Principal’s Note

NAPLAN results are now available to schools across the Nation. Below is a summary of our mean scale scores by strands (Reading, Writing Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy). Students’ scores are scaled across 1 to 1000. A schools’ mean is estimated from it’s student test results. The areas coloured in green show our school working above the Like Schools, State Schools or National (all schools including privately funded) mean. Blue indicates we are close to the mean, and red shows that we are below the mean. Looking at our scores from the last two years, our mean scale scores are improving and so is our relative gain with the majority of our students. Relative gain provides us with the information as to whether or not the students are progressing in their learning at the appropriate rate.

Jo Sinclair-Jones

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PE Awards went to Yayoi and Brodie.
Stanley went to Year 3.
Instrumental Music Awards went to Janey and Christopher.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Last week a team of 30 excited athletes travelled to town to represent our school. They all competed enthusiastically and gave their best effort on the day. The highlight was Brodie celebrating his win in the 800m race, he was so delighted with his efforts!

Congratulations to entire team and well done to the boys for winning the "Boys Champions" trophy. Well done to Daisy, Scarlett & Brodie who will now represent us at the Townsville District carnival in September.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hall & Mr Pountney for helping with high jump, and to Mrs Dwyer for her efforts in getting everyone to their event on time.

I was very proud of the 2015 Athletics team.

Natalie Crouch

SCHOOL Veggie Garden News

Our Garden is now open three lunchtimes a week thanks to our volunteers. We would love to open on all five school days, so if you have half an hour a week spare, please let us know. No experience required just time (1.15 - 1.40) and enthusiasm!

Can you donate some potting mix, seeds or seedlings? If so just leave them in the 5/6 class with Mrs Jupp or outside the Veggie Garden gate for Katrina.

Call or text Garden Coordinator Katrina on 0431 108 624 or 5/6 Teacher Sharon Jupp on 0439 777 553.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Every week students are explicitly taught a behaviour expectation from our ‘Behaviour Matrix’ (find it in the Covered Play Area). Gotchas are given specifically targeting this behaviour.

This week’s behaviour is:

Take Pride in your Work and Achievements
**Prep News**

The Prep class have been extra busy over the last few weeks with lots of assessment on our timetable.

We continue to work hard on writing rhyming couplets - 2 lines of verse that rhyme and have the same metre. The children are showing great improvement with every piece of writing they do.

The spelling program has taken off and the children have adopted a good daily routine that is developing sound spelling habits.

We have been working our way through the multiple phonograms and with the use of our LEM goggles we are finding lots of multiple phonograms in our words!

Home readers and sight words need to be a part of each child's daily routine. We are hoping to have all our children complete the golden and red words very soon.

Helpers in the classroom are always welcome especially during our morning session when we are changing readers, writing and doing maths.

Julia Shafer

*Photo: Cooper and Jemma with their LEM goggles on!*

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**Year 2 News**

**New Units of Work:**

This week we start new units of work in English and Maths. For this Maths unit, students will be using numbers to 1000 and learning about how to work with them and represent them in different ways. We will also be working with money to represent and calculate amounts using coins and notes. In English we will be learning about comparing narratives and informative texts. Students will be working towards creating their own informative text.

Our Science learning is progressing well, and we are watching our pet Spiny Leaf insects grow and change. We have been lucky to have seen several of our eggs hatch! Science this week will be exciting, as we prepare to watch something else **grow and change** – the focus of our unit.

**Stationery supplies:**

Thank you to those parents who have replenished your child’s stationery supplies. It is around this point in the year that some stationery supplies require replacement. Understandably, some stationery supplies like colouring pencils and crayons can be expensive, so it is only necessary that your child has the **essentials** that we use every day: writing pencils, a rubber and a glue stick.

