Kylie’s Kitchen

(Tidbits from our Tuckshop convenor)

We have made some changes to the tuckshop menu this year. There are 2 exciting new specials available to all campuses, and have you noticed that some prices have reduced? Yes, reduced! We aim to keep our prices as low as we can, to keep tuckshop affordable for everyone, and have been able to lower some prices even further this year.

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Productive Partnerships refers to the Program which we run in collaboration with the Mackay Regional Council Libraries. A core element of this program includes a program called GOAL as well as more recently PAL.

The core business of both school and public libraries is literacy. Mackay West students are also encouraged to become patrons of NSL Libraries.

Living Term 1 we actively encourage every Grade One and Prep student to join their local public Library. A note will come home this year with a Mackay Regional Council Library membership application form for parents and carers to complete and return to school.

Library Borrower cards will also be available at all tuckshops.

Don’t forget that you get to sample the menu for yourself by getting lunch for free when you volunteer, and your children get $5 to spend to provide shade to this very busy area.

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The Prep campus has new shade sails! Many thanks to our Grants Officer Amanda Gladstone for submitting our successful Qld Cancer Council Sun Smart Grant.

The P&C was pleased to contribute funds towards providing shade to this very busy area.

Mackay West State School
P & C Association

Welcome to the start of the 2012 new school year!

We hope our new students, and our Prep students have settled in well and are enjoying our wonderful school and all it has to offer.

We would also like to welcome the new parents who attended the first P&C meeting this year. Welcome to Lance, Anita, Kerryn, Geoff and Michelle.

Have you attended a school parade yet?

The Year 1 & 2’s have parade on Friday mornings at the Junior campus and Years 3—7 under West Wing on Friday mornings.

Senior Campus parades are held when school begins, and start at 8.50am.

All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

It is a pleasure to watch the children proudly stand and sing our national anthem whilst facing our flag.

Watching the year 1 & 2’s receive their ‘Superstar awards’ is delightful, and the year 3-7’s are presented with their Student of the Week certificates on Fridays.

Lots of information is given to the students at parade, so if you don’t

Our Next P&C Meeting is our AGM on Monday 12 March 2012

We’d love to hear your opinions. Come along and have your say!

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

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.

Email us at PandCsecretary@mackwestss.eq.edu.au.
P&C Fundraising - PandCFundraising@mackwestss.eq.edu.au
Tuckshop - PandCTuckshop@mackwestss.eq.edu.au
**Working Bee**  
Sunday February 26  
8am—10am  
Everyone is encouraged to come along and help to tidy up our school grounds. The grass is growing while we watch, and our groundsman Phil is working very hard to keep things tidy but nature is getting the better of us at this time of year.  
We have some tools, but numbers are limited, so if you could bring along things like a mower, whipper snipper, rake, weeding tools, gloves, we’d appreciate it.  
Things that need doing are weeding, trimming hedges, mowing and general tidying of the gardens and grounds.  
Children are most welcome. We are unable to provide supervision however, so your children will be under your care whilst on school property.

**Bush Dance**  
Mark your calendars for March 15!  
The children have been practicing their dancing skills and learning the fine art of bush dancing with Mr Holmes.  
If you haven’t attended a Mackay West Bush Dance yet, now is your chance!  

It is a really fun night and the children have such a great time showing off their new dancing skills.  
The Student Council will be selling chips, chocolates and drinks.

We are currently holding discussions about whether it is feasible to hold Mayfair this year. Mayfair is dear to all our hearts, it has been part of Mackay West since the 70’s and we would love to continue hold it every year. It really is a lot of fun to organise, but the reality is that it is also rather a lot of work, which is usually mainly done by only a few people— and they need a break!  
For Mayfair to be held in May this year, we would need a Co-ordinator, committee members and volunteers on the day, and for the clean up afterwards. If you feel as we do, (and the children do) that Mayfair is such an integral part of the school and must be held— please step forward and put your hand up. If you think you could help out in any way, or with any of the roles listed above, please get in touch with Janice on 0439 086 972 or email her at jjhq@tpg.com.au  
Mayfair is a very valuable part of the fundraising calendar for our P&C as well as being a very valuable part of the community calendar in Mackay. We all love our Mayfair, we just need to put together a team to get it all together—can YOU be our Co-ordinator Extraordinaire?

**Uniform Shop News.**  
We are trialing new opening hours in the Uniform Shop!  
We are now open:  
Monday 8.00am—9.00am  
Wednesday 2.30 pm — 3.30 pm

**Price List**  
School Polo's $29  
Performance Polo's $29  
Prep Polo's $21.50  
Shorts $20  
Skorts $20  
Jackets $35

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