

Newsletter No. 04 - 27 March 2009

Congratulations again to Leon Curry who represented our school at the Constitutional Convention in Canberra. Leon was selected to represent the Indigenous youth of North Queensland and this was both a great honor and opportunity for Leon.

Peta Comelli of Year 11 has been selected to go to the Aspiring Leaders Conference in Canberra later this year. This is an excellent result for both Peta and our school as only 12 students from the state are chosen for this prestigious event. I look forward to hearing from Peta on her return.

The school has recently been advised that we will receive money for a number of projects. These include

- Refurbishment and modernization of the Library
- Modernization of the Science Block
- Upgrade of the D Block Classrooms
- Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts and

Improvements to our Manual Arts facility with money from the Mackay Tech College development.

All in all this will lead to improvements in our schools ability to deliver modern programs especially in relation to the digital world.

We have had a number of students selected in Capricornia teams and it is great to see our students performing well at a regional sports level.

The QCS practice test is on in the last week of term and our preparations are going well. QCS preparations and practice tests are an essential component of our Seniors lead up to the QCS test in early September.

The swimming carnival was a good day yesterday with plenty of students enjoying themselves. The teachers (of course) again won the relay.

You may have noticed that our Oval is looking good after the work on it before the holidays. The rain has topped it off nicely and we are looking to conduct more home sports matches this year.

School resumes on Tuesday 21st April after the Easter week.



M J O'Hanlon

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matt O'Hanlon

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Ms Donna Drinkwater

A/DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Skinner

REGISTRAR

Mrs Desley Livermore

GUIDANCE OFFICER

Mr Lindsay Hains

SCHOOL NURSE

Ms Anne Crowley

CHAPLAIN

Mr Phil Hall

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COUNSELLOR/S

Gordon Quakawoot &

Val Wright

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Tereana Suhle

Jeffrey Southwell

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS

Kirby Mackelvie

Kelvin Nielsen

SPORTING HOUSES

CHATAWAY

DENNISS

FORGAN

MACKAY

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

- **Date Claimers**
- **10—20 April Easter Break**
- **21 April—School Resumes**

Lions Children of Courage Award



The following boys recently received the Lions Children of Courage Awards - Joshua Burdon, Chris McBain and Torrens Maley. Joshua, Chris and Torrens participated in the rescue of Dylan Radloff at the Blue Water Lagoons on 14 September 2008. Joshua and his two mates worked together to save this young boy's life. Joshua has now left school to take up full time employment. It is in recognition of these youth's swift actions that Lions join the community in applauding them. Guidance Officer Lindsay Hains also received an award for follow up support with the boys. Mr Hains contacted the family last week to see how Dylan was going. He is doing really well.

Learning Network Queensland

Your Future Pathway Linked Learning Program

This fully funded 100hr program is designed to assist you into the workforce or improve your literacy skills for further study or training. Course covers accredited computing & job seeking skills and optional opportunity to improve reading, writing and maths skills

Course begins: 23rd March 2009

Phone: Betty Marshall at Learning Network Queensland Mackay on 07 49407 405 to enrol



This project has been funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' **Skilling Queenslanders for Work** Initiative

Flick the Switch for Earth Hour

For one hour, from 8:30pm to 9:30pm, on Saturday 28 March 2009 the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org/

It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at: www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

Health News

We have been having lots of fun at the Breakfast Club, which continues to operate 4 mornings/week in the hall kitchen. We are very excited about our new conveyor-belt toaster, which was very kindly provided for the student's use by the P & C – our original toasters just couldn't hack the pace and had started to deteriorate. We are also awaiting the arrival of a number of stools for use at the Breakfast Club, which have been provided by Lindsay Hains, our Guidance Officer – thanks Lindsay! Our cooking lessons on Tuesday mornings with Moira are going well too. The students have been making French toast lately, which they have been enjoying. Thanks as ever to our great supporters – Brumby's Bread (Sydney St & Canelands), Mackay Youth Support Service, the P & C, and our school Agriculture Dept for the eggs. Anne Crowley
(School Based Youth Health Nurse)



City Brothers Soccer Club

CITY BROTHERS SOCCER CLUB

requires additional players for their **U13/14** team for the 2009 season.

For further information, please contact Junior President

DEAN MCCARTNEY – 0448 484200

or Competitive Registrar
BEV FERRIS – 0417 181072

National Youth Week 28 March—05 April

Make a Move to PCYC Mackay !

Saturday 28 March 2009 - 5:00pm to 10:00pm
Free entry - For young people 10 -18yrs

Main attraction include:

Battle of the Bands (\$1000 prize pool - 1st-\$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200) - Phone 0438793486.

Amusements Bungy Run and Sumo Suits
Local DJ, Service providers stalls and displays!

Transport Available Pick ups

Eimeo Road Bus Interchange 4:30; 5:00; 5:30pm
Slade Point Shopping Centre 4:30; 5:00; 5:30pm
Woolworths Andergrove 4:40; 5:10 5:40pm
Woolworths Walkerston 4:30; 5:00; 5:30pm
Cnr Nebo Rd & Schaeffer St 4:40; 5:10; 5:40pm
Groups of 10 Phone 0438793486 to arrange pick up

Drop off

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Cnr Nebo Rd & Schaeffer St 9:40; 10:10; 10:40pm

This is a drug and alcohol free event. No pass outs and the event will be supervised by off duty police officer!

Sarina Beach Party

Sunday 05 April 2009
12:00noon - 6:00pm, Sarina Beach, **Free entry-**

Main attraction include:

Fashion design competition, Beach games, BBQ
Melbourne Band "Chasing Gravity" and local arts

This is a drug and Alcohol free event.

Netball Trivia Night

Mackay State High School is holding a Trivia Night for the Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Team to travel to the Waverley International Netball Championships during the June/July School Holidays. The girls were NQ Champions last year and were 7th overall in the state so this is a great opportunity for the athletes to show how good they are. Please show your support and come along and have some fun with great prizes up for grabs.

With **PAT HAZEL** hosting the night, a \$200.00 Rivage Dinner voucher, a trip to Laguna Quays as well as a signed Liz Ellis netball up for grabs, it is a night not to miss. Alcohol and nibblies are also available.

WHEN: Friday 03 April 2009

WHERE: Mackay State High School Hall

TIME: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

COST: \$10.00 per head with a maximum of 10 people per table

RSVP: 30 March 2009

QSL Whitsunday Miners



Easter Soccer Coaching Clinic

When: Tues 14, Wed 15 & Thurs 16 April, 2009

Time: 9:00am -3:00pm

Venue: Holy Spirit College, via Tolcher St

Who: Ages 8 -16yrs

Price: \$25 per child for a day or \$70 for all 3 days

What to bring:

- Shoes/boots and socks
- Water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen
- Lunch and snacks

To book a place: Call Graham Harvey on 0431428136 after 4:00pm on weekdays, anytime at weekends or email gharvey2@hotmail.com

Paxton Markets

Paxton's Market, Sunday 05 April 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Next to Pacinos restaurant in River Street. Light Refreshments, home baking, arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork, ironwork, clothing, textiles, cards, cosmetics, skincare products, live music and more. Contact: Julia 4959 1230