**Principal’s Message:**
Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and that your children are refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting term ahead.

First of all I would just like to extend special thanks to Mrs Wade, for coordinating our ‘Reef Guardian Sustainability Day’, on the second last day of school last term. Special thanks once again to Kate Finch and Carolyn Thompson from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and to Charlie-Jones Prizeman and Brittney Hudson from the Isaac Council who helped make this day a success.

Here is a snapshot of the day:

**Activity Summary**
The day kicked off with a quick overview of the day. Students were split into four rotational groups ranging from Prep to Year 7. Kate Finch and Carolyn Thompson (GBRMPA) introduced students to the sustainable fishing game. Students learnt about the different zoning of the Marine Park and how to fish sustainably for the future. Students were excited to do some hands on fishing and learn about size and bag limits and some important information about endangered species.

With the assistance of teachers and parents, student did some cooking with “school grown” produce. By cooking and preparing home grown vegetables, students were able to experience foods jam-packed full of goodness and reap the rewards of their hard work in the garden.
Students worked hard weeding and preparing the soils for new plants in their vegetable gardens as well as out in the school grounds. Mackay Tree Factory donated ten local species of bottlebrush which were propagated from seeds found along creeks in Nebo and Eungella. Worm juice was used to fertilize and food scraps were used for worm food.

With the assistance of the Isaac Regional Council, students then undertook a hands on activity and learnt about Climate Change and how they can act locally whilst thinking globally to protect our environment. Thanks once again to everyone involved and to our students for being so enthusiastic and well-behaved.

**Explicit Instruction**
This week and next week, we are very fortunate to have our Explicit Instruction Coach – ‘Mrs Tia Page’ returning to work with staff around the Central Queensland teaching priority of Explicit Instruction. All staff will be involved in professional development and receive coaching and feedback.

**Art Auction**
The final date for our Art Auction has been decided and will be on Friday the 24th of October commencing at 5.30 pm. All funds raised will be going towards our School Camps’ for this Term. Please see the flyer attached with this week’s newsletter and don’t forget to save the date.

**School Camp:**
This term, we have our year 3’s and our Year 5, 6, and 7’s heading off on School Camp. The year 3’s will receive information this week. The year 3’s will be off to Kinchant Dam on Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd of October and will engage in an outdoor education experience. They will also be visiting Sizzler in Mackay and will be going bowling. The year 5, 6, 7’s had information on their camp sent home last Term. They are off to Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast from 2/11/14 to 7/11/14. Just a reminder that, a $140 deposit is due to be paid by this Friday 10/10/14. This deposit can either be brought in to the school office or placed directly into the school’s bank account. The details for this are:
Please don’t forget to put your surname as a payment reference. If for any reason you are experiencing extreme financial difficulties, please contact Sue in the Office or myself and we can have a confidential discussion to negotiate payment options.

**Queensland Ambulance Service**
Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter an invitation to the Queensland Ambulance Service Open Day to be held on Thursday 16th October. All classes will attend on this day. The Queensland Ambulance Service will be having a sausage sizzle on the day. If you wish for your child to have a sausage, if you could please send along a gold coin for your child to donate.

**Behaviour**
It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our whole school behaviour plan, I would love to hear from you. Our School will be having a Discipline audit on 29th October, 2014. This audit will help look at things relative to behaviour that we are doing well and things we need to improve on. The Discipline Audit tool was shared with P & C members last term.

Our behaviour focus this week is:  

* I wear my school uniform with pride

**Expression of Interest**
If you are ever interested in volunteering your time (class helper, Tuckshop, cooking, gardening) please let your child’s class teacher know. If you also possess skills and attributes and are interested in being considered for any future employment position that may become available at our school (Teacher Aide, Administration, Grounds person, etc.), please submit a Resume to me and/or contact me to let me know of your interest.

**Feedback/Open Door Policy**
If at any time you have any feedback on how to make our school a better place, or you have any questions or concerns you may wish to discuss, please remember I have an open door policy and I would be more than happy to meet with you.

**P & C**
Just a reminder, that the P & C Picture Plate and Gift fundraiser templates and money are due in this week. The P & C will also be holding their first P & C Meeting for the term on Thursday 9th October at 2.45 pm in the Arts/Music Room. All school community members are welcome to attend.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick

**NO TUCKSHOP TODAY. TUCKSHOP RESUMES NEXT WEEK 14/10/14**
Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week. If you are available to assist in the Tuckshop this Term please see Kassy

Roster for Term 4:

14/10 - 

21/10 -

Mirani State High School will distribute enrolment packages to the Pioneer Valley cluster feeder primary schools during visits in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term (Term 3). Below are the enrolment interviews and orientation day dates for students transitioning to Mirani SHS:

Enrolment Interviews
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4 (27th Oct-9th Nov).
- Year 7 (current Year 6) Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4 (17th Nov-30th Nov).

Orientation Days
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Wednesday December 3rd
- Year 7 (Current Year 6) Thursday December 4th

Parent information sessions will be held at Mirani State High School at a date yet to be confirmed. The date of these sessions is dependent on the completion of the construction of the new building as the school currently does not have a space large enough to conduct the sessions.

Mirani SHS 2015 Parent Information Sessions

To assist students in making the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 Mirani SHS will be running the following:

Year 7

- Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st :
  Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.30pm
  Information session with Administration at 6.15pm
- Year 7 2015 Student Orientation Day: Thursday 4th December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Thursday 4th December, 9.15 -10.00 am

Year 8

- Year 8 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st :
  Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.00pm
  Information session with Administration at 5.30pm
- Year 8 2015 Student Orientation Day: Wednesday 3rd December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Wednesday 3rd December, 9.15 -10.00 am

eKindy Message

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open. Any families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011), can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. Families will be contacted directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page: https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx Information has recently been added to this page, about ‘eKindy in small schools’.
When can my child attend kindergarten?

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**KINDY FUNDING**

Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost? QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families. QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:

* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR
* identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does), OR
* have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.

Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.

Thank you to the BMC pathways to Performance Sponsorship program for the opportunity to attend the MECC to see ‘Wombat Stew’!

Thank you to Rio Tinto for their Sponsorship support with Literacy and Numeracy for our school.

Thank you to bhpbilliton (BMC) for their Sponsorship support with Interschool Sport.

Thank you to civeo (nee The MAC) for their Sponsorship support with ICT.