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THINGS TO REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 17th Year 6 Student Leadership
Conference

Thursday 19th Safety Circus – Finch Hatton S

From the Principal

Only a few weeks in and we are already very busy! We have had a great start to the year. The students are getting into the flow of our new school routines and working hard to continually improve.

2015 Curriculum Focus: This year we have some strong focuses for school improvement. Our main three areas for improvement are writing, reading and explicit instruction. Our number one priority this year is writing, starting out with persuasive writing.

To improve our writing this year, we are utilising the 7 steps to writing success. Our first step was 'plan for success' which involves brainstorming our ideas before writing and organising them into a plan. This week we are focusing on 'sizzling starts'. This involves starting our writing in an engaging way to grab the readers' attention.

Vocabulary: This year to further improve our reading and writing, we are focusing on extending our vocabulary. This week our words are **thrilled, toxic and tranquil**. Please encourage your children's use of these words at home in your discussions to further embed the use of expert vocabulary within everyday conversations.

School Leaders: I have the pleasure to announce our school leaders for 2015

- Sam Lewer
- Cody Wagstaff
- Ethan James

Congratulations to the three boys. They will be attending a leadership conference on Tuesday the 17th February.

Toy Building: This term for technology and media we are building toys. We will be making the toys this week, so if you have any spare boxes that you would like to donate we would appreciate the contributions.

Leah Millane

Students of the Week

Week 2 – Lower: **Michela Lewer** for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Week 2 – Upper: **Jayda Wagstaff** for being confident and having a go.

Week 3 – Lower: **Taj Provera** for working hard at writing.

Week 3 – Upper: **Cody Wagstaff** for helping others in the school.

Happy Birthday to

Sam Lewer for 16th February



Safety Circus

The P – Year 7 students will be attending the Safety Circus on this Thursday 19th February at 9.00am sharp at Finch Hatton State School.

- Please return outstanding permission forms for the Safety Circus tomorrow to enable your child to attend.

SMOKING BANNED 5 METRES AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette [within five metres of any state or private school grounds](#) has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

www.health.qld.gov.au/publichealth/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

*****Parents are reminded that Parking in the School Grounds endangers the safety of your children and is not permitted.*****

PERMISSION FORMS 2015

Please return Pink Permission Forms, State School Consent Form & Internet Access



Agreement for 2015 indicating whether permission is given or not, and return signed to the school office by **tomorrow**.

Many thanks for your prompt attention to these forms as they are required to update your child's records.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

We are providing Religious Instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 – 6 from Wednesday 25/2/15. Our School will offer the Connect Program for all faith groups. RI will occur on Wednesday from 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

Students who do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction.

The information on your child's Permission Forms is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction.

Please return Pink Permission Form indicating if your child is to participate in RI.

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.

Applications forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673.

School Reminders

Ø Broad Brim Hats must be worn at all times for outdoor activities.

Ø Water Bottles only allowed in class.

Ø Art Shirts are needed for art activities and are to be named and left at school

Ø Children are not to arrive at school before 8.00am – if no staff are present, please wait with your child.

Ø School finishes at 3.00pm - if you are unavoidably detained after school, please ring the school and advise time for collection of your child.

School Jewellery/Make-up Policy

Students are reminded of the School Jewellery Policy. Jewellery must not be worn to school for safety reasons. Only jewellery items permitted are signet rings, medical identification bracelets, plain sleepers or stud earrings and watches. **No make up or nail polish should be worn to school.**

SCHOOL ABSENCES

***Could all parents please ensure that the school is notified if your child is away with the reason by a **phone call by 10am or a note the following day** so the correct information can be recorded on the Roll.

CHORAL FESTIVAL 2015

Students in Years 4, 5 & 6 are invited to participate in the Regional Choral Festival for 2015. The Choral Festival is an annual event and

the upper level students from around the Whitsunday Region are invited to take part, forming a mass choir consisting of more than 300 students. It gives the students the experience of working with a well known conductor, learning the dynamics of how a choir works, meeting students from other schools and most of all it helps boost their self-confidence by enabling them to perform before a live audience.

Permission form for your child to participate in the Choral Festival is attached to newsletter.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking to recommence in 2015. Banking available every Wednesday.

Community News

MACKAY CITY CENTRE – CHINESE NEW YEAR

Bring in the Year of the Goat at the Chinese New Year Celebrations. Enjoy Asian cuisine food stalls, Chinese Lion Dancers, a Fire Show, Thai Dancers and TaiChi demonstration. Fun for the kids including Arts and Crafts Activities, Face Painting, Kevin the Magical Balloon Man and a jumping Castle.

Join us for this exciting cultural family friendly event in the Mackay City Centre on Saturday February 21 from 4pm – 8pm

COUNTRY CALLBACK FOR REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

UnitingCare Community has launched a new service to help Queenslanders affected by drought and hardship.

The Country Cakback Service 1800 54 33 54 is a free, confidential and independent 24 hour advice, referral and counselling service for anyone living in rural Queensland. The Line is for all rural Queenslanders, whether you are a landholder, run a business, offer a service or support those on the land. What's different about the Country Callback Line is that it allows us to check in with our callers within a 24 hour timeframe – something the Lifeline Crisis Line isn't resourced to do.

Offering more targeted emotional telephone support to rural communities affected by drought and hardship in Qld. Contact Country Callback Line - 1800 54 33 54.