Hello everyone,

It’s that crazy time of year, when everything seems to need attention, but we would all wonder what is wrong if it wasn’t happening! This is our last newsletter of the year as Wednesday next week is Presentation Night – our grand finale for the year.

It is only fitting to let our school community in on what is on the boil preparing for next year. As you are all aware, across Qld year 6 and 7 are heading into the high school setting. Across the state, staff are moving and high schools prepare for the introduction of Junior Secondary as distinct from Senior Secondary. For primary schools that means an unusual movement of students, and therefore the movement of staff.

Our school has been most fortunate experiencing minimal impact, for which I am most thankful. Jodi Howorth has been transferred to Sarina High, and will be teaching our students there. Meryl Lloyd will be taking over the PE circuit here. Then, as of today our predicted numbers for 2015 sit at 96 students. We still need 103 for a fifth teacher. As our numbers are very close to, but not yet at the 103 mark, our teaching staff have agreed that it is better to start the incoming year with 4 classes, and expand to a fifth teacher after day 8, should we be so fortunate to achieve those numbers. Naturally, numbers can change at the drop of the hat, so please remember that this arrangement can change at any given moment! If we have 103 before the beginning of the year … then another story will be written.

So, what does this mean? Firstly, a teacher needed to be transferred to another school. Mrs Hall has willingly agreed to this, and we thank her for her gift. Eileen has been assigned to a larger school within Mackay. Secondly, as we will be unable to confirm class placements for students, class lists will be placed under the school and on the office door, for students arriving in 2015. At this stage, the school is looking at having P1, 1/2, 3/4, and 4/5/6. Thirdly, spread the word! Our school is awesome! It has bus runs, and After School Care too!

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

Where has the time gone?

Where has Term 4 gone? It has gone way too quick! The students of the 2/3 class have been working incredibly hard these last few weeks. There has been so much to fit in, but they have put their heads down and worked hard without any fuss.

We have been working hard in Geography and learning about World Heritage Listings. We have investigated these listings through the internet and books from the library. Students were excited to learn about these new places and some have even talked their parents into taking them to view these magnificent places.

We are working really hard to get our End of Year presentation. In the next few days, a letter to parents will be sent home to the 2/3 parents to ask if they can help supply some props for our presentation.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the parents for your support this year!
This Sunday 31st August Sarina Surf Life Saving Club will be throwing open their doors and rolling out the welcome mats as part of Surf Life Saving's annual Surf Club Open Day. The Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to visit your club in your community @ Sarina Beach. Our club is open between 9.30am & 11.30am, welcoming new and existing members.

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Our Learning Objectives:
1. Reading and writing must make sense!
2. Student know what they know, and know what they need to know next!

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Please note:
Shop will be Closed from 24th December 2014 and will Re-open 2nd January 2015

Presentation Night: Wednesday 10/12
Where: Bob Wood Cultural Hall, Sarina
When: Children arrive by 6:00pm
Evening commences 6:30pm
Who: Our whole school community!!
Please bring a plate of food to share – (between 6 – 6:30) – while you are waiting.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual swimming carnival takes place next Friday 5th December 2014. It is the culmination of 7 weeks of swimming lessons the students have been undertaking this term. The carnival will be divided into a junior (P – 3) and senior (4-7) carnival. Juniors will swim the width of the pool whereas seniors will swim the length of the pool (25m) in a variety of swimming and novelty events. Juniors will compete from 10 – 11:30am then we’ll have a 30min lunch break, where the P&C will be selling sausages on bread and cakes, before the P – 3 classes return to school for the afternoon session. Seniors will compete after lunch from 12 – 2:30pm. The bus will take the first group of students (P-3 and Yr 7 leaders) at 9:30am then return to take the second group of students (4 – 7) to the pool at 10:30am. The bus will return students to school.

We encourage all families to attend and cheer on students as they put their swimming skills to the test and try and win points for their house – Jackson or Donohue. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of senior races. Donohue were the 2013 winners. Let’s see if they can hold onto their title!

Lunch will be catered for – please see attached menu. Pre-ordering is essential.  

Returns Required:
All students are requested to return all library books as soon as humanly possible, so that resources can be stocktaked and shelved.

Musical instruments that have been borrowed to support the start up of the instrumental music program are requested to return their loan instruments to the office, before the last day of school. Upon return, bonds will be reimbursed.
Summer Reading Club @ Your Local Public Library These School Holidays.

The Summer Reading Club encourages children, young people and their families to continue reading, thinking, learning and engaging during the summer break.

Participation in the Summer Reading Club is FREE! It runs from Monday 1 December 2014 to Friday 23 January 2015 at your local Mackay Regional Council Library branch and online.

Register in person at the library and receive a Summer Reading Club Pack of activities, a reading log and some fun goodies. Also register online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au to be eligible for great prizes and enjoy a range of online activities.

The Summer Reading Club activities (in the pack and online) are grouped into three levels – Preschool activities (0-5yrs with parental assistance); Primary level activities (5-12yrs) and Secondary level activities (12+ years).

Join the Summer Reading Club at your local library during the school holidays and discover great new authors and illustrators, enjoy a range of literary and creative online activities, be entertained and keep reading!

Booklists for 2015 are currently available on line, and will also be sent home with report cards.

Macquarie/Oxford Concise Dictionaries are on the list. These cost upwards from $50. It is recognized that this is a substantial cost, however, this dictionary will be relevant for your child’s entire schooling, and will be well worth the investment. The dictionaries are extensively used within classrooms. Junior dictionaries or such like are insufficient in the long term, and would then necessitate additional outlay later on.

1. **QSchools app**
   The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school.

   Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features:

   The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

2. **Websites**
   Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.
   - School Closure Website: [http://esc.eq.edu.au](http://esc.eq.edu.au)

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