

ISSUE 31

9th 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 1: 93.8%

MIRANI SS ATTENDANCE TARGET

95%

DATE CLAIMERS

October

11th Year 6 Y-Lead

16th STUDENT FREE DAY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

G'day all,

Term 4 has kicked off and we are right back in the swing of things with plenty going on. Last Thursday and Friday Mr De Boni and Mrs Noble visited two schools in Brisbane who are recognised as leading schools with regards to the use and teaching of Digital Technologies. The purpose of their visit was to see firsthand what possibilities are out there for students and schools with a view to forming a strategic plan for Digital Technologies at Mirani State School that fits our context. Exciting times!

Today we welcomed our 2018 Prep students and parents to Prep Orientation Day 1. The students fitted in perfectly and enjoyed an outdoor session with Mrs Medway, Mrs Watt and our school leaders, whilst their parents / caregivers participated in an information session with myself and Mr De Boni. It was a fantastic, positive start to their transition to Mirani SS. Welcome everyone!

Traditionally, Term 3 is the term that most schools dip in their attendance rate due to winter and the flu season. This was the case for Mirani SS last term. So it is important that we pick up our attendance for the final term to reach our goal of 95%+. We are currently sitting on 93.2% - **come on Mirani we can do it!** Congratulations to Year 2 who were the best attending year level in Week 1 and currently have possession of the weekly A+ Attendance Trophy presented on parade each Monday. The best attendance year level for the term will receive an ice-block party in Week 10.

Our school is scheduled for a school review from October 23 – 25. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school's website. As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and may approach some parents before / after school or contact parents by phone. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. All feedback is voluntary and remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office. Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

Cheers Bruce

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 9th October 2017

<u>PREP B:</u>	Ivee-Mae H for a great start to Mirani State School.
<u>PREP M:</u>	Clyde T for focus and understanding in Maths last week.
<u>1V:</u>	Mylah D for an awesome start to Term 4. Keep up the great work!
<u>1M:</u>	Harrison B for a great start back to the Term!
<u>2S:</u>	Parker P for settling well into his new school.
<u>2ND:</u>	Chaise B for a fabulous start to Mirani SS.
<u>3WS:</u>	Tyrese Q for demonstrating excellent manners towards his class mates.
<u>4C:</u>	Vincent M for working hard on becoming a focused learner.
<u>4D:</u>	Liam F for displaying a good work ethic.
<u>5J:</u>	Isabella F for great persistence in competing Maths tasks.
<u>5W:</u>	Joshua G for a great start to Mirani State School.
<u>6H:</u>	Abbie D for a fantastic effort during Lote.
<u>6M:</u>	Harley T for handing in her Asian Tourist Brochure before the due date.

MR T'S MIRANI MATES – 9th October 2017

HANNAH C for a beautiful and bubbly student who brightens our school with her beaming smile and sublime sense of humour – coupled with her classy communication, superb skills and ridgy didgy radical reading.

RIPPER!

VINCENT M for a marvellous Mirani Mate who has matured immensely by moving in a more measured manner and being mindful of other members among his mob and making decisions that make our school a marvellous place.

COOPER C for a maturing young man who has made mighty movements in improvement by applying his AWESOME attitude, kicking personal goals, fine tuning his focus and whipping his work ethic into shape. WOW!!

SCHOOL NEWS:

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE NUMBER: is (07) 49667 360. This number is for parents to ring if they have a child who is absent from school for any reason.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Mrs Grech, Mrs Schusser and their mighty team of helpers are putting together another amazing magazine for 2017. If you are interested please complete the form below. Please ensure that money is included with your order.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents with students in Year 6 please note there has been a change of dates for the Year 6 Information Night. The new date is the **24th October** (5.15 pm – 5.45 pm tour of the school, 5.45 pm – 6.15 pm information session).

MARIAN STATE SCHOOL ART SHOW WINNERS

Marian State School held an Art Show last Term and we are proud to announce that Mirani SS have 4 students who were awarded places. Years 1 -2 Multicultural Art – **2nd Justin R, 3rd Jake J.** Year 3 – 4 Drawing / Painting – **2nd Dominic S.** Multicultural Art - **2nd Chloe E.**

SPORT NEWS:

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Just a reminder that Mackay Touch Football commenced last week. Please ensure you check playing times on the Mackay Touch Football FB Page or check out their website.

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 SOUVENIRS

If you missed out on purchasing any of our 125 Years Souvenirs we still have some available! Please complete the form below and be sure to include money with your order. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that due to **Monday 16th October** being a Pupil Free Day the Uniform Shop will open on **Tuesday 17th October** only for this week.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

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12 th October	Renae Scriha
13 th October	Melissa Caimoy, Hannah Milne, Trish Anderson
19 th October	Linda Turner
20 th October	Vicki Brown, Collette Scriha, Josephine Murphy

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

MIRANI KINDERGARTEN

Mirani's only Kindergarten, Pioneer Valley Kindergarten would like to invite the community to their Open Day. With sausages on the BBQ and the playground open, it is the perfect opportunity for families of prospective children to come enjoy the facilities. Come meet Mrs Appel & Ms Nash, ask your questions and see how happy your child will be there! No RSVP necessary. Pioneer Valley Kindergarten, 29 Alexandra Street, Mirani – **Tuesday 24th October 2017 from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm**. Information session at **4.30 pm**.

GET IN2 FUN GET IN2 CRICKET

MILO in2cricket introduces girls and boys aged 5 – 8, to Australia's favourite sport. Its great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities. **Brothers Cricket Club** (South Mackay) – **Commences November 1st**, **Mackay Hurricanes Cricket Club** (Abbott Park) – **Commences October 6th**, **Magpies Cricket Club** – **Commences October 16th** (Magpies), **Norths Cricket Club** – **Commences October 10th** (Beaconsfield), **Pioneer Valley Cricket Club** – **Commences October 17th** (Mirani), **Souths Cricket Club** – **Commences October 6th** – (Abbott Park).

GARGETT MARKETS

Pioneer Valley Sporting Association are holding their markets on **Saturday 21st October from 10 am – 2 pm**. Local community market with licensed bar, food, produce, meat, seafood, bakery, gifts, jewellery, local crafts, home cooking etc. For stall bookings please contact Michelle on 0438 437 583, Lisa on 0427 705 280 or gargettmarkets@hotmail.com

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER FORM

FAMILY NAME YEAR LEVEL.....

\$25

Quantity (Please indicate)

(PLEASE INCLUDE MONEY WHEN ORDERING – THANK YOU)

125 YEARS ORDER FORM

\$40 Bundle (Magazine, Bottle Opener, Stubby Cooler)

\$30 Magazine

\$5 Bottle Opener

\$10 Stubby Cooler

FAMILY NAME..... YEAR LEVEL.....

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