**2016 Priorities**

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

**Principal's Message**

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:**

P&C Race Bars: The P&C are seeking volunteers for the Melbourne Cup Race Day on Tuesday 1 November. In 2016 the P&C has raised $10000 from these events. This is a significant amount which has allowed the school to purchase Interactive High Definition Touch screen televisions for our classrooms. The P&C are now sourcing quotes to replace the older air-conditioning units across the school. The benefits of the Race Bars is that all that is required of our families is their time. The school is not asking for donations or money from our community members. Just 5 hours once or twice a year contributes significantly. Finally, for those who may not want to work in a bar there are a variety of other tasks that need to be done so everyone is welcome. Sourcing fundraising $$ is becoming increasingly competitive and our school’s relationship with the Mackay Turf Club is a positive relationship that has direct impact upon our students education. We need your support to ensure this continues.

2017 School Leadership Positions: Students in Year 5 have been issued with a leadership passport. This passport outlines the qualities we as a school believe leaders should demonstrate. Students will have five weeks in which to get their passports signed off by staff members. All Year 5 students who complete their Leadership Passports will automatically be recognised as part of the 2017 Student Council and be able to nominate for the positions of School and Sports Captains positions. Nominations for positions will be required by Friday November 25. Speeches and elections for 2017 Leadership Positions will be held on Friday 2 December with the announcement of 2017 positions to happen at the End of Year Awards Evening.

Grandparents Day: The school will host Grandparents Day for the entire school on Thursday 3 November. We would like to invite grandparents to come into school on this day to join us in sharing some learning experiences. We will also be holding a writing competition asking students to share their best memories involving their grandparents.

Halloween Haunted House: On Thursday 27 October the Year 3/4/5 will be hosting a Haunted House experience in the library. For a Gold Coin donation students will be able to walk through a haunted house-like environment experiencing a range of creepy crawly Halloween themed items. Thanks to Mrs Paskins for helping the children with this event. Monies raised will go towards the 2017 4/5/6 Brisbane camp.

Head Lice and Medical Exclusions: Included in today’s newsletter are information sheets regarding head lice and the time out periods for contagious conditions. Please be aware of this information and if you suspect your child has head lice or a contagious condition refer to these sheets and contact a medical facility if necessary. If you require further information or support please contact the school.

Finally, I will be in Brisbane this Friday, Monday and Tuesday conducting a Full School Review as a Peer Reviewer for the School Improvement Unit at Salisbury State School. Mrs Wright will be the officer in charge during my absence. Please direct any enquiries to her. I will be contactable on the school mobile if required.

**Have a great week!**

Shane Wilkie

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**Upcoming Events**

**October 2016**
- Fri 21—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program commences
- Thu 27—Halloween Haunted House
- Fri 28—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program
- Fri 28—World Teachers’ Day
- Sat 29—Coderdojo—Calen DSC

**November 2016**
- Tue 1—P & C Melbourne Cup Race Bar
- Wed 2—Home Ice-Cream
- Thu 3—Grandparents day
- Fri 4—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program
- Mon 7—Camp information evening
- Fri 11—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program
- Tue 15—Final 2016 P & C meeting
- Wed 16—Home Ice-Cream
- Fri 18—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program
- Fri 25—Kuttabul Kids Playgroup—Pre-prep transition program
- Wed 30—Home Ice-Cream
- Wed 30—Mirani SHS Year 7 2017 Orientation Day
- Mon 21/11/16—2/12/16 Mirani SHS enrolment interviews for Year 7 2017
- Fri 25—2017 School Leadership Position Nominations due

**December 2016**
- Fri 2—Speeches & elections for 2017 Leadership positions
- Wed 7—Awards Night
- Fri 9—Rewards Day
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Our Technology projects have made a successful start, with everyone constructing swings last week. There was lots of fun, mixed in with a bit of frustration and a lot of learning! This week we will continue on with the construction of a wooden fort model. On Monday, Mrs Perna and I attended a conference on ‘Better together’, helping children enjoy a positive start to school. It was based around developing positive partnerships to help children make a positive and successful transition to school. While we gathered lots of new information and ideas, it was reassuring to hear that a lot of the things we do at our school also promote positive partnerships.

