From the Acting Principal

This week students have all been back on deck and ready to slide back into our normal routines. They have been working hard to get back on track and prepare for our final units and assessment work before we break for the holidays. There has been time for a little bit of fun though. Yesterday, students and staff got into the Melbourne Cup spirit with a luncheon complete with fascinators for the ladies and ‘ties’ for the gentlemen. There was a ‘Fashions On The Field’ competition for the gentlemen which ended in a three way tie. In the spirit of the day, everyone also enjoyed some silliness with a Melbourne Cup inspired photo booth (see ‘The Fortnight In Pictures’ section). Even though our internet connection didn’t allow us to see the big race in real time, it didn’t stop the enthusiastic cheering and it was a fitting end for a great day with our three gentlemen.

Catherine Phillis

An Electrifying Visit

It is always great to receive a visit from our Senior Constable Andre but this visit was for an extra special reason. The students are currently studying circuits, how they are created and the different types, with Mrs Meurant in Science. It just so happened that this is a special interest of Andre’s and so he made the trip out our way to share some of his knowledge and help the students create circuits using a variety of equipment. He also shared with the students some of the projects that he had done himself. It was particularly interesting for the boys to see and hear about how many things around us are based on simple circuits.
Swimming Carnival

Please note that the swimming carnival date has been brought forward and will now be held on Wednesday 23 November at Nebo. The boys have been able to start lessons again with Mrs Evitt in Middlemount and have been working hard so that they can compete in as many events as they are able to.

First Aid Course

A First Aid course will be held at the school on Saturday 19 November. The course will be run by Mrs Sharon Ward who has once again generously offered to travel out to us. Numbers have been finalised for the full length course but if you just need to do a CPR refresher please contact the school asap.

Mental Health And Well-Being Workshop

On Tuesday 15 November from 3:30—5:30, the Isaac Regional Council will be hosting a mental health and well-being afternoon at the school. These workshops will cover the topic of connection and will discuss learning how to