. Parents will learn techniques which can be integrated and used in their every day lives to promote more supportive family relationships.

**TUESDAY:** 26 AUGUST 2008  
**TIME:** 9:00am - 4:30pm  
**VENUE:** Block A, Level 2 Room A2.01  
TAFE, Sydney Street, Mackay

Morning Tea / Lunch / Afternoon Tea provided. Numbers are limited, \$15 per person .Contact:Karen 4953 2299.

## *Young Chefs Competition*

Our prize for winning the Young Chefs competition gave us a weekend in Brisbane. We enjoyed the experience of working in the kitchen and had a great time learning new things about the trade in Brisbane. We would like to thank Rotary, Broncos, Alchemy Restaurant and Qantas for their support.. We would also like to thank Mrs Cunningham and Steve Wallace from Rotary for chaperoning us.

**Sam and Jonathan**

**Young Chefs Interschool winners**

## *Excellence Awards in Visual Art & Design*

The Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design aims to promote and recognize excellence in senior visual arts education throughout Queensland's state and non state schools. This year's exhibition will take place at Mackay Town Hall and I am proud to say that three of our hardworking seniors are showcasing their talents in the exhibition.

Lisa Coad, Maggie Webster and Emma Denman's work will be on display from Tuesday 02 September and will continue until the 07 September 2008.

Opening night should be a cracker, starting at 6:00pm. The Mackay String Ensemble will be accompanying the work of nine schools from our region. Those selected for the prestigious award will be announced on the night.

In order to support our young artists I am calling upon parents and kind hearted community members to help us sit the gallery for the week that it is on. I need 15 volunteers in total to spend a leisurely couple of hours reading their book and sitting in the gallery. Opening hours are from a very civilised 10:00am to 4:00pm. Your support will mean a great deal. You can contact me on 49579122.

**Naomi Pelletier.**

## *Community Input Sought on all-abilities Playground*

Mackay Regional Council is seeking community feedback on the concept design of an all-abilities playground to be constructed at Iluka Park, Binnington Esplanade.

Take part in a community workshop on Thursday, 28 August, at 11:00am in the Sir Albert Administration Building's reception room.

View the plans at Gordon White and Mackay City libraries or visit [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au).

To RSVP call 4961 9451 or fill out the online feedback form by 29 August 2008.

## *Magpies Cricket Club*



### **2008 / 09 Sign On**

Farleigh Magpies Cricket Club is holding a sign on for the new season for Junior Players.

To register please phone:

Glen Cole 49 420 747 AH ----- For further details

## *Interschool Athletics*

Last Thursday and Friday about 70 Mackay State High School students competed at the Interschool Athletics carnival at Mackay North State High School. Our students performed very well, winning several events and placing 2nd and 3rd in many others.

Our strongest events over the two days were discus, shotput and the relays. We dominated the 4 x 100m relays winning several including the Open boys 4 x 100m. We placed 2nd in the Junior standings, 4th in the Senior and 2nd overall.

Well done to all.

Many students have gained selection in the Mackay team to compete at the Capricornia Trials to be held at Mackay North State High School next Thursday 21 August 2008. Lets hope they perform well. I'm sure they will.

**Chris Francis**

**Sports Co-ordinator**