Welcome
Welcome to the 2015 school year. Our first day went very well with our new Preps enjoying their first full day of school.

Our Key Priorities - 2015 - Reading, Writing, Spelling
Each week we are concentrating on reading, writing, punctuation and spelling activities in an endeavour to improve our students’ literacy skills.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

Educational research states it is vital for children to read daily. It is our goal that 100% of our students will read each week night as part of their homework. Prep students need to be read to so that they develop a love of reading. Please read stories to your child. To assist us we require parents to please sign their child’s communication/homework book when you listen to your child read. Our students have come up with some great rewards for achieving 100%. With your support and encouragement I’m sure we can reach our goal.

Thank You
Thank you to the Gardner, Hindle and Cranston families for mowing and gardening during the holidays to get our school grounds ready for the first day of the year. We appreciate you giving up your time to do this.

Enrolments
Our enrolment for this year is 22 students. With this number, our class arrangements will be as follows:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Prep – Yr 3 and Years 4 – 6 in two different classrooms
Thursday and Friday: Whole school together
This may change after Day 8 figures have been sent in. I will keep you informed.

Swimming
This year we will be having swimming each Friday for the first five weeks at the Pat Wright Swim Centre in Mackay. This is part of our Physical Education curriculum and a vital lifeskill.
Would you please complete the permission form that was sent home yesterday and send it back to the school tomorrow if you have not already done so. The cost for the lessons is $20 per student per week. The school will be paying for the cost of travel. The coach will be leaving the school at 8:20am and returning to the school by 2:45pm each Friday.

If parents are planning on taking their children into Mackay for swimming or picking them up from the swimming pool, please notify the School.
**TUCKSHOP**
Tuckshop commences on Thursday 5th February and to assist with catering purposes, students will need to pre order their tuckshop each week on the attached form on Mondays.

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS**
We are holding our school captain elections on Monday, 2nd February at 8:45am. Our Year 6 students are busy writing their election speeches and are all excited at the prospect of representing our school as a school leader.

Parents are welcome to attend to listen to their child’s speech.

**LIBRARY**
This year students will be able to change their library books each Monday. Students will need a library bag in order to borrow library books and will need to be responsible for returning their books in the same condition.

**GUITAR LESSONS**
Once again our students are being given the opportunity to learn the guitar through Funky Beat Music Tuition. If you are interested in your child learning or continuing to learn the guitar, would you please complete the enclosed enrolment form and return to the school as soon as possible.

**P&C NEWS**
Our P & C will be holding a bbq on Saturday morning from 8am. Bacon and Egg burgers will be for sale in the morning and sausage on bread will also be available on the day. The price for a bacon and egg burger is $4.00 and $2.00 for a sausage on bread. Softdrinks will also be available for $2 per can. If you can assist with the bbq please let Kerrie or Sandy know on 0410533639 or 49502101.

We are also going to hold a cake stall and would very much appreciate donations of cakes, slices etc. to help raise money for the school. All donations can be dropped off at the school on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.

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