2016 SCHOOL LEARNING PRIORITIES

- Reading Comprehension
- Number Facts and space
- Writing

DATE CLAIMERS

**FEBRUARY**
26th NO SWIMMING (Years 3 – 4)

**MARCH**
11th P & C Trivia Night

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Yesterday the teaching staff participated in some training with our consistent school approach to the teaching of writing – The Seven Steps to Writing Success. The 7 Steps are:

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don’t Tell
6. Ban the Boring
7. Exciting Endings (Narrative Text) / Ending With Impact (Persuasive Text)
A vital component in producing effective writing is Step 1, Plan for Success. To assist with this Mirani SS students are encouraged to use the 7 Steps Story Map (above). Ask your child about the 7 Steps and to explain the Story Map. We are confident having a simple and consistent model to planning writing throughout a student’s schooling will reap benefits as they progress through the grades, in fact we are already identifying students are well versed in the approach in the lower grades. (Please be aware that at this stage of the school year Prep has not commenced their introduction to 7 Steps).

SPORTING SUCCESSES:
Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved some higher level sporting achievements / representations:
- **Swimming** - Josh H. & Sarah L. have both been selected to represent Capricornia Region at the Queensland Schools’ State Swimming Titles next month. Both have recently returned from the MacDonald’s Short Course Championships where they swam terrifically. Josh finished 3rd in the state for 50m Breaststroke.
- **Basketball** – Lucas A. has been selected in the Mackay District School 10-12 Years Basketball Team to participate in the Capricornia Regional Trials in Mackay.
- **Cricket** - Jack T. has been selected in the Under 12 Years Mackay Whitsunday Cricket team to play against Rockhampton this weekend.

Well done to all of these sporting reps – AWESOME!!!
Have a terrific week!

Cheers Bruce

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 22 February 2016

**PREP B** – Justin R. for always putting in his best effort.

**PREP M** – Elise M. for using her ‘High Five’ steps effectively in class.

**1V** – Rian S. for always working hard in maths activities.

**1M** – Mason W. for Try, Try, Try. Great Efforts!

**2N** – Liam B. for being a Super Student with manners and doing his best work at all times.

**2S** – Riley G. for a great effort to look, listen and learn.

**3L** – Vincent M. for great organisation in Morning Session.

**3WS** – Ella C. for neat presentation in her bookwork.

**3/4W** – Alexa C. for demonstrating excellent reading comprehension strategies.

**4J** – Charley D. for quiet conscientious work and strong effort.

**5D** – Zac L. for being a super keen class mate.

**5B** – Laney M. for setting a good role model for other students in the class.

**6MD** – Kyle T. for always getting the job done!

**6H** – Wendy H. for working conscientiously and displaying excellent work habits at all times.
MR T’S MIRANI MATES AWARDEES – 22 February 2016

JONTY T. – A lovely Year One lady who likes to lift her literacy levels, through A1 application, FABULOUS focus, REGULAR reading, SOARING sight words and her veritable visualisations. Legendary!

HARLEY T. – A special student who epitomises the spirit of Mirani SS with her SUBSTANIAL skills, SELFLESS citizenship, SIGNIFICANT successes, SPROUTING sense of humour and SCINTILLATING smile on her dial. SMASHING!!!

XAVIER P. – A beaut bloke who bounces into business with a beaming smile on his dial beset to do his best by building on his CLEAR comprehension, ENORMOUS effort, MAGICAL manners, NIFTY numeracy and TREMENDOUS teamwork. TOPS!

SCHOOL NEWS:

SYDNEY/CANBERRA MEETING
Next Monday we will be conducting a parent information session for the Year 6 2016 Sydney/Canberra Trip. Details are as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY MARCH 29th, 5.30PM
WHERE: LIBRARY
WHAT: Update, Expectations, Supervisors, Timelines, Payment Schedule, Itinerary, Equipment, Communication, Other, Q & A, etc.
WHO: Parent / Caregiver representative of each student attending

We hope to see you all there.

SYDNEY / CANBERRA PAYMENT
Parents who have students attending the Sydney / Canberra Trip please note that your next payment of $300 is due by the 26th February.

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION – WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Chloe P. (Year 6) and her family are raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation – World’s Greatest Shave. Chloe and her family will be shaving their hair to raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. The link if you wish to sponsor Chloe is http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/chloepaul

SPORT NEWS:

SCHOOL SWIMMING
A reminder to all students in Year 3 and 4 that there will be NO SWIMMING this Friday 26th May due to MSHS holding their Swimming Carnival.

TENNIS HOTSHOTS
In previous years Tennis Australia have organised new tennis racquets for our Prep Students. If parents could return the Hot Shots form back to the office by Friday 4th March, Mr Brown will send it away. If any student in Year 1 – Year 6 is interested in applying for a free Hot Shots shirt please see the office for a form. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS:

WHITSUNDAY VOICES SHORT STORY COMPETITION
If you love creative writing, this is the competition for you! Budding Writers are encouraged to enter the 2016 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Short Story Competition. Students are free to respond to a theme or topic of their choice and there is no limit to the number of entries allowed by each student. The closing date for the competition is 3 pm on Friday 27th May 2016. Please see Mrs Siddle in the library for further information or check out the website http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/

P&C NEWS:

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
25th February  Stephani Allen, Kerriane McPhail
26th February  Stacey Milner, Sue Stewart, Melinda Jenkins
29th February  Jenny Ross

MIRANI STATE SCHOOL P & C TRIVIA NIGHT
Included with this week’s Newsletter is the flyer for the P & C’s Trivia Night to be held on the 11th March so mark it on the calendar! Call the school to nominate a team on 49667 333. Come along for a great night and test your knowledge against the Trivia Master.