

Newsletter No. 05 - 24 April 2009

Welcome back and I hope your children all had a good break over Easter. I enjoyed my break and am now fully back into work mode. This term is busy given the run of public holidays we have. It is important for all students, but especially our seniors to keep on top of their study. Next week we will be conducting our parent teacher interviews and I hope all parents have time before then to review their students work in the first term. Parent Teacher Interviews are an important part of education. It is important to review results and speak to your child regarding their performance. If you cannot make the interviews please contact the teachers you need to speak to by phone. I look forward to seeing you there.

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FORGAN

MACKAY

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

Our ANZAC Day ceremony was held on this morning and students will gain an insight into the origin of the ANZAC spirit. Thank you to Mr Macaulay for organizing the Catafalque and for the Cadets who add a military feel and also participated in the Victoria Park ceremony. The band also played at the ceremony and added to the overall feeling of this occasion. Thank you to Mr Johnson for his efforts with the band.

Last year a large number of our students marched in the ANZAC Day Parade in full uniform. I hope we will have a similar turnout again this year. Students are encouraged to participate and give up their time to remember those who have fallen and served our country. Please encourage your child to participate in this important day.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN) will be conducted on the 12, 13, 14 May 2009 for Year 9 students. Our Year 9s have been preparing for these tests and it will provide us data in relation to student performance. This is the second year of the national literacy and numeracy tests for secondary schools and they are being administered in Queensland by the [QSA](#).

I have just completed one of my favourite school jobs today as a judge in the Young Chef's competition. It is great to see many students participating and cooking some great meals. I look forward to Mondays junior finals as well. The next newsletter will have results and pictures.

Just another reminder to parents with the start of many of our interschool sporting programs that the school does not take out any insurance. Some sports have basic Death and Disability Insurance with their local association whilst others do not. If you have any concerns please ask your child's coach. Again the school has no accident insurance. Medical insurance is the responsibility of parents.

Mobile Phones

Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. Camera phones used inappropriately at school will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent. Should circumstances warrant that a student carry a mobile phone to and from school, the student must turn the phone off during all lessons. A violation of this rule will result in the phone being confiscated. Parents wishing to contact their students with urgent messages may do so via the school office.

The school will not be held responsible for any loss, theft or damage to mobile phones.



M J O'Hanlon

Principal

- Saturday 25 April 2009—
Anzac Day
- P & C Association Meeting
- Monday 27 April, 7:30pm
(All new members welcome)
- Monday 04 May 2009—
Labor Day

Whitsunday Voices Literary Festival

This annual exciting festival is fast approaching and Mackay State High School will be offering Year 10 English students the opportunity to attend three different sessions with renowned Australian authors including Boori Pryor, James Herrick, John Marsden and many more. Drama students will also be offered the opportunity to attend workshops run by NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts).

Notes will be coming out soon and we encourage students to get their forms back as soon as possible so that we can secure our positions. Every school in Mackay attends this festival so we need to get in quick.

Boori Pryor is also attending Central Primary, Victoria Park Primary and Mackay State High School to address all indigenous students about his life and his writing.

Stay tuned for more information about Whitsunday Voices.

Lisa Veney

English Teacher

Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Chaplaincy Fundraiser event to support Phil Hall our School Chaplain.

Celebrate Mothers Day in Style with a Mediterranean evening.

Mamma Mia Extravaganza!

Friday 08 May 2009

Time: 7:00pm

North Mackay Community Hall, Valley Street

Adults: \$20.00

Students: \$10.00

Dance, Dress Up, Sing, Nibbles, Gift packs, Prizes, Champaign and Movie Trivia.

For more information please call:-

Bronwyn: 4954 6563

Young Bloods Competition

This year Mackay State High School is participating in the Young Bloods competition being conducted by the Mackay Donor Centre. This involves teachers and those students aged 16 and over, giving up their free time to donate blood. The winner of the competition is the school with the highest number of donations made throughout the year. They are then crowned the 'Young Bloods School of the Year.'

You do not have to be a teacher or student from Mackay State High School to add to our tally, **anyone's** donation can count. All you need to do is inform the Blood Bank staff at reception you are from Mackay State High School and would like to add your donation to our tally. To make an appointment, phone the Mackay Blood Donor Centre on (07) 4951 1659 or visit donateblood.com.au.

