



MACKNADE STATE SCHOOL

Strive to excel

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Be A Good Learner



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Special Dates to Remember

March

9 Science Excursion

14 P&C AGM

14 125 Year
Anniversary Meeting

15 Ingham High
Transition Day Year 6

15 Bookclub – Issue 2
Closes

29 Last day of Term 1

April

16 Pupil Free Day

17 First Day of Term 2

May

15-17 NAPLAN Yr 3/5

17-18 Conference in
Brisbane.

22 High School
Transition Day #2

Macknade Matters

Semester 1 Number 4 - 2018

6 March 2018

Dear Parents

This week has been the first of the Learning Days for all Band 5/6 Principals in the North Queensland Region. These training days are essential in ensuring all Teaching Principals are receiving the same messages from Regional Staff, and provides us with an opportunity to learn new skills, showcase current skills and collaborate with others about student work.

Following 7 years of drought to areas of western Queensland, it has been lovely this week to also see photographs from regional areas that have finally received substantial rainfall. On the topic of weather, this afternoon we received another message from our Regional Director regarding an Initial Flood Watch which was issued by BOM for Ingham. Please be careful when driving in these inclement weather conditions and remember, if it's flooded, forget it!

Just a reminder about the Science excursion on Friday to Billabong Sanctuary. Please remind students in the Year 3-6 class, to bring sunscreen, their school hats, lunch, water bottles and their best behaviour. The bus will be departing school at 8.30am (but hopefully by 8:25am) and arriving back at school at around 3.15pm, to ensure that students catching the bus home, can still do so.

PLAYGROUND DUTIES

Please be advised that it is **not a requirement** for staff to perform playground duties to supervise students **before school**. There is no formal roster of before school or after school supervision of students. There is always a staff member at school by the time the morning bus drops off our students, however, students are expected to sit quietly under the building. As school does not formally commence until 9am, staff are engaged in preparation activities, staff meetings and the like, until the bell. Please be mindful that if you drop off your children early, they are not formally supervised. This is a Union directive which has been in place for several years. Classrooms will not be opened until after 8.30am.

Trivia Night

The 125 year Celebrations committee met last week and the Trivia Night is going ahead on 24th March. Flyers are attached to this newsletter. If you can volunteer to help on the evening, the Committee would love to hear from you.

WHAT DAY IS IT IN THE PREP-2 CLASSROOM?

Every morning, students view the calendar and discuss the weather conditions. They become meteorologists for ten minutes and provide a forecast for the day which is surprisingly accurate... most of the time! Learning to read a calendar and plan events is an essential skill that they will use as they progress through school and life.

By understanding how calendars work, children develop their sense of time and sequence. In addition, they practice the language of time (months, weeks, seasons etc.) and link and revise numbers.



Rhonda Hawthorne
Principal

Ingham State High School presents.....

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY #1

for Year 6 Students

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

Please arrive by 8:30 am
School Day ends at 2:55 pm
Meet at the School Auditorium (Cyclone Shelter!)

YOUR CHECKLIST

- ✓ Wear your school uniform
- ✓ Wear closed-in shoes
- ✓ Bring a hat and water bottle
- ✓ Bring an exercise book and pencils/pens
- ✓ Bring your lunch or money for tuckshop (available at both breaks!)
- ✓ **BE PREPARED FOR A GREAT DAY!**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018!

EXPERIENCE DAY #2 Tuesday 22 May
EXPERIENCE DAY #3 Monday 3 December

YEAR 5 EXPERIENCE DAY Friday 31 August

Empowering Learners for the 21st Century

For further information regarding Ingham State High School's Transition Program, please contact Mr Kevin Barnes, Deputy Principal

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Books & Gifts Direct

Please feel welcome to have a look through the box of goodies in the school office. There are lots of lovely items, prices of which have been heavily reduced. There are boxes of birthday cards, puzzle books, coat hangers, children's story books and much, much more.

The boxes are replaced with something different fortnightly.