**School Happenings in Pictures!**

**Deadly Sports**

**General Messages**

**Mowing Roster 2016**—thank you to the families who have volunteered their time by putting their name on the Grounds Care Roster. Our April team is Scott and Julie McLean with Barry and Laurinda Volker. The team for May consists of Chris and Lisa together with Chook and Kim.

**Second-hand Uniforms**—the school has accumulated a pile of second-hand uniforms. If anyone is interested in purchasing these items, please come to the office. All items are $5 each or discount for multiple purchases.

**Marian Markets**—will be on again at the Church Grounds in Marian on Sunday 17th April 2016, from 8:00am until 12 noon. A huge variety of great stalls with a sausage sizzle and refreshments available.

**Research Advertisement:** parents views about parenting support programs—researchers from the University of Qld and the University of WA are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs. If your child is aged between 2-10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, visit [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews) and complete a short 20-minute survey. For more information about the project, use the link or contact alina@psy.uq.edu.au

**For EFT/Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Account Details are . . . . .**

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**2016 Priorities**

- Spelling—Using THRSS
- Reading—embedding high level reading strategies
- Writing—Developing text structures and language features in genre writing

**Upcoming Events**

**April 2016**
- **Thu 21**—Touch Trials
- **Sat 23**—Calen P&C Push Cart Derby
- **Sun 24**—Marian Markets
- **Mon 25**—Cross Country
- **Tue 26**—P&C Meeting
- **Wed 27**—NAPLAN Info Parent Session
- **Fri 29**—P&C set up Race Day
- **Sat 30**—P&C Race Day

**May 2016**
- **Mon 2**—public holiday
- **Wed 4 to Fri 6**—Mum Day Stall
- **Sun 8**—Mother’s Day
- **Tue 10 to Thu 12**—NAPLAN
- **Mon 16**—Education Week
- **Tue 24 to Thu 26**—School Camp
- **Thu 26**—Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
- **Mon 30**—Book Fair
- **Fri 31**—Visit Out of School Care

**June 2016**
- **Fri 10**—Arts Link
- **Tue 14**—AVA PetPEP School Visit
- **Fri 17**—Sports Day
- **Mon 20**—NAIDOC Week Activities
- **Thu 23**—Show Holiday
- **Fri 24**—Red Nose Day
- **Fri 24**—Term 2 Ends

**July 2018**
- **Mon 11**—First Day Term 3
- **Wed 13**—School Phonics
- **Thu 14**—Fri 15—Whitsunday Voices Festival
- **Thu 21 to Fri 22**—District Sports
- **Wed 27**—Swimming Commences

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**Principal’s Message**

**Hi All,**

I hope you all manage to get some time to spend relaxing with your families over the Easter break. Welcome back to another busy school term. Please take some time to check out the upcoming events as there is a lot on this term.

**Attendance**—In Term 1 we had an attendance rate of 93.5 %. While this does meet regional and state targets of 93% it is below the attendance of recent years. There were an unprecedented number of illness events in Term 1 which clearly impacted on students ability to be at school. I would like to stressed to all families the importance of regular and consistent attendance. If your child is to be away from school please let us know and if the absence is likely to be extended, ensure you make contact with your child’s teacher.

**NAPLAN**—will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 5. May 10-12. In the weeks leading up to NAPLAN, I will be working with students and families in Years 3 and 5 to ensure the week is as smooth as possible and students are as comfortable as possible. Below are the dates for three events linked to NAPLAN.

**Narrative Writing Workshop for students in Years 3 & 5—**Week 2: Monday to Friday 9-1:00pm

**Persuasive Writing Workshop for students in Years 3 & 5—**Week 4: Tuesday to Friday 9-1:00pm

**Students will engage in differentiated sessions to help support their on-demand writing NAPLAN Parent Information Session—**Wednesday 27th April 3:15-3:45pm.

An opportunity for parents and families to learn a little more about the NAPLAN assessment period and dispel some common myths that may be unfairly portrayed.

**ANZAC Day**—ANZAC Day is Fast approaching—Monday week. The school will again be the host for the Kuttabul RSL sub branch service. The dawn service will commence at school from 5am onwards. Students have been working on their songs with Miss Walz and are invited to attend on the day to participate in the service. A movie will be shown in the classroom for students following the dawn service while the Kuttabul RSL run their program prior to the students performance.

**Sporting Trials**—We have two main sporting events taking place in the coming fortnight. This Thursday Calen District touch trials will be held at Hampden State school for the Mackay trials to be held next Friday 22nd. In addition, the Calen cross country trials will be held at Seaford on Monday 18th. Any students who have been selected to attend these trials will have received documentation which needs to be returned to school. Please be aware that it is parents’ responsibility to transport their children to events held off site. Miss Dittman will attend the Seaford Cross Country trials as our representative and may be able to transport a couple of additional students. Please see if your child requires transportation.

**Whopping Cough**—There has been a few cases of Whopping Cough diagnosed across both our school and the surrounding local areas. Early diagnoses is imperative so even if your child has been vaccinated against whooping cough, it is important you seek medical attention if you have concerns. Please notify the school immediately if your child is diagnosed.

**Have a great week!**

**Shane Wilkie**

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**Addressing the Needs of Individual Students in a Safe and Supportive Learning Environment**

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**April 12 2016**
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Welcome to Term 2! This is going to be a very exciting term, with lots of things happening. Next week is the start of our Reading Groups and the Prep will be reading as well! This week we are practicing lots of activities to help us get ready for groups next week. Our “No Excuse Spelling” program has changed slightly and over the next few weeks the Year 1 and 2 students will bring home their own “No Excuse Spelling” Book for homework. Class homework will commence next week and is still due back each Friday. We would still like some awesome parents to help us with sight words any morning you are available. All help is appreciated.

