

**ISSUE 24**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**2017 SCHOOL LEARNING PRIORITIES**

- STUDENT – TEACHER COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK
- AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM (MATHS AND ENGLISH FOCUS)
- STUDENT EXTENSION (ICT Focus)

**ATTENDANCE RATE FROM LAST WEEK**

Week 4 : 93.6%

**MIRANI SS ATTENDANCE TARGET**

95%

**DATE CLAIMERS**

**AUGUST**

- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 10 | Senior Mega Band (Marian SS) |
| 14 | 125 Years & P & C Meeting    |
| 16 | Year 5 Action Challenge      |

**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

G'day Parents / Caregivers,

As you may be aware the 2017 NAPLAN results were released last week. When analysing this data we looked at both Achievement and Improvement. Mirani SS whole school data demonstrates that we have performed extremely well in both areas. NAPLAN annually assesses students in Year 3 & 5 across the following Strands; Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

Some highlights for Mirani SS include:

### Year 3

- Mirani Year 3 mean similar to the State & National means in **ALL** strands
- Mirani Year 3 mean **ABOVE** the State mean in Writing, Spelling & Numeracy
- Mirani Year 3 mean **ABOVE** the national mean in Writing & Spelling

### Year 5

- Mirani Year 5 mean similar to the State & National Means in **ALL** strands
- Mirani Year 5 mean **ABOVE** the State mean in **ALL** strands, significantly above in Writing & Numeracy
- Mirani Year 5 mean **ABOVE** the national mean in Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy

### Improvement / Growth (Year 3 – 2015 to Year 5 – 2017)

- Mirani rate of improvement similar to nation in **ALL** strands
- Mirani rate of improvement **ABOVE** the nation in Writing, Spelling & Numeracy

Congratulations to ALL students for your achievement and improvement, and to ALL teaching staff for your focus and practice on student and school improvement. It has been extremely satisfying to see such strong improvement across ALL strands. Individual Student Reports will be sent home as soon as they arrive in the next few weeks, please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

Don't forget to complete your parent / caregiver School Opinion Survey – your feedback is appreciated!!!  
Cheers Bruce

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

**PREP B:** Hunter M – for trying to smash his sight words!

**PREP M:** Demie D for demonstrating the habits of successful learners.

**1V:** Elijah J for awesome effort and participation in Maths Activities.

**1M:** Jamon S for much improved writing.

**2S:** Tejay H for amazing lines and patterns in art.

**2NP:** Mason W – for enthusiasm in digital technology lessons.

**3L:** Dustin C for writing great dragon sentences.

**3WS:** Jesse B for showing excellent leadership skills with a group art task.

**4C:** Michael T for working hard on becoming a focused learner.

**4D:** Amarli C for displaying a great work ethic.

**5J:** Hayley W for demonstrating strong resilience during sport.

**5W:** Arlen F for working hard in maths.

**6H:** Taylah T for working conscientiously when completing set tasks.

**6M:** Thomas W for persevering with his tessellating design.

## MR T'S MIRANI MATES – 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

**DUSTIN C:** A mighty Mirani mate who models marvellous manners, impressive initiative, calm confidence, radical reading, nifty numerous, tremendous thinking and sensational school spirit. Superb!

**BOB L:** For an impressive individual who applies himself earnestly to all his endeavours with an outstanding attitude, awesome efforts and an abundance of abilities to achieve at an elevated level. A1!

**DEMIE D:** A pleasant prep pupil who is progressing proudly by applying herself purposefully with her AWESOME attitude, INCREASING confidence, FINE focus, LOVELY listening, IMPRESSIVE politeness, STRENGTHENING skills and TERRIFIC teamwork. WOW!