Delia Koelman

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**Thank you!**

Once again, thank you very much to the Arcadia Newsagency for the $348.15 donation for all the stationery orders received this year from our parents. The lucky winner of the $50 voucher was Sharrie Corcoran (mum to the Meale children). The ongoing support of local island businesses is vital to the successful running of our school.
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**Year 1 News**

We are beginning our new units in English and Maths as the second half of the term commences. In English we are practising reading with fluency and expression. It would be good to practise that at home too.

Our Maths is focussing on comparing and reading time, to the half hour. We are also counting to 100 in ones, twos, fives and tens.

If you are able to help with home readers, please join us on Thursday or Friday mornings after drop off.

Jo T

**Year 3/4 News**

**Maths (Year 3)** – This Maths unit will focus on recognising the connection between addition and subtraction, classify numbers as either odd or even, number patterns involving addition and subtraction, measuring objects using familiar metric units of length, mass and capacity and telling time to the nearest minute.

**Maths (Year 4)** – For the next 5 weeks we will be focusing on measurement and shape, using standard and non-standard units, fractions and decimals and specifically mixed numbers and tenths.

**Science (Year 3)** – The Year 3 students Science assessment will be a poster presentation outlining their understanding of the Sun, Earth and the moon, how sunrise and sunset happens and how shadows form.

**Science (Year 4)** – The Year 4 students Science assessment is a question and answer test where students describe the natural processes and human activity that cause changes to the Earth’s surface. They will also plan, conduct and report on an investigation of the erosion process.

**English (Year 3/4)** – Poetry. For the next five weeks, the year 3/4 students will be learning about poetry, analysing poetry and writing their own poems.

**Home Reading** – Home reading is still on and we need your help please. If you are available to help Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 8.20am – 8.50am we would appreciate your help to read with the students.

**School Fete** – Saturday 12th September, 2015. We are currently taking donations for the Fete – toys, clothes, chocolates, sweets and pantry items.

Kerri-Anne McAtee & Jeremy Pullen

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**Year 3 Multiplication Fair**

**Year 4 The Arts - Dance**
Year 5/6 News

In English all students completed their work on writing ‘A Letter to the Future’, to a very high standard. They got to grips with this tricky task and many students stepped up a gear, which is great to see. This week we start to focus on Poetry. If you could share your own favourite poems together at home it will help bring the subject alive. Year 5 students will be expected to analyse poems structural and language features and Year 6 will also have to compare them.

Maths work will intensify from this week, as we start to move on to some assessment tasks on the four operations, budgeting, fractions and the Cartesian plane. Science work continues to focus on space and children will also be starting assessment in this area. They will be comparing the characteristics of two planets and writing about space exploration in the style of a magazine article.

On Friday last week we sent home personalised login details for Studyladder.com. This is a great website where children with home access to a computer can do work to compliment what they are doing in school. We would like to see that all the children have tried to log on and attempt at least one task from each subject area; Maths, English and Science. The tasks have inbuilt rewards which should keep them motivated. There is no need to take out your own subscription. Simply let us know if they need more before we select the next batch.

There was much excitement back in class after the latest Peer Support sessions, the children are really working hard to get their lessons right and they do a great job with the younger children.

Many of our class had extra commitments this week, competing successfully in Interschool sports and a Japanese speech competition. Well done everyone for juggling your everyday school commitments so well. This week is Science Week, with great activities planned at lunchtime which sounds like more fun!

Please be sure to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress.

Sharon Jupp and Martin Hammelswang

PCYC

Over the past weeks children have been exploring multiple paper folding techniques especially for paper planes. Thanks to the school library for supplying books to extend this interest area. Following children’s interests underpins the daily program of our service.

Homework is becoming a more regular part of the routine with staff assisting children through activities including listening to children read, doing their spelling lists and online physics games. Children are also developing self help skills through helping with the preparation of their afternoon tea. Afternoon tea is included in the program and forms an important social occasion to relax and share snacks as well as promote discussion around healthy food and behaviours.