PREP/1/2: Olivia Gordon

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday, surrounded by lots of Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny. Our first day back was a very productive day with our class completing spelling testing, organising homework for the term and working on finishing some assessment items. Hopefully our good run will continue for the rest of the term. Year 2 students received a different type of homework sheet yesterday. Please if you have any concerns regarding your child’s homework contact me ASAP.

Year 5/6: Katrinia Munchow & Shane Wilkie

HOME LEARNING UPDATE: Home learning will commence next week while we restructure the layout and activities. This week students can complete spelling activities and some reading. Students can use any spelling list words from Unit 2 to complete their spelling activities this week.

1. Sentences
2. Phonemes/graphemes
3. Syllables

HUNT FOR MACKAY & WHITSUNDAY’S FAVOURITE TEACHER

An Apple a Day to Make Our Teachers’ Day!

Zinc 101.9 radio has launched a search for Mackay and the Whitsundays’ favourite primary school teacher, as voted by members of the community. Bragging rights and a huge value of Apple prizes are up for grabs as we celebrate the teachers that make our region great! Zinc 101.9 is encouraging students, parents and grandparents of students, as well as other members of the community, to get involved in the promotion and give back to their teachers and schools (past and present). Nominees for favourite teachers will be open from today until 4pm next Monday 18th April 2016. Voting then commences from Tuesday 19th April to Thursday 5th May. All voting is done online via the Zinc 101.9 website. The teacher with the most votes after 4 weeks will be announced Friday 6th May. They will win an Apple iPad Air 2 and their class will win an Apple iPad Shuffles for every student. Plus, the school that teacher and class is from will win an Apple iMac desktop computer and one entire pallet of printer paper donated by Carroll’s News. The Zinc 101.9 Facebook page will feature daily updates of the Teacher Leader Board once voting commences, to keep track of votes. So go to the Zinc 101.9 website for voting and the address is: mackay.radiozinc.com.au Click “win” and “Apple for Teacher” for competition webpage. Full Terms and conditions available at website.

2016 LITERARY COMPETITION

Pen a Poem, Short Story or Non-Fiction Prose to Enter

Entries are now open for the 2016 Literary Competition for poem, short story or non-fiction prose—competition sponsored by James Cook University and Penguin Random House Australia. This competition gives students and teachers an opportunity to practise their skills and be recognised and rewarded for their talents. Each entry must be the original work of the entrant and must be accompanied by an official entry form. Full details and entry forms are available from www.qieu.asn.au/literary. The competition closes Friday 22nd July 2016.

Prizes:
- Zinc 101.9 Teacher (1st $300; 2nd $200; 3rd $100)
- Years 9-10 (1st $150; 2nd $100; 3rd $75)
- Years 7-8 (1st $150; 2nd $100; 3rd $75)
- Year 6 (1st $150; 2nd $100; 3rd $75)
- Open—Teachers (1st $100; 2nd $200; 3rd $100)

Competition Details:
- Years 11-12 (Poem; Short Story 600-1500 words; Non-Fiction Prose 600-1500 words)
- Years 9-10 (Poem; Short Story 600-1500 words)
- Years 7-8 (Poem; Short Story 500-1200 words)
- Year 6 (Poem; Short Story 400-800 words)
- Open—Teachers (Short Story 800-2500 words)

PARENT INFORMATION—THRASS

As many of you will now be aware, in 2016 we are placing reading, spelling and writing as our core priorities. We are using THRASS—Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Strategies as a key driver of this improvement strategy.

How Does THRASS Fit Into Literacy Teaching?

THRASS is a phonetics teaching tool designed to assist with all levels of literacy by teaching skills and understandings about our language that are linguistically correct and sustainable. Phonetics (commonly known as phonics) is in general terms a method used for teaching reading and spelling by presenting strategies to learners about the relationships between sounds and letters. THRASS raises the standard of phonetics to a new level by taking a completely different pathway. Importantly the work that you do as a parent with THRASS, should be continually reinforced by regular reading sessions.

DATE CLAIMER:

Look out for dates later this term when we invite families and friends to come into classrooms to play some THRASS games with our students.

Birthday Celebrations for April 2016:

Kurtis—Year 1: 13th April – 6 years old
Rusty—Year Prep: 11th April—5 years old
Liam—Year 1: 10th April—6 years old
Hudson—Year 1: 30th April—6 years old
Matilda—Year 2: 15th April—7 years old
Jessica—Year 2: 17th April—7 years old
Sienna—Year 5: 26th April—10 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

P&C News

Hi all—I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday.

Firstly I’d like to thank Chris and Barb Perna and their family for keeping the school grounds mowed and looking good for the last few months. This was a huge effort considering the weather we’ve had. Also thank you to all the people who did work around the school during the holidays. There were quite a number of schools who grew up their time to complete gardening, cleaning etc. So thank you again.

ANZAC Day working bee is on this coming Sunday the 17th April at 8.00am. Be sure to bring a hat and if you are able, a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow etc. All children are welcome and are encouraged to jump in and help with all suitable activities. There will be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks for lunch. All are welcome.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday 19th April 2016, commencing at 6.30pm.

Cheers
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

“*The difference between school and life. In school you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”* Tom Badelt