Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

As we near the end of Term 3, teachers are busy assessing and collecting student data to inform their Term 4 planning and teaching. I am very pleased to see the great improvements being made in reading levels across the school – well done to both our staff and students for all of their hard work not only in reading but in all areas of the curriculum!

Next term, we will be introducing student goal setting for reading which will be documented in a Learning Passport. A goal is an outcome that one is consciously trying to perform or achieve. Goal setting is an important component of students’ motivation, self-regulation, and achievement at school. The Learning Passport book will be used to record student’s learning goals in the areas of reading in order to help them to reach their full potential. The Learning Passports will also help to inform parents about their child’s goals and achievements in reading. It will be sent home during the last week of each term with the expectation that parents discuss the results with their child, celebrate their successes, sign it and then return it to school.

As a Reef Guardian School, we have been invited to send 6 of our students to participate in the 2016 Cairns Future Leaders Eco Challenge next Thursday 15th September. The Future Leaders Eco Challenges are held in Term 3 each year across Queensland and involve local Reef Guardian Schools and partners working together to participate in activities that will help protect the future of the Great Barrier Reef. Our students will participate in a variety of activities including learning about mangroves and their adaptations, water conservation and marine park zoning.

Notes were sent home yesterday for parent volunteers at our P&C car wash this coming Sunday. If you are able to spare an hour or two on Sunday to help our school fundraise, please ensure that you return the completed note to the office by tomorrow.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

**Wednesday 7th September, 2016**

- **School Office hours:**
  Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

- **School Watch:** 13 17 88

- **P&C Association Meeting** is held once a month at 6:30pm
  President: Andy Grainger
  Next Meeting: Thursday 15th September

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **September Friday 9th**
  Movie Night

- **September Sunday 11th**
  P&C Car Wash

- **September Thursday 15th**
  Future Leaders Eco Challenge

- **September Friday 16th**
  Last day of Term 3

- **October Tuesday 4th**
  First day of Term 4

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**Tuckshop Convenor**

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**The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.**

H. Jackson Brown Jr.
**Yr P/1 News – Miss Vallis**

An exciting week was had this week with the first Prep Open morning. It was lovely to welcome some gorgeous potential new students to join in with us for the morning. We also had a great time with them doing some fun activities.

The children also had a visit from Mrs Mac, something they all enjoy as well. We are all still creating our character for one of Julia Donaldson's new stories. Some children have been extremely creative with their drawings. We're now working out how our character thinks and feels. We hope you all saw our green sheep book display in the library!

Last week we said good bye to Ms Courtney, celebrated Teacher Aide’s Day and welcomed back Miss Lui from her long service leave. Thank you to all our wonderful teacher aides who help us each and every day. We appreciate and enjoy your fabulous efforts for us every day. One more week to go until September holidays!

**Yr 2/3/4 – Miss Carvill**

This week students have enjoyed a range of activities aimed at developing their oral language skills. These activities include buddy reading, buddy bench and talk for a minute. We have had some very funny buddy benches and found that talking for a minute on a topic was a lot more difficult than it sounds! Following buddy reading we enjoyed Skyla and Chantal reading their book to the class. Parents can also support students to develop their oral language by listening to reading, reading to their child and having conversations about books. In each student’s reading folder there is a laminated sheet that includes reading support information for students. Another great way to develop oral language is to talk to your children. Talking to them about what they have learnt that day also helps to consolidate what they have learnt. Although there is no longer homework, it is still expected that students will be reading each night. If students would like their reader changed they need to put their folder (with reader inside) into the black box and it will be changed.

**Students of the Week**

**Danisha** - for hard work on her sight words and reading at home.

**Brock** - for his great enthusiasm in Maths and for always being a helpful member of the class.

**Iluka** - for showing lots of enthusiasm and focus during maths lessons.
Yr 4/5/6 – Miss Roe

Wow, it’s almost the end of the term already! It seems like time just flies especially when you’re busy completing work every day! Year 4, 5 and 6 have been learning about Cultural Characteristics in Geography and how each culture is so unique because of these characteristics. We discussed that even classrooms have a culture, ours being one where learning and caring for one another are the main characteristics. The last couple of weeks have been jam-packed full of assessments so it’s nice to have an artistic break where the inner artist can be unleashed. And unleashed they have been on Friday afternoons with the class creating poetic illustrations based on ‘The Raven’ by Edgar Ellen Poe. Students enjoyed empathising with the author, highlighting key words and creating wonderful illustrations of the imagery of the poem. I’m thoroughly impressed with the effort the class is putting into all areas of their learning. Happy Week 9 everybody!

$5 CAR WASH!

Machans Beach SS P&C association is holding a Car Wash on

Sunday 11th September from 9am to 12pm

at the Holloways Beach IGA.

Parent and student volunteers are urgently needed!

Please register your interest at the office or phone Paul on 40557864.

Cairns International Tennis Centre

Cairns International Tennis Centre is taking enrolments now for term 4.

A variety of classes are available:
- Blue Ball 3-5 year olds
- Red Ball 4 – 7 year olds
- Orange Ball 6-8 year olds
- Green ball 9+ year olds
- Yellow Ball Squads – Participation
- Yellow Ball Squads – high Performance.

ALL NEW ENROLMENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST 4 TRAINING SESSIONS FOR FREE.

For more enquiries please contact the centre on 4041 3383 or email admin@cairnsitc.com
Last week we set up tents amongst the trees on the oval and the kids created a tribe/hunter/warrior type game. They took their roles very seriously and at times heated discussions erupted!

The kids made their own sandwiches on Tuesday. They very impressively chose a lot of salads!

After soccer on Friday the kids devoured chicken burritos and frozen oranges – YUM!