THINGS TO REMEMBER:

**NOVEMBER**
- Wednesday 27th Prep Orientation Session
- Wednesday 27th Kids Kitchen
- Friday 29th Swimming - Mirani Pool

**DECEMBER**
- Tuesday 3rd Yr 7 Fellowship Day-Kinchant
- Wednesday 4th Graduation Dinner Yr 7
- Wednesday 4th Yr 7 Orientation-Mirani High
- Wednesday 4th Yr 6 Leadership Day-Kinchant
- Thursday 5th Free Christmas Play-Sunshine Coast High School
- Thursday 12th Break Up Cape Hillsborough
- Friday 13th Last Day of 2013 School Year

**JANUARY 2014**
- Monday 27th Australia Day Holiday
- Tuesday 28th School commences for 2014

From the Principal
Good afternoon all.
As the end of the school year fast approaches and the school continues to develop school documents, I am reminded that there are many things I take for granted, that I think the school community know. A few of them are, the school’s Vision and Beliefs, community know our 5 responsible behaviour Standards, what’s in the school’s Annual Improvement Plan etc. So to assist parent’s knowledge and understanding of some of these documents, I will be including them in the newsletter from time-to-time.

The first one is School Rules:
Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour.

- Be safe
- Be responsible and have self-discipline
- Be respectful
- Strong work ethic and self-management
- Be tolerant and inclusive

To assist student understanding, the Plan identifies specific areas and what actions students need to follow to Be Safe, Responsible etc. An example of this is:

Be Respectful- AREA “Stairwell”
- Rails are for hands,
- Walk on steps at all times.
- Carry items carefully,
- Keep stairwell clear at all times.

Areas that are identified are: All areas, Classrooms, Playground, Stairwell/Stairs, Toilets, Bus and Bike transport, All Areas.

If students are following the actions recorded in each of these areas and in each of the Be’s, then we are confident, our students are following the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan.

If parents are interested, you are able to come to the office and peruse these documents in full.

Cape Hillsborough Excursion
This excursion again was a great success. The students in grades 4 to 7 hopped off the bus at the boardwalk and walked around the circuit. The students viewed the different environments from mangrove to open woodland.
Students saw the large midden and Macky found another smaller one near the entrance to the walk. Students were also aware of conservation and looking after the environment, with some students cleaning up rubbish as they walked along.

The younger students were taken to the picnic area where they played games and played on the play equipment. Once the older grades joined the younger students, the students were put into groups and went on a scavenger hunt. The beach activities were a great hit with the students as they all participating with great enthusiasm.
**BREAK UP DAY**
The children will be going to Cape Hillsborough Resort for Break Up Day on Thursday 12th December. The children will need to bring their morning tea, water bottle, sunscreen and hat. The children must wear a sun shirt or T Shirt over their togs – NO SHIRT NO SWIM. Swimming will be in the Resort Pool. It is free dress and the children are to wear modest shorts and a sleeved top. The children will be having Sausages and Chips for Lunch. If your child does not eat this food, please send their lunch. Please complete the attached Permission Form and return by Wednesday 4th December.

**Year 7 Team Building Day**
Year 7 students will be attending Kinchant Dam activities on Tuesday 3rd December. The day is an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in activities that will challenge them but allow them to display qualities of leadership. Parents are asked to transport their children to and from Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre. Please return permission and transport forms by Thursday 28th December. The children will then attend Mirani High School on Wednesday 4th December.

**Mirani High School Information – Year 7 Students**
The year 7 students will be attending the High School for orientation on the following day:

*Orientation Day 2 Core Program Focus – Students*  
Wednesday 4th December 8.45am-3.00pm

**Yr 5/6 Leadership Day**
Yr 5 & 6 students will be attending Kinchant Dam activities on Wednesday 4th December. This day is to promote leadership skills through participating in a number of problem solving activities that identify leaders and leadership qualities. Parents are asked to transport their children to and from Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre. Please return permission and transport forms by Thursday 28th December.

**Christmas Concert & BBQ**
Christmas Concert & BBQ will be held on Monday 9th December at 5.30pm. All are invited to attend for a night of entertainment by our children. Prep students & parents for 2014 are welcome to attend our concert.

*Children may leave school early if they wish to prepare for the Concert. Please advise the office if you will be collecting your child early.*

A BBQ of steak and salad burgers and sausages will commence at 5.30pm.
Cost for the BBQ: Steak & Salad Burgers - $3.00
Sausage on Bread - $1.00
Could all families please bring a plate of sweet or savoury goodies for Supper. Tea and Coffee will be supplied. Anyone with folding chairs are asked to bring them on the night.

*Sofdrinks will be available for sale for $1.00.*

**SWIMMING - Term 4**
Swimming will continue until Friday 6th December. **Children are to wear Sports Uniform to School and change into togs at lunchtime.** There are no parent helpers rostered for this week, please phone the office if you would like to volunteer.

**KIDS KITCHEN – THIS WEDNESDAY**
Kids Kitchen will be this Wednesday. It is for Lunch only and children need to bring their own snack and morning tea. Children need to fill out an order form (attached to the newsletter) and return it tomorrow.