I want to congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the NAPLAN testing this week. All students put in 100% effort and they should all feel very proud of their persistence in completing these tasks. Well done to each of you. Thank you to our P&C for supplying breakfast and a huge thank you to Janeece Condon for organising this each morning. The breakfast was well supported and very tasty toast.

**MACKAY DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Good Luck to Kynan Nielsen, John Bowman, Clay Sandilands and Jaz Newton who are travelling to Sarina for the Mackay District Cross Country next Tuesday. Awesome work those dedicated runners who have been training. Thank you Mrs Nielsen for their extra training sessions.

**WHITSUNDAY VOICES**

Earlier this week a note was sent out to our year 4-6 students regarding interest in attending Whitsunday Voices. A number of schools support this event and this year we would like to take our students to three of the sessions offered by well-known authors.

**ALEA - AUSTRALIAN LITERACY EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**

Last week some of our teachers attended ALEA – Australian Literacy Educators Association workshop in Mackay. The wonderful new resources and Literacy news were shared and we are very inspired to support our students at Seaforth SS.

**Celebrating National Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for our school community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It’s a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The 27 May and 3 June are important dates in Australia’s history, and mark the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. To learn more about National Reconciliation Week, visit [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au).

Kay Rye  
Principal
Our weekly class news
This week we hear from PREP

It’s hard to believe but time is flying by so quickly that we are almost at mid-term! Recently we welcomed back Mrs Francis from her wonderful long service trip and added the two new faces of Kaliyah and Maddie into our class which has seen our numbers reach 25! We are certainly looking forward to the arrival of our colourful individual desks as work space is rather squishy at our tables at present.

Here in Prep, we have continued to be busy little learners. Our science unit has been all about exploring materials and their properties and we are learning an impressive vocabulary list with words such as aluminium, ceramic, waterproof, flexible, rigid, durable and transparent, just to name a few! Soon we will be creating our own wind ornaments as a reflection of our learning.

In addition to number work in Maths, our content so far has included the learning of 3D shapes with even more new vocabulary to impress. Faces, edges, cylinders, rectangular prisms and so forth are familiar terms to us now.

Our English unit this term focuses on retelling stories. The students have enjoyed discussing the sequences of stories like The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs by discussing the beginning of the story, the middle of the story and the end of a story. The preps have continued to work hard each week on their sightwords and letters and sounds. Sightword testing has now changed to Tuesday as Monday’s are full of interruptions with specialist lessons, para and library.

In Geography, Mrs Denman has been teaching the Preps about special places and the preps will enjoy making a model of their favourite place at home using playdough. With 6 weeks left of the term we have lots of assessment to do before Mrs Francis and Miss Noli begin end of Semester Report Cards. Keep up the hard work Preps and thank you so much to our regular parent helpers who assist in the classroom!

Congratulations to the following AWARD RECIPIENTS:

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<td>Isabella Cole</td>
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PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning!
Our PBL team is working to adjust our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan so it reflects the new behaviour goals and expectations of our school. Do you have any comments for the draft behaviour matrix attached to last week’s newsletter? Please hand them in to the office if you do, as we welcome feedback.

Each week we will have a focus, and each teacher will explicitly teach an expected behaviour. Colour coded tickets will be given for following this positive behaviour and achievements will be celebrated.

We will launch the whole program with a special PBL Day with special activities and 3 Super Heroes: Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Respectful!
It will be a great day to launch a great program!

COME AND VISIT THE MONSTER BOOK FAIR
FROM MONDAY 23 MAY TO FRIDAY 27 MAY IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

From the Student Council
The disco date has changed to Friday 27 May due to unavailable tuckshop service. The disco part for the Preps - year 3 will start from 4:30pm and finish at 6:30pm.

The year 4 to year 6 MOVIE NIGHT will commence from 6:45pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

PLAYGROUP - MONDAY MUNCHKINS
Let’s get back into the swing of things after all these public holidays!! Playgroup starts back Monday 9th May at 9am – 11am in Music Room at the school.

9th May THEME: Very Hungry Caterpillar – making hungry caterpillars, story time, games, music and nursery rhymes.

16th May THEME: Teddy Bears Picnic – bring favourite teddy, shady spot amongst trees near oval, healthy plate of food to share.

23rd May THEME: Dress up Day – kids and adults dress up in favourite costume, wear a hat, silly mask, bring along costumes to share, craft making.

Above dates subject to change. Will provide more information closer to the dates.