100 Years of Scouting in Mackay

In 2009 we celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Mackay.

Mackay City Central Scout Group has vacancies for children in all sections of scouting.

Scouting is for boys and girls aged from 6 onwards and is the world's largest youth organisation

Each age group has its own section and has trained adult Leaders to supervise.

Joey's aged 6 to 8 .

Wednesday 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Cubs aged 7 ½ to 11 .

Thursday 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Scouts aged 10 ½ to 15 .

Friday 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Venturers aged 14 ½ to 18

Tuesday 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Ranges 17 ½ to 26

Tuesday nights

Mackay City Central Scout Den is located at the corner of Lagoon & Hume Streets West Mackay.

For further information please contact Group Leader, Nikki McWhinney on 4959 3717.

Paxton's Markets

Paxton's Market, Sunday 03 May 9:00am - 1:00pm. Next to Pacinos restaurant in River Street. Light Refreshments, local fruit & vegetables, home baking, arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork, ironwork, clothing, textiles, cards, cosmetics, skincare products, live music and more.

Contact: Julia 4959 1230



Thank you to Brumby's for supporting the Breakfast Club held at School each week.

Oakenden State School 2010 Centenary

MEETING FOR UPCOMING

2010 CENTENARY.

DATE: 21ST APRIL 2009 - TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED?

PLEASE COME ALONG.

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES OR YOU CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING, BUT WOULD LIKE TO FORWARD A SUGGESTION PLEASE PHONE:

Michael Bugeja: 49597202 or

Nikki Leggatt: 49597076, or email to

sstas1@eq.edu.au

Literacy and Numeracy

To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

If you need assistance to develop your reading, writing, English language and numeracy skills, help is only a phone call away.

The Reading Writing Hotline

The Reading Writing Hotline is a nationwide service which can provide you with information on:

- where to find reading and writing classes for adults in your area
- learning resources for adults
- English as a second language programs
- Centrelink client programs
- Literacy in the workplace.

You will be able to speak to an experienced adult literacy teacher who can answer your questions and offer support. If there are no classes available in your local area, the teacher will provide you with information about accessing learning support through distance education.

For more information telephone 1300 655 506 or visit: www.literacyline.edu.au/index.html.

Queensland Council for Adult Literacy

The Queensland Council for Adult Literacy offers adults the chance to improve their reading, writing and numeracy.

The council also offers information about courses held throughout the state and other services for those with English as their second language.

For more information telephone (07) 3878 9944 or visit:

www.qcal.org.au/index.php.

Winter Uniform

The cooler weather will soon be upon us. Students are required to wear the correct winter uniform as set out in the prospectus.

Winter Wear *The school tracksuit or a plain navy or maroon tracksuit may be worn instead of the school uniform during winter. This is not to be worn under the summer uniform. A maroon, lined Taslon jacket (with school emblem) is available through the uniform stockists. Year 11 & 12 students only may wear the nominated senior jersey. Hooded sweatshirts are not acceptable.*

Students are able to wear their Capricornia Sports Jacket if they have made Capricornia Selection.

Jeans, designer tracksuits and jackets, hoodies, flannel shirts and non-uniform jackets are not acceptable.

We would ask for your assistance to ensure that your child has the correct uniform before it becomes cold.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Ms Donna Drinkwater

Deputy Principal



Basketball - Competition for Open /boys, Open Girls and Under 15 Girls starts next week, Tuesday 28 April, 2009. Forms can be collected from C07 staffroom.

Rugby Union - Open Women's competition is underway with games most Friday afternoons starting at 4:00pm. Under 15 girls competition starts in about four weeks time.

Cricket - Game for Open Boys is on Sunday 03 May V Mackay North State High School at Harrup Park.

Our Netball and Rugby League teams continue to be busy, with many fixtures this term.

Interschool Cross Country is on Tuesday 19 May (week 5) at Sarina golf Course. Students who place in the top 6 are eligible and may purchase a school athletics singlet this year for Cross Country and Athletics events.

Thanks go to all staff involved in school sport and all the parents who put in a big effort to assist their students sports teams. Get out and support our students, there is plenty going on.

Chris Francis

Sports Coordinator