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

Over the coming weeks we will be working on our creating bridges for our technology unit. I have asked students to bring in recycled items they require to complete this task. Please do not go out and buy any items for this activity, as it is more than likely to be items others may have. I will also provide some resources for them to use.

Year 4/5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie

Thank you to those students who have returned their camp attendance notes. There have been some families who have expressed concerns about their children attending a camp so far from home. We will hold an initial information session in the coming weeks which will go over these concerns and answer any questions you may have.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

KUTTABUL HOME GROWN FOOD AND PLANT SWAP

DO YOU HAVE HOME GROWN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES? DO YOU COOK WITH ORGANIC INGREDIENTS? ARE YOU WANTING TO LEARN NEW THINGS FROM THE GARDEN TO THE KITCHEN? DO YOU HAVE PLANTS THAT WILL DRESS UP SOMEONE ELSE’S GARDEN?

IF SO, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT KUTTABUL HOTEL
RAI N OR SH I NE. Bruce Highway. On the Grass or in the Hall Every Sunday 3pm.

TO TRADE YOUR EXCESS AND GO HOME WITH A VARIETY

ANY QUESTIONS? E-MAIL: KUTTABUL HOME GROWN FOOD AND PLANT SWAP

ART COMPETITION

PERT PERRY & EVANS VETERINARY SURGEONS

Age Groups:
- Under 12 years
- 13 - 16 years
- 17+ years

Entry Fee:
Free for Group or School Entry

Entry Form:
- Pet photo on canvas + Artwork transferred to canvas and displayed in clinic = Hamper + Free Health Check
- Pet photo on paper + Pet photo in clinic = Hamper + Free Health Check
- Pet photo on paper + Pet photo in clinic = Hamper + Free Pet Health Check

Notes:
- All works must be by hand, on water resistant paper
- All entries must be 18” x 24”
- Pet photo on canvas and artwork on paper
- Entry form must be attached outside
- Pet photo must be of your own pet

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PH NUMBER:

AGE GROUP:
- Under 12
- 13 - 16
- 17+

TYPE OF PET:
- Dog
- Cat
- Other

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Do you consent to your child’s artwork being posted on our PERT PERRY & EVA NS Facebook page?

Yes

No

Signature:

[Student’s signature]

[Teacher’s signature]
Birthday Celebrations for October & November 2016:

Claire—Year 4: 20th October—10 years old
Turill—Year 1: 1st November—7 years old
Max—Year 4: 6th November—10 years old
Lincoln—Year 3: 21st November—9 years old
Dylan—Year 1: 22nd November—7 years old
Audrey—Year 1: 24th November—7 years old

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner

Heidi
14/10/2016
For a fantastic improvement in both reading attitude and achievement.

FRIDAY 7th October 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Charli……...For improving classroom behaviour and trying her best at all times.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Joshua……...For completing his High Frequency Word reading.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:

FRIDAY 14th October 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Slater……...Consistently taking pride in the presentation of our classroom.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Clare……...For always working diligently and with a positive attitude.

Happy Birthday!
We hope you have a great day.

VOLUNTEER TUCKSHOP CONVENOR REQUIRED FOR 2017

This will be Chloe’s last term in her role as volunteer tuckshop convenor. A big thank you to Chloe for all her hard work! We are now seeking a new volunteer tuckshop convenor to commence in Term one 2017. Duties of this position include organising the menu, ordering and doing the shopping, organise the tuckshop volunteer roster, collecting and collating orders. If you are interested please contact Chloe on 0474 074 749 or the school office. Full training can be given during this term by Chloe. Tuckshop will be finishing for 2016 in Week 9 ending 2 December.
DEADLY AUSTRALIANS
PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY
19TH OCTOBER

Mirani SHS Year 7 Transition Dates

Orientation Day: Wednesday November 30 at MSHS

Enrolment Interviews: Monday November 21 – Friday December 2

Important: It is essential to make an appointment for an enrolment interview for your child to transition to high school.

For EFT/Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Account Details are . . . .
Bank: CBA BSB: 064707 A/C No: 00090298

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