Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to Katie Davy and Kia Walker who successfully placed at the recent Sarina District Cross Country. Well done girls! Katie’s time saw her qualify for the Mackay District Cross Country.

Please take the time to go through the following articles or attachments to the newsletter.

1. **Tennis Coaching** is available. Registrations for the term are now being sort. 8 students are needed for tennis lessons to go ahead on campus.
2. The **line marking** regarding the bus and parking areas has been sorted. Published is a run down on timelines and methodology.
3. **Possible bus run** from Sarina. We need your feedback please so that a trial of the service can go ahead. Please return the form.
4. **Arts Council** – Monsters In the Wardrobe is coming on the 8th May – invoices attached.
5. **Tuckshop** – A new roster has come out for the term. Thanks for all the parents who have volunteered. There is also a new item on the menu! Mini Shepherds’ Pies for 90c. Available from this week.
6. **The Assessment Schedule** for the term. Please note the NAPLAN dates. All students are expected to participate unless they have a verified disability, or parents have negotiated withdrawal from the tests regime.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

### A world of shape......

Prep students are studying two and three dimensional shapes this term. They are sorting and comparing two dimensional shapes by the types of lines the shapes are made of- curved or straight. When investigating three dimensional shapes the children are making observations on shape features, for example which shapes roll, stack, slide.

By showing students that shapes not only exist in flat two-dimensional form on paper but as objects in everyday life they often gain a new perspective of their surroundings. They no longer see the feet on the pillow pet as “feet” but as fitting into another category as well: “squares”. This new perspective on the world can be very exciting and rejuvenating for children just as it is for adults when we discover a new outlook on life. Take a look at their creative representations below.

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**Important dates:**
- 1 May – Dental Van arrives @ school
- 8 May – Arts Council 2:00pm S6
- 13, 14, 15 May – NAPLAN testing
- 20 May – Under 8’s Day
- 22 May – 7&8 enrolment evening Sarina SHS
- 26 May – Book Fair Week
- 26 – 29 May – Principal Conference

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“…..advised that this section of Marlborough-Sarina Road is due for the 2nd seal coat (10mm agg) in the next month. Based on his advice, it is very likely that they will seal over the painted islands again so remarking the pavement markings will need to be done following that work.

Below are the proposed changes to this area. You will note the bus "turning path" shown on the layout...this is to indicate where on the pavement the buses travel. In doing so, it highlights that the buses cannot come further towards the front gate if they are to turn back across the road. So essentially, the "range" end of this area stays the same with the previous 3 car parks merging to become the STOP/DROP/GO ZONE. STOP/DROP/GO ZONE to operate between 7:00am-9:00am and 2:30pm-3:30pm as per the current arrangements.

A QT review of the required bus movements has shown that only two buses will be using this area in future. Accordingly, a 30m "designated BUS ZONE" has been set aside for 2 x 15m coaches and the rest is to be used for car parking. Investigations and consultations have shown the buses generally pick-up/drop-off passengers between 8:00am-8:10am and between 3:25pm-3:35pm so a period of 15mins max in the morning and afternoon can be allocated for that operation...exact time periods to be determined. As such, the BUS ZONE will operate for those specific times and outside of those periods it will be available for kerbside parking with the notable exception being 1:00pm-2:45pm on Thursdays. This should also provide enough flexibility for the mobile library to park closer to the front gate.

In doing this, you will have three distinct zones, identified by different pavement markings (or lack of). The STOP/DROP/GO ZONE will be one large zone encapsulated within a short broken line - outside of the operating hours it will still look like a place for car parking. The marked car parks will be identified clearly with unbroken lines and the designated BUS ZONE will have no lines at all. As the BUS ZONE only operates approximately for 30mins out of every 24 hours, once again, the idea is not to deter people from using it as parking outside these periods. I had considered using a yellow short broken line for the BUS ZONE but this would deter people from using outside of the "bus zone periods"........ (continued next page)
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STOP / DROP / GO ZONE to operate between 7am-9am and 2:30pm-3:30pm - therefore NO PARKING during these times - parking permitted at other times

BUS ZONE to be no longer a "shared zone" - to operate between 8:00am-8:15am and 3:20pm-3:35pm (times to be confirmed) - therefore BUSES ONLY during operating hours - parking permitted at other times EXCEPT during MOBILE LIBRARY hours.

MARKED PARKING SPACES - 6 provided in all, one of which is in front of the rear gate - School to provide info on when this space must be kept clear for school oval activities.

Council wish to advise of the following scheduled closures for the local swimming facilities.

Sarina Swim Centre
Open for limited hours from Thursday, May 1 to Monday, September 1. Current operating times are as follows: Monday’s 3.30pm – 6.30pm, Thursday’s 3.30pm – 6.30pm and Saturday’s 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Mobile Library:

The Mackay Regional Council Mobile Library, now arrives at 1:00pm every second Thursday (due again next week). This time is a little bit earlier than usual, as they are trialling for May June and July, an earlier time in order to capture our older students during lunch time who enjoy the different borrowing options. This mobile library is open to anyone who lives in the area. Books can be returned the following visit, or can be dropped off at any Mackay Regional Council Library – that includes Sarina.

Under 8’s Day on 20 May!

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