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### FREE DRESS DAY - RELAY FOR LIFE

Last Friday was a free dress day raising money for the "Mirani Primary" Team who are participating in this week-ends Relay for Life at Finch Hatton. \$351.85 was raised. A huge thank you to all the students and families for their much appreciated donations. All money raised will go to the Cancer Council. So far our team has raised \$1289.48. On the day we will be selling "Troll" Goody Boxes and Troll key rings. We are hoping to raise \$350+ on the day. We are still selling raffle tickets. \$2 / ticket or 3 for \$5. The prize is \$180 worth of "Troll" goodies, including a doona cover, dressing gown, lunch box, pencil case, socks, hair accessories and much more. If you would like a ticket see Mrs Myers in G Block or Amy Watt in the Teacher Aide room. If you have a few hours spare Saturday afternoon and a few dollars pop down to the show grounds at Finch Hatton, between

2 pm and 10 pm. 24 teams are participating this year and each team will have a wide variety of fundraising activities raising money that also goes towards the Cancer council. Again a big thank you to everyone. We are looking forward to a "Trolltastic" weekend.

**SPORT NEWS:**

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Mackay Friday Touch Football season continues this week, all the best to our teams. Please ensure you check out Mackay Touch FB Page or Website for game times.

**SPORT**

**RUGBY LEAGUE – JUNIOR MAGPIES (9 – 10 YEARS)**

Last Wednesday our team took on Marian SS in what was a thoroughly entertaining game of Rugby League. There was great running from Alex B, Charley W and Kai T supported by from some super tackling from Kai V, Chase B and first-timer, Tyler S, Mark M, Vincent M and Lachlan B had strong all-round games. This week the team plays Walkerston SS at Mirani SHS at 4pm. Go the Magpies!

**FUN RUN**

We're holding the *CUA School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **Friday 1st September**. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise over \$10000 to support HPE, music and other projects to support the positive school atmosphere.

The *CUA School Fun-Run* is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active. We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love our parents and friends to come down on the day. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child at the end of the last term. If you need another please contact the school. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward and just by jumping online, your family has the chance to win a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience! Thanks for supporting your child's wellbeing and we hope to see you at school for the event.

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

**BOOKWEEK 2017:**

This year, we will be holding our Book Week Celebrations in **Term 4**. Dress-up Parade: **Friday 27th October**. Book Fair: **Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November**. The theme for this year is: Escape to Everywhere. Thanks Delys Siddle

**P&C NEWS:**

**125 YEARS UPDATE**

With 5 weeks until MSS celebrates 125 years of schooling the committee are well into planning on what will be a great event. Please keep the date free **15th September / 16th September 2017**. During the celebration we will be selling souvenir items – 125 Years Magazine, 125 years Bottle Opener and 125 years Stubby Cooler. These items can be purchased as a bundle in a bag for \$40. Or you can purchase each item on their own. 125 Years Magazine \$30, Bottle Opener \$5 and Stubby Cooler \$8. Parents all items can be pre-ordered but must be paid in full when ordering. Please see order form below. A reminder that our next meeting is the **14th August – 5.30 pm** with the P & C Meeting to follow at **6.30 pm** in the school library.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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**10th October** - Jo Murphy                      **11th October**- Sue Stewart, Kerriane McPhail, Collette Scriha  
**14th October** -Tanya Houston

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT**

MSSH are holding a Trivia Night to raise funds for their Sports Awards Night. Teams of 4 – 6 players, \$10 pp payable on the night which includes food platters for your table. **Friday 1st September 6.30 pm**. RSVP by 18th August to MSSH Office on 49 667 111 or [bjcla0@eq.edu.au](mailto:bjcla0@eq.edu.au) Come along and enjoy a great night and support MSSH.

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**125 YEARS ORDER FORM**

- \$40 Bundle (Magazine, Bottle Opener, Stubby Cooler)
- \$30 Magazine                       \$5 Bottle Opener                       \$8 Stubby Cooler

FAMILY NAME..... YEAR LEVEL .....  
**(PLEASE INCLUDE MONEY WHEN ORDERING – THANK YOU)**