

Newsletter No. 06 - 09 May 2008

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

Next week our Year 9 students will be completing the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. These tests assess student performance in both Literacy and Numeracy and will be conducted over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This national program will provide student performance information to parents and the school in relation to both our student performance and the group, and adds to the data collected in the Year 3,5, and 7 tests. Parents will receive a report on their child's performance in September.

It was great to see a tremendous roll up at the ANZAC day Parade. Our new banners along with over 150 students was a credit to all. Students are invited to come along with no pressure applied and the number is growing. A big thank you to all.

This weekend an enthusiastic group of our students, parents and teachers are involved in the Relay for Life. They have spent a lot of time fundraising and the money raised goes to a worthy cause. Thank you to all who have helped out in this major community program.

Zoe Hadok-Quadrio recently spent three days in Canberra at the National Constitutional Convention for students. Zoe enjoyed her time in Canberra (except the cold) and the lectures on Republicanism and the Constitution. Zoe told me that it was great to be involved in such an event and I congratulate her on representing the school at this forum.

Whilst on school ambassadors Lisa Coad is doing a great job as our Red Cross Blood Service Ambassador. Each week Lisa organizes students to give blood which is a great habit to get into. Our Year 12 students are taking up the challenge with 4 or 5 going each week. Keep up the good work students!

Finally 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.

M J O'Hanlon
Principal

- 09 June—Queens Birthday
- 30 June—School Holidays begin

Health News

ANSWER TO DIRT DILEMMA FOUND

Here it is! The most valuable piece of advice I've ever received about bedrooms. One mother discovered a fail-safe method for dealing with teenagers' bedrooms. What you do is devilishly simple.

- First, clean the bedroom once. Once! Make it spotless.
- Then take a photo of the spotless bedroom in all its glory.
- Then take the film down to a developer with a special deal on poster-sized photos.
- Bring the poster-sized photo home and stick it on the outside of the bedroom door.

Close the door and pretend that is what it looks like. If you like, before-and-after photos on the door can make a nice touch.

TODAY'S WORD:

CLEANLINESS

Definition:

By Parent: Bed made. Clothes in laundry basket or folded and put in wardrobe. Plates and food returned to kitchen.

By Teenager: Bed covered. Clothes stuffed into drawers or left on floor ready for next use. Food supplies and emergency rations near to hand.

Written by Andrew Fuller 2004, "Creating Resilient Families", ACER

Join a forum to discuss these issues on www.andrewfuller.com.au

Absent Students

When students are absent from school or are coming in late to school, they are required to bring a note or parents / guardians are able to ring to explain their absence.

If the school does not receive an explanation for the students absence the student will be marked as an unexplained absence for that day.

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Hand-signed T-shirt worn by Premiership Captain, Darren Lockyer to the 2006 Grand Final.

(Comes with COA from Darren Lockyer)

Tickets - **\$2.00**

(Tickets available from the **Uniform Shop**)

Drawn - 24 May 2008.

P & C Trivia Night

Mackay State High School P. & C. Trivia Night

Date: 24th May Time: 7:00PM
Mackay State High School Hall
Milton Street

Full Bar, Pizza, Savoury Platters on Sale

Fantastic Prizes

Categories Include; General Knowledge, Sport, TV & Film, Music

Adults \$10 Secondary Students \$5
Primary and Under Free

Call 4957 9156 to reserve your table of 10 or to be part of a team.

Great fun for family and friends



Vaccination Catch Up Days

There will be two catch up days for students who missed out on their vaccinations.

Date: 14 May and 28 May 2008.

Time: 8:00am - 4:15pm

Community Health offices, Nelson Street, Mackay.

For further details contact: Yvonne on 4968 3863.

Relief Cleaning Staff

The school is experiencing difficulty in replacing cleaners who are on leave. I would be interested to hear from parents / carers / grandparents / friends who may wish to be considered for relief cleaning work. Sometimes this involves a few days work and at other times can be for several weeks / months.

Please contact Desley Livermore, Business Services Manager on 4957 9112 if you are interested in going on a relief cleaners list or would like further information. It will be necessary to apply for a *Working with Children Blue Card* if you are offered any relief work at the school.

Rock Paper Scissors

Mackay Flood Relief Appeal Fundraiser

Rock Paper Scissors

First Prize: \$1000

10.30am, Sunday 18 May

PCYC, off Norris Road

Clowns, Food, Spot Prizes

Ph: Terri 0447 069 008

Come and be part of the Rock Paper Scissors World Record Attempt, help raise funds for the Mackay Flood Relief Appeal, and maybe win a prize.

It costs \$5 to play, and all ages are welcome. The overall winner receives \$1000, with \$500 for the runner-up. Dave Perkins will chair the event, and there will be roving entertainment, spot prizes, food and drinks.

The Rock Paper Scissors event will be held on Sunday May 18 from 10.30am at the PCYC, off Norris Road. You can make a team, or join one on the day. Phone Terri on 0447 069 008 for more details.

Mackay Rebuilding Coordination Centre

Mackay Rebuilding Coordination Centre Open For All Repair Questions.

Families with any questions relating to the repair of flood affected homes can visit the Mackay Rebuilding Coordination Centre (MRCC) at Porters Plaza. MRCC General Manager Ian Jennings said the centre also had an independent insurance advisor available to help with any insurance inquiries relating to the repair of homes following the floods.

Mr Jennings said the MRCC had fielded inquiries from builders, tradespeople and homeowners, with staff at the centre answering a wide range of inquiries about the rebuilding effort.

“Our building inspectors have conducted an extensive survey of the flood affected region, and have left leaflets and contact details for residents to contact the MRCC if they have any questions,” he said.

“We have found that sometimes people do not think their issue is worth coming into the MRCC and raising with us”.

“However, when they do come and talk to us they find that we can help them out with some handy information and tips.”

The MRCC was established to assist consumers and contractors by streamlining the rebuilding process and providing assistance to consumers to help manage their situation, or resolve conflicts in relation to repairs or rebuilding of their homes.

For any repair or rebuilding information please visit the MRCC at Shop 10, Porters Plaza, 36 Carlyle Street, Mackay, or phone 1300 727 795. You can also visit :

<http://www.buildingcoordinationcentre.qld.gov.au/>

Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia QLD offers FREE DROUGHT, SUGAR INDUSTRY AND FISHING INDUSTRY COUNSELLING –

For individuals, couples, families and community members whose lives have been affected by the Drought or impacted by the changes in the Sugar and Fishing Industries.

Relationships Australia QLD have experience and expertise in matters relating to families, children, stress, family violence, decision making, problem solving, communication, marital problems and other personal issues.

We have over 40 branches and venues throughout Queensland (branch and venue locations listed on the website www.relationships.com.au).

More information (and to book an appointment time) phone 1300 364 277 (cost of a local call)

Face-to-face (in branch/ venue locations) **and Telephone counselling** is available, phone for an appointment.

Schools Maintenance Program

There has been recent media interest in the budget of the Schools Maintenance Program which manages the upgrading and upkeep of Queensland's state schools.

In Queensland state schools the health, safety and security of staff and students is always our top priority and it is no different when it comes to urgent maintenance needs.

Each year, qualified QBuild staff inspect every one of Queensland's 1251 state schools and identify and prioritise any maintenance work which needs to be undertaken.

To ensure healthy working and learning environments, the State Government is investing \$84 million in school maintenance in 2007-08.

This funding is on top of a \$445.5 million capital works program, which builds new schools and new classrooms for Queensland's growing population.

Should you have any questions about our schools maintenance arrangements, I encourage you to contact the school (the principal) directly to ensure you receive accurate information about what is happening.