Read Your children a Story

Parental involvement in a child's education should start at birth—and never stop. Singing lullabies or cooing tender words introduces the world of language to an infant. And that’s, or should be, the beginning. Studies have shown that parental involvement when children are entering primary schooling is strongly associated with reading performance and even more with instilling a sense of enjoyment of reading in children. It is so important that parents show their children the value of reading by demonstrating positive attitudes towards reading themselves. Only around 40% of young children will look up from their first book and see their parents enjoying a book of their own. A child can discover the world in a book. Encouraging reading need not be an expensive or time consuming activity. Make use of your city Library, encourage your child to use their school library on a regular basis. Just reading out loud for 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to your child's education. Suggest that your child read to you in the car on the way home. Keep a special book in the car for just this purpose. Ask your librarian to recommend books for your child’s age group if you are unsure. The world awaits you—and your child!

P&C Financial Assistance

If your child has represented our school in any sporting or cultural event at a State or National level, remember to get your financial assistance forms in to us. (available on the school website - community link, then P&C.) Participating at this level means they are eligible for $100 per child per sport if they have made a Capricornia team or higher. We love to support our kids excellence!

Kylie’s Kitchen

(Tidbits from our Tuckshop convenor)

There are 2 areas in the tuckshop where we’re having to review our practice. The first is that we have been having a large number of orders coming in very late in the mornings this term—maybe everyone is sleeping in with the colder weather! With Kylie being on her own on so many days, and tuckshop being so busy, having late orders is making it very difficult for her to get everything ready in time for lunch. Orders to be at the tuckshop no later than 9.15 please.

The second area which has been a bit problematic for us is children forgetting to bring their lunch to school—and yes, it does happen as many times as you can imagine! If a child forgets their lunch the P&C offers a voucher system where the parent can approve by phone an amount for the child to spend on their lunch. We are committed to the policy that no child goes hungry, but we can only offer a limited menu in these circumstances (such as a sandwich) and cannot include any drinks or ice blocks.

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Thank you for supporting us by keeping your money within the school. We hope you enjoy your special gifts chosen by your children.

More and more families are now buying from us for their Grandmothers as well which is very generous. Thank you to the many helpers who assisted us in so many ways over the 2 days. Your help makes the stall possible!

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Please let us know if you have anything you’d like to see in our P&C newsletter and we’d really like to hear from you if you can help out at any time. It’s great fun and your kids will just love to see you around the school.

Student Numbers as of April 2012: 835 Families 580
Parents & Citizens present at P&C Meeting: 13

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We start at 7.30pm in the Senior Campus Library, Pinder Street.

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Tuckshop - PandCTuckshop@mackwestss.eq.edu.au
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

The P&C worked alongside the teachers last month and held a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings. The teachers enthusiastically supported this new venture to help raise much needed funds for ICT within our school. The $1200 raised on the day will go directly towards purchasing classroom toolkits, which are essential for teaching the new National Curriculum. Thank you so much to all the teachers who participated.

We will be holding another sausage sizzle in October.

Did you know?

When your purchase Bookclub in your child's classroom, the profits go directly back to your child's year level. This is a great way to support your child's teacher, as the funds are put to great use in the classroom.

Picture Plates are usually done in the Prep year, and the profits from this venture all stay at Prep. All money raised with Picture Plates stays in the classrooms. This is a very time consuming task which Leanne Vincent has done for 5 years!

Our school holds 2 Book Fairs a year, one at Senior School and one at Junior. All profit from Book Fairs remain in the library, and Mrs Spillman and Mrs Todd purchase many many beautiful books with the proceeds.

So, if you have made any purchases over the years at any of these ventures, we thank you for your support!

The P&C have hosted 2 Morning Teas in the last month.

We had some special visitors from Homefield who joined our school for the ANZAC Day ceremonies, and then enjoyed a lovely morning tea in the Library Courtyard afterwards. It was so special for them to view Mr Rutherford's amazing display of war memorabilia.

On the 4th May we held morning tea, again in the Library Courtyard, to welcome new families to our school, and to Mackay. 10 ladies came along and had a chat with Janice Quadrio—P&C President—and Doug Sturgeon—Principal—along with other P&C members. It was a lovely morning and we hope we have made you all feel very welcome to our great school.

Woolies Earn & Learn.

You've seen the signs in the store, you've watched the ads on TV. Now it's time to bring in those stickers! Woolies Earn & Learn is back, and we think it's better than ever! If your family does their weekly shop at Woolies, please ask the cashier for the stickers. The children are loving collecting the stickers to stick on the sticker cards. We are able to purchase a huge range of quality teaching resources using our Earn & Learn points. Every sticker counts, so please ask your friends and neighbours to save them for us too.

Mackay West also has 2 in-store boxes, at Mt Pleasant and Canelands Woolworths where stickers or cards can be placed if you can't bring them in to school.

Mayfair!

The Mayfair engine is chugging along on all cylinders now. There has been a wonderful response to our call for donations this year & we have terrific numbers of groceries & Cent Sale items. Thank you!

We can never have too many bottles for the bottle stall though so if you have one or two more hiding in your cupboard please send them along to school.

We are a bit nervous about the low numbers of volunteers to work on the night. Mayfair can only be a success if the whole school community pulls together to help out. If only we could run such a fabulous fair with only a handful of people, we'd love to simply ask you along to have fun! But in order for everyone to enjoy the night, we simply need a lot of people to do a little bit. If you haven't already put your volunteer form in, please pencil in hour or two to man a stall. Team up with a friend and do it together, it really will make all the difference to the workload. The children are starting to get excited about the big night, it's really a highlight of the Mackay West calendar and has been for many many years. We hope you can come and join the fun!

Foneraiser update.

We have set away a box of 86 old mobile phones to be recycled for our Foneraiser promotion. Thank you for bringing in your old phones; they were worth $4 each to the P&C in 2011. This promotion will be ongoing for our school, so if you have an old (working or not working) mobile phone, please bring it to school for recycling. The P&C will receive $3 per phone in 2012.

We would like to bid a fond farewell to a very dedicated and enthusiastic P&C member Jacqui Ward. Jacqui was instrumental in many important projects within the P&C over the years, the new Strategic Plan being one of the major ones. Jacqui, we thank you sincerely for all your hard work for our school and we wish you and your family all the very best in your very exiting new adventure!