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MINI NEWS

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From the Acting Principal

You may have noticed on your drive by the school this week, a message on our school sign. State primary schools across Queensland whose leaders are members of the Queensland Association of State School Principals, are this week displaying on their school noticeboards a statement relating to the importance of "direct to school" funding.

The message "Direct Funding To Our School Matters" highlights the significance of the additional funding provided by the Commonwealth since 2014 that has been allocated directly to schools by the State Government. Queensland is one of only several jurisdictions to have passed the entirety of the funding directly to schools. Originally called the Great Results Guarantee, it has subsequently been known as Investing for Success.

This needs-based funding has allowed principals, in consultation with their school communities, to allocate additional resources where they are most required, to support the learning of all students, and particularly those with the greatest needs.

To plan future support, school leaders believe it is essential that our schools have long-term funding certainty. At this stage, we are unsure whether this resourcing will continue beyond 2019.

Northview State School has used the Great Results Guarantee and Investing for Success funding to improve students reading results by employing teacher aides to work across the whole school in structured daily reading groups. These teacher aides have been trained each fortnight to ensure they are skilled to successfully improve student reading. Northview State School has seen huge improvements across each year level with student reading results which have improved all our curriculum learning areas.

Kind regards,

Peter Robinson
Acting Principal

FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Building Vocabulary Knowledge

Good readers notice words and use contexts clues when reading to help them work out what words mean. Vocabulary is central to English language, because without sufficient vocabulary students cannot understand others or express their own ideas. Wilkins (1972) wrote that “while without grammar very little can be conveyed, without vocabulary nothing can be conveyed” (pp. 111–112).

Tips for improving younger children’s vocabulary:

- Converse frequently using different and interesting words.
- Intentionally teach words and word meanings (e.g., “The sign says ‘Caution.’ So we need to be careful.”) and repeat these new words over time (e.g., “That yellow light means caution—just like the sign we saw. Drivers need to be careful!”)
- Answer children’s questions, particularly those about why and how the world works
- Build on what children say (e.g., “Yes. That is an airplane. The airplane is travelling across the sky.”)
- Model how to use language correctly; for example, if the child says, “Trent goed to sleep,” respond with, “Oh, Trent went to sleep? Hopefully he will sleep soundly tonight!” **Note:** do not ask children to repeat the phrase correctly.

For the older kids:

- Ask children questions about things to which you do not know the answer. Questions that ask children to reflect on a topic or to formulate opinions and explain them not only show children that you value their ideas but also encourage them to think about their own feelings and ideas.
- Read and discuss a wide range of texts to expose students to a diversity of ideas, knowledge and contexts.
- Cryptic crosswords or puzzles anyone?
- Try Memrise online! Add 50 wonderful English words to your vocabulary with this short course. It includes obsolete words, regionalisms and slang. <https://www.memrise.com/course/373602/a-compendium-of-goluptious-words/>
- Have one-on-one conversations every day and aim for five conversational turns for each speaker.

How often do you receive one-word answers from your child at the end of the day? J
A little bit of fun...



Kind regards,
Sharon Pollard
Master Teacher

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AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	13 Uniform shop open: 8.45- 9.45am			16 School banking day	17 Need tuckshop helpers! See Lisa @ the tuckshop	
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SEPTEMBER

2 Fathers Day	3 Uniform shop open: 8.45- 9.45am	<i>Mark your diary!</i>	6 School banking day	7 Need tuckshop helpers! See Lisa @ the tuckshop	
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Big thanks to Jess Hough and the parent helpers for making the 'white' theme disco such a fun night!



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOP MACKAY

Tuesday 21 August 2018

Clues to Behaviour Success

- Where:** Jubilee Community Centre, Alfred Street, Mackay
- Time:** 3.00pm—5.30pm
- Cost:** Early Bird \$90 per person | Team (two or more) \$85 per person
(Early Bird & Team bookings close 7 August)
Standard \$105 per person

Individuals attending this workshop will gain an insight into the ways in which a positive behaviour support framework can assist with understanding and identifying the underlying reasons for problem behaviours.

During this two-hour session we will cover the following topics:

- the purpose of problem behaviours
- ways to reduce the likelihood of difficult behaviour
- minimising triggers
- modifying the environment
- teaching new skills.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage in this interactive workshop and will gain practical strategies and ideas in dealing with behavioural concerns.

This workshop is suitable for Queensland teacher CPD Annual Requirements, Australian Professional Standards for Teaching 1 & 4.

Our workshops are:

- ⇒ Practical & easy to understand
- ⇒ Interactive
- ⇒ Drawn from current & evidence-informed practice.

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PROJECT UPDATE #05

August 2018

Overview

The park is located at 33 Norris Road Park Access, North Mackay. The site is adjacent to the Mackay PCYC. The project is jointly funded between the Australian Government and Mackay Regional Council. Council has added carpark works and additional facilities to the scope bringing the total budget to \$2.5 million.

Features of the new park will include:

- ❖ Competition Bowl
- ❖ Intermediate (Mini) Bowl
- ❖ Street Circuit
- ❖ Parkour Area
- ❖ Multipurpose Court & Hit up Wall
- ❖ Terrace and Spectator Areas & Stage for Events
- ❖ Picnic Facilities & Landscaping
- ❖ Amenities
- ❖ Lighting and CCTV
- ❖ Carparking area

Progress

Progress at the skate park continues, impressive looking shade structures are under construction, also parkour and other recreational elements are being installed. The intermediate and street circuit bowls are now poured. The park's unique feature, a skateable D11 carry blade has been installed. Landscaping works have commenced. Council is conducting an upgrade to the parking area at the PCYC to compliment the skate facility. Graphic designs have been completed ready for artwork to commence. The combination of the planned artwork and the brightly coloured yellow accents on skating & parkour elements will really make the park 'pop' and make for a vibrant area for all to enjoy.

Anticipated Timeline:

Construction Commencement	April 2018
Completion	Early Sept 2018
Queensland Street Skate Championships	Sept 25 – 29 2018

For enquiries or for more information, contact Community Engagement on **1300 MACKAY (622 529)**

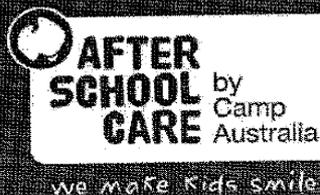


Figure 1 – Skateable Dozer Blade installed



Figure 2 - Skate Park taking shape

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