TERM 2 WEEK 4
Attendance
As at 31/3/2015 – 94%
Compared to end Term 1/2014 – 92.4%
End of 2015 Goal – 95%
End of 2014 – 91.5%

ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
THANKS MUM! I hope all mums found time on Sunday to relax a little and let your children fuss over you a bit. Perhaps some even received breakfast in bed?! (I can recall one Mother’s Day when our breakfast in bed for mum ended as breakfast all over the bed! But the thought was there!)

The vital role mothers play in ensuring their children grow as healthy, well-educated and socially adjusted adults is well known, yet the recognition they receive for this is not often so forthcoming.

Mother’s Day is an opportunity for all children, young or older, to understand that what our mothers do (did) for us is because they love us and want the best for us, and for us to show we appreciate their many personal sacrifices on our behalf.

I hope you had a lovely Mother’s Day, ladies. You deserve it!!
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Concerning Mother’s Day
If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?
Milton Berle

It’s not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it!
Dorothy on The Golden Girls.

NAPLAN TESTING
Naplan testing is being conducted across Queensland this week for Years 3, 5 and 7, and as a result some routines may be varied, e.g. break times and specialist teacher lessons.

Your child will achieve their best NAPLAN results if they have a nourishing breakfast and plenty of sleep, and come to school with a positive “can do!” attitude to achieving success. Coming worried or stressed about these tests is counter-productive.

Our teachers have worked diligently to prepare your children for these tests, and will also provide breakfast (or a top-up) for those who require it on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The rest is up to them.

“Do your best” is all we’re asking of our students.
Howard Frost
A/Principal

COW COMPETITION
Congratulations to the Special Needs Group and class 5/6. The Special Needs group came 2nd and class 5/6 came 3rd in their sections.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thank you to everyone that supported the Mother’s Day stall. Money raised goes back to the school for purchasing laptops for our Computer Lab.

BOOK FAIR
Book fair coming again......The 18th-22nd of May, 7:30 till 8:30am and 2:30-3:30pm.

All parents, grandparents, friends and community members welcome. Please feel free to come and browse the beautiful range of books we will have on display. Books make wonderful and educational gifts for birthdays or just for reading practise. All books sold help our school library to receive free books for our student’s enjoyment.

Please see Sue if you need a special time to view the books. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ARTS COUNCIL
On 25th May Artslink Queensland will present Have You Ever Heard A Wombat Sing? at our school.

In this lively and original show two young professional musicians will draw on their Indigenous heritage to combine stories about “Mother Earth” with a range of musical styles including acoustic, hip hop, rap and reggae. You are invited to go on this journey with Waveney Yasso and Alinta McGrady, who are passionate about music: music to dance to, music to work to music that can express what you believe and what you feel. Along the way, students will discover secrets of the natural world, of being one with the land and building their own self confidence through rhythm and song.

To ensure that your child has the chance to participate in this experience, which is linked to our
curriculum in the areas of personal and social capability, critical and creative thinking, ethical understanding and dance and drama, please return payment by 22nd May with the $8 admission fee.

SCHOOL BUS RUNS ANNUAL REVIEW PERIOD
Most parents will be aware that each year a school’s size is assessed by the numbers of students at the school on day 8 of Term 1. These numbers are used to calculate how many teachers and classes each school needs. Each year on 1st July the government does a similar review of school bus usage on all the state’s school bus runs. They cross-reference details of students using a bus with the residential addresses as held by schools to determine that all students using a bus are still eligible to do so. This review also looks at the size of bus runs and determines the future services provided to particular schools. This is done for long term planning and does not have immediate effects on a school bus route, but it can forecast changes needed in the next 2 to 3 years.

If there are any children at Seaforth School who are eligible to use a school bus, but are not currently signed up to do so, then the bus operators Robyn and Graham McKenzie would be happy to talk to parents about their transport needs. Due to the reduced numbers of students at the school over the past couple of years, the numbers of students using the buses have also reduced. Any parents who have considered putting their children onto the bus, even for only a day per week, are invited to do so before 15th June 2015 so that their children will be included in this year’s review.

To be eligible for free government subsidised bus travel a primary aged student must live more than 3.2 kilometres from Seaforth State School and also live within the school’s designated catchment area. A parent who is unsure about how either of these requirements affects them can simply ask the McKenzie’s who have maps which show eligibility in all directions.

Robyn and Graham are at the school each afternoon at school’s end or can be contacted day or evening on (07) 4959 0563

BUS BAY REMINDER
Please do not pull in behind a parking bus to drop off children. And under no circumstances pull in behind a bus that is reversing to let children out of your vehicle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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<td>Montana Hall</td>
<td>For showing off her SUPER reading skills.</td>
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<td>Jackson Webster</td>
<td>Fantastic spelling results.</td>
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<td>Wilhelm Wienert</td>
<td>Excellent focus in class and fabulous results always.</td>
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<td>Darcy Neilsen</td>
<td>For working fantastically in all areas.</td>
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<td>Mrs Siemer</td>
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<td>For being an outstanding role model in self-regulation lessons.</td>
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P & C NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Monday and Wednesday 8:00am – 8:45am. Jumpers are now in stock. All sizes are available.

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2016 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENINGS

MERCY COLLEGE
2016 Year 7 - Enrolment Information Evening
Tuesday 19 May 2015 4.30 – 7.30pm
Pre-register now online
www.mercymackay.qld.edu.au
MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATES

Year 7 2016 Enrolment Process and Scholarships
The enrolment process for 2016 has begun. Enrolment information and forms can be obtained from the school website. We encourage parents and students to begin the Year 7 2016 Enrolment process as soon as possible.

19/8/15  Enrolment and iPad Information Evening 6pm (Auditorium Senior Centre)

10/11/15 Enrolment and iPad Information Evening 6pm (Auditorium Senior Centre)

If you have any questions relating to Year 7 2016 enrolments or scholarships please refer to the school website contact Rebecca Denney – rdenn59@eq.edu.au

BUFFSTARS COFFEE
A mobile coffee café will be at school from 7:45am every Monday and Friday morning. Find us in the grass field behind Mrs William’s classroom.

FOR SALE
2003 Honda XR80. New brake pads and tyres. Runs well, great kids bike in good condition. $800 ono Must sell!
Ph 0420 909 068 or see Denyelle in the office.