Children and staff will be discussing ideas for the next vacation care program over the next week. Planning around children’s interests and ideas underpins the two week program. A combination of incursions, special activities and excursions generally makes up a varied program. Bookings are essential for vacation care as ratios over this period vary according to the activities eg excursions require higher adult to child ratios (1:8). Please look ahead and begin to think about days you might require vacation care. The program will be available via the next newsletter and our Facebook page in two weeks.

Any queries or bookings, please call 0429 305 192.
For 70 years, the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has been working hard to promote the best in Australian literature. Every August, schools across the nation celebrate books, Australian authors and illustrators; inspiring children to read and write as part of Book Week.

**How we’re getting involved**

To celebrate Book Week, 22-28 August, we’re encouraging all students and staff at Magnetic Island State School to dress up as their favourite book character for a day.

This year’s theme is ‘Books light up our world’ and we’re thrilled to announce that we’ll be supporting Make-A-Wish® Australia to help light up the lives of seriously ill children.

**How it works**

On Wednesday 26th August, you can help inspire your child to dress up as their favourite book character and support Make-A-Wish by bringing along a small donation to go towards helping make more cherished wishes come true for children battling life-threatening medical conditions.

If you’re feeling really inspired, you can share your child’s creative costume with Make-A-Wish by uploading a photo to Instagram. Please tag @makeawishaustralia and use the following hashtags so everyone can join in the fun online: #bookweek2015 and #makeawish. There will be a prize for the most inspiring costume.

Children’s Book Council of Australia

**ARCADIAN SURF LIFESAVING CLUB**

DO YOU LIKE THE SAND?  DO YOU LIKE SWIMMING IN THE SURF?  DO YOU LIKE RIDING A BOARD?

Then come on down to Alma Bay at 8.30am-10.30am on SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST with your stinger suit, towel, goggles and bathers and

Our weekly fun morning for all kids is Nipper Saturdays where you will have an opportunity to try all activities – including some extra fun, like games in and out of the water and learning about being safe at the beach. Whether you want to have fun with your friends or challenge yourself and compete with our Club, then we can help you get what you want out of Nippers!
National Science Week

There has been lots of hands on fun in the library this week for National Science Week. During Monday lunchtime, children participated in simple activities including a marble run challenge, creating electrostatic forces, making invisible ink, chromatography and some brain training that was very challenging! The fun will continue throughout the week with lunchtime activities planned for Wednesday and Thursday. Don’t miss the rocket launch at the basketball court on Thursday lunch!

SCHOOL FETE 2015

This year our biennial Fete will be held on Saturday 12th September. The goal is to raise much needed funds for the purchase of new resources for the school eg books and computers.

As a community we need to work together to make this happen, so we ask you to jump on board and assist us with a little of your time. We need volunteers to man some of the stalls on the day and also to help us along the way. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Jody McLaughlin  0421 571 052  jodesonmag77@bigpond.com
Christal Ollier  0459 845 030  christalollier@y7mail.com

Also this year we will be giving students a chance to win an awesome prize for their whole family. Each time they bring something to help with the Fete, they get an entry in the draw. Challenges so far have been a bag of clothes or toys for the White Elephant stall, some sweets or chocolate for the Lollie stall and something from the pantry for the Wheelbarrow raffle. If you can assist, we would love to hear from you.

Jody & Christal
2015 Fete Co-ordinators
C&K Early Childhood Centre

Vacancies available for children over two years in the childcare program, Thursdays and Fridays 8am—5pm.

Please bring your unwanted books to Kindy for our annual Bookfest. We need lots more books to make our fundraiser a success. Call Lana on 47581168 or just drop your books off at the Kindy before the end of the month.

Enrolments are open for Kindy in 2016. If your child (or someone you know) is born between July 2011 and July 2012 - please call 47581168 to ensure you don't miss out on Kindy in 2016. Limited places available. HCC subsidies apply. Give your child the best start to a life of learning - Kindy Counts!!!