Principal’s Note

School reviews – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 23-25 March.

The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits, and are designed to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but, rather, give schools independent and quality feedback to help them improve teaching and learning. As with the audits, all schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report will be made available to parents and the community via our school website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community, and anyone who is interested is encouraged to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework.

This school review is different to the Quadrennial school review I spoke about in my last newsletter. Put simply, the school review next week is run by the Department and is the replacement program for past audits. The Quadrennial school review is an internal review, co-ordinated by the Principal, which looks for input from the community. We are still seeking more school community members to join this committee. If you are interested, please contact us on 4758 2333.

Have a great week!
Jo Sinclair-Jones

Poem “I See What My Tiger Does” by Year 2

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Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Angus & Alena.

Gold and silver awards for Term 1 Week 7 (9-13 Mar) went to:

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PE Awards went to Annalise & Blake.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the MISS P&C will be held on **Tuesday 31st March at 6.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend and we especially encourage new families to our school to come along and get involved in our Association. All executive positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and we will be particularly looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer. Please talk to Helen Mowat, P&C President, or Jo Sinclair-Jones, Principal, if you have any questions about taking on an executive role.

Invest in our school, invest in our community, invest in our future—join the P&C this year and make a difference.

Old School uniforms

If you have any old school uniforms, particularly checkered shirts and dresses, please donate them for a fundraising drive to help out island communities in Papua New Guinea. We will be happy to collect them at the school office and they will be shipped off in a container with other school supplies at the end of next month. Your donations would be very much appreciated.

See your prep class photos in the **Prep Classes 2015** lift-out.

Only in the Townsville Bulletin

Friday, March 20
Prep News

We are heading into a very busy part of the term with assessment and testing happening in most areas. It is very important that we keep on top of this schedule and continue to progress with the children’s learning. Your child’s attendance at school each day is very important and at this early stage of their school lives it is crucial that they foster a feeling of necessity to come to school and not a choice.

A big thank you to the parent helpers for the work they are doing on Reading Eggs, group rotations and swimming lessons. Your help is invaluable.

We are focussing on learning the days of the week and ordinal numbers in Maths. Please try and use the name of the day each morning and relate it to something they do as part of their routine on that day. Eg “Today is Wednesday, don’t forget your library book and bag for borrowing.”

Just a reminder of our weekly schedule:

- Monday - Whole school parade
- Tuesday - Music and PE
- Wednesday - Library borrowing
- Thursday - Swimming lessons (except for this week!)

Julia Shafer

Year 1 News

We are half way through our English Unit which is based on responses to picture story books. We are analysing stories to identify characters, settings and events and are finding the problems and resolutions in the plot. We are expressing our opinions about how the characters acted and linking the events to our personal experiences. Reading is so much more than just decoding the words!

The progress the students are making is closely linked to the consistent routine of home reading and spelling practice. Thank you for your fantastic support in establishing this regular routine.

If you are able to help with logging on for our Computer Lab time (12:00pm. Thursdays), please let me know.

Thanks!
Jo T

Happy and co-operative Year 1 students creating with Pattern Blocks.
Year 2 News

Recently year 2 have been deconstructing and reconstructing poems. We have been looking at rhyming patterns, word patterns, alliteration and repetition. Together we created our masterpiece – ‘I See What My Tiger Does’ which was adapted from ‘I Wonder What my Dog Does’. We have loved using our imagination. It has also been a good opportunity to share ideas with our friends. This week we will present our very own poems to the class which we look forward to.

I See What My Tiger Does by Year 2
I see what my tiger does,  
While I’m in jungle.  
When he caught a grasshopper  
He was in a bungle.

I saw him in big trouble,  
He tripped over his tail.  
He broke his bottom bone,  
Then he began to wail.

The grasshopper was laughing  
And his face was rosy.  
The grasshopper was laughing,  
Now he’s feeling dozy.

He fell asleep on a rock.  
Tiger tippy-toed.  
Then he pounced with glee,  
His sharp teeth really glowed.

Sarah Gossage

Year 3 & Year 4 News

Term 1 has definitely flown by with Easter holidays fast approaching. It has been both a busy and exciting few weeks. The Year 3/4 students completed their first English assessment for the year and have now started our persuasive unit which the students are enjoying. We have been practising how to persuade an audience through role plays and group activities. Maths assessments have also been completed throughout the term which students are doing quite well at.

Big success with our History Excursion to Jezzine Barracks! The Forts Walk and Army Museum were very interesting and well presented well by the volunteer staff at the Barracks. Students were engaged and excited to learn about the different wars and the effects they had on Townsville specifically, as well as what life was like back then. The students’ behaviour was exceptional and we look forward to participating in more excursions this year. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and support on the day. Please refer to our photo page for photos from the excursion.

Swimming – Every Thursday morning. Students need to bring their togs, a rashie and a towel.
Homework –. Due FRIDAY morning. Homework club = Thursday afternoon 2.20pm – 2.50pm.
Library Borrowing - Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings their library bag and library books (to be returned) every Friday so they can borrow books.
Art-in-a-Suitcase program – Alison McDonald is an amazing artist who will be coming to teach an art lesson on Friday March 20th 2015. Past students have really enjoyed these visits so we look forward to her coming. This is a free of charge activity.

Kerri-Anne McAtee & Jeremy Pullen
“All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support”

History Excursion—Jezzine Barracks
**Year 5/6 News**

Our busy weeks continue, and with ongoing support and reminders about routines and expectations, children are aligning with the class goals and are self-managing more effectively. This is very pleasing to see, and we hope to see this progress continue throughout the year. Thanks to all parents who have responded to our requests to discuss expectations and follow through with issues in class.

In English, we have begun the second unit for the year, and this unit focuses on persuasive writing. The children will write a feature article. Most children will write this article based on flying foxes, though some children will choose their own topic. This unit provides good practice in the lead up to NAPLAN tests for Year 5s, and Year 6s also benefit from the practice we provide.

In Maths, one of our major topics is fractions, and in particular, working with common fractions. This has, traditionally, been an area where some children are slower to attain concepts than in other areas. So some children will take a while longer before they feel confident working with fractions. If your child is expressing worries about this work, please let us know, but please also encourage them to persist and look for logical connections, and they will hopefully ‘get it’ in the near future. Our class activities are guiding the structure and progress of lessons, so children are receiving direct teaching according to their needs.

Homework routines are building, with some children moving onto a different homework structure once they have demonstrated effective planning, layout, time management and accuracy. Other children will progress to these new homework styles as the year progresses. Thanks to all parents who are providing support and guidance about how to present and organise homework. The children seems to be responding well.

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

Martin and Sharon

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**We’re a Sporting School!**

Our school has been registered to participate in Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government programme starting from 1 July 2015. Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school.

Sporting Schools program will complement our existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports. Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government so there will be no additional cost to parents. Please contact the school with any questions about this exciting new programme!
Sporting Opportunity—Term 2

MyGolf Program

Our local Magnetic Island Country Club, in conjunction with the PGA, will be offering the MyGolf program during Term 2. Sessions shall be on Mondays starting at 3.15 with a healthy snack at the Golf Club. Tuition shall be between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Children need to be dropped at the club in Picnic Bay in time for the start, or they can catch the school bus. Pick up’s must be done by the parents.

Children over 8 years of age are invited to join the program. If you are interested in your child/children participating, you need to register at mygolf.org.au or call Chris on 0455 268 532. Closed in shoes, socks and neat attire are required.

AUSKick

Everyone has been loving Monday afternoon’s AUSKick sessions.

Thank you from all of us for including our school. Please note that the last session will be on 30th March.

Vacation Care

School holidays commence Monday 6th April through to Friday 17th April and PCYC will be providing an exciting vacation care program over these two weeks.

Children currently attending after school care have been discussing activities they would like to do over the vacation period. We will be finalising ideas and distributing a calendar of activities by the end of this week.

Vacation care operates from 7:30 - 6:00 pm Monday to Friday at the After School Care room at the school. Fees depend on payment options below:
- $46 idebit
- $46 eft

Families need to provide all food for the day (including morning / afternoon tea / lunch & drinks). Additional costs may be required for excursions eg movies / water park to cover ferry and entry fees.

Bookings for vacation care are essential particularly for coordinating adequate staff on excursions. Please contact the PCYC mobile 0426 203 100 to reserve space for your child/children.
To become a newsletter sponsor & appear on this page, call 4758 2333 or email info@magneticislandss.eq.edu.au

**Attendance is important in the last week of term**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

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**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**

Friday 20 March 2015

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

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**MOBILE LIBRARY VAN**

The mobile library van will no longer be parked at the school on a Tuesday. The new Nelly Bay stop is located at the Lions Park on Sooning Street (at the Nelly Bay Marina and opposite the Lions Park cemetery.) Until the end of April, the Nelly Bay stop time will be from 12.45 until 2.45pm.

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**C&K Early Childhood Centre**

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

Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

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