

Newsletter No. 07 - 29 May 2009

A letter was sent home on Tuesday in relation to Human Swine Flu. Please take the time to read that letter and reinforce to your children the basic hygiene issues they can use to minimize the risk. We are currently checking all contact information so if you have any changes please let the school know.

Congratulations to our school chaplain Phil Hall for 10 years of great service to the school community. Well done Phil!

An enthusiastic group of about 100 students were fantastic representatives for our school at the Relay for Life. Our students were excellent ambassadors and were noticeable by both their number and their attitude. Community service is a great advertisement for our school and our students and I thank members of the community who supported our teams who raised approximately \$7000. A big thank you as well to Mrs Place and the team of teachers who supported our kids. Well done to all.

Our Year 9 students completed their national testing two weeks ago and most students felt it went OK. The school will report back to the community when we have our results.

Our Breakfast Club recently celebrated its second year of service to the school. Our School Youth Nurse has done a great job with this and our students enjoy the morning fare. Thanks to all staff and community groups that support this excellent program.

Our Peer Mediation service is also celebrating its tenth year of service to the school. At our Parade on Wednesday we recognized the efforts of the Peer Mediators with their badge presentations. Thank you to Mrs Bryan for her work.

This year the school is participating in the Rock Eisteddfod again under the direction of Mrs Tenni. It is a big commitment from students and staff. I look forward to seeing the show on 05 June when they perform at the Mackay Entertainment Centre.

Can I remind parents that the annual contribution should be paid by now. This money is used for subject resources and consumables. If you have any problems making payment could you please contact me to arrange a payment schedule.

We are approaching a stressful time for our students as exams soon dawn upon us. This time is especially stressful for our seniors. In your discussions with your son/ daughter remind them that plenty of rest, water and a healthy lifestyle is the best preparation for successful completion of their work.

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matt O'Hanlon

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Ms Donna Drinkwater

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MACKAY

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am



M J O'Hanlon

School Bus Assistance

School Bus Assistance For Lower Income Families

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- ◇ Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- ◇ Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- ◇ Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs pension; or
- ◇ Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Passenger Transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518313.

We are also very excited about the new uniform shop which will commence construction soon in the empty store room adjacent to the tuckshop.

P & C provides ongoing financial support to our very worthwhile 'breakfast club' and have recently purchased a new conveyor toaster.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at the administration block starting at 7:30pm. We welcome new members and encourage new ideas.

Please note that our May meeting is being held over until Monday the 01 June and will commence at 6:00pm at Souths Leagues Club.

Uniform Shop News.

If you have any Mackay State High School uniforms that you no longer require please consider donating them back to us.

Any donations can be left with Edna at the uniform shop.

Winter jackets are now \$65.00 and are available for purchase.

Breakfast Club 2nd Birthday

We are very proud to have clocked up 2 full years of Breakfast Club on 16 May 2009. We all celebrated this achievement, along with Chaplain Phil's 10th anniversary at Mackay State High School, on Thursday 21 May with one of our special big breakfasts. Menu included pancakes, bacon, banana smoothies, and a birthday cake, as well as our usual toast, cereal and milk.

The Breakfast Club at Mackay State High School is an outstanding success, and is open to all. We generally have 50 – 70 students coming over for a chat, some toast or cooking lessons each morning. Of course, we have a dedicated bunch of supporters, and a huge amount of thanks goes to them. Thanks for the support also, from the P & C, Brumby's Bread (Canelands & Sydney Street), Mackay Youth Support Service, volunteer Chaplaincy team, Phil, Lindsay, Edna, and the school community in general.

**Anne Crowley
(School Based Youth
Health Nurse)**



Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by Queensland Transport to eligible parents / guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the types of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Passenger Transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8313.

P & C News

We have recently donated \$23000 to Mackay State High School for the purchase of new equipment. This includes a Line Marker for the oval, Lathe and Accessories for Manual Arts Department.

Other projects contributed to throughout the past year include :-

- Rock Eisteddfod Challenge
- Students German trip
- Breakfast for Year 12's sitting QCS exams.
- Opti-Minds Challenge

Tuckshop Volunteers

Mackay State High School Tuckshop is looking for volunteers. Tasks include preparation, serving and selling a variety of foods. You can volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact the Tuckshop Convenors, Judy or Sharyn on 4957 9127.

Netball News

Despite a few weeks of wet weather we are truly into our 2009 Fixtures. Teams are going well and enjoying their games – despite the cold weather! **There are still players with outstanding fees and we would appreciate prompt payment of these.**

A fortnight ago Mackay State High School entered two teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup Mackay Round Robin. Both teams did well on the way with our First Team through to the district final which will be played in the near future. Good luck girls!

Next week several of our netball girls will attend State Titles in Barcaldine and Roma as Capricornia players. In the Under 15 team are Marine Venter, Farren MacKelvie, Emily Arnold, Krissa Nielsen and Kody Smith. This team is coached by Carynne Robinson and managed by myself. Mataya Suhle is in the Under 19 team. We wish all girls good luck at their state titles.

Miss Emily Rodgers

MSHS Netball

Learning Network Queensland

Learning Network Queensland's **Mackay** is now offering its fully funded **Back to Work** course to people who wish to upgrade their skills in order to enter or re-enter the workforce.

The Back To Work courses will begin on 13 JULY 2009 and will run two days a week for two weeks and three days a week for another two weeks.

This program focuses on job seeking skills including writing resumes and addressing selection criteria as well as learning the basic computer skills of word processing and accessing the internet and email. The computing units are from the Certificate I in Information and Technology.

The Back to Work program is funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' **Skilling Queenslanders for Work** initiative.

For further information phone Betty Marshall Coordinator LNQ Mackay on 49407405 or visit the centre at CQ University Boundary Road Planlands.

Tertiary Student Accommodation

2010 Brisbane Tertiary Student Accommodation

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary student in Brisbane within a supportive Christian environment.

The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology and other

places of study close to the city. All public transport is within easy access to the College.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single room accommodation for up to 120 students in a safe and friendly atmosphere. All meals are provided as well as a number of other services that include: internet access, individual telephones, common room and swimming pool.

Additional information is available on the internet at www.raymont.com.au or by contacting the College :- 07 33779903 and requesting an information kit.

Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia, Qld Synod.

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival

Wide Bay Australia Ltd


is dedicated to supporting our community.

Thanks for their generous support in helping our schools with the cost of transporting students to

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival 2009



Going to school with head lice



Should you send your child with head lice to school?

If your child has head lice, it is strongly recommended that you send him/her to school **AFTER YOU HAVE STARTED** an effective treatment of head lice.


EFFECTIVE TREATMENT means:

- NO LIVE head lice
- eggs may still be present (they remain after the first combing with hair conditioner or application of an effective chemical treatment; no product kills eggs and no comb removes all eggs.)

Eggs pose no risk to others **AS LONG AS TREATMENT CONTINUES AND IS EFFECTIVE.**

Conditioner and combing treatment

You **CAN** effectively treat head lice without using chemicals.



The conditioner and combing technique:

- is cheaper than chemical treatments;
- is very safe to use with children;
- works by stunning the lice so you can remove them easily;
- requires as much time as a chemical treatment if used properly; and
- is environmentally friendly.

Older children can learn to use the conditioner and combing treatment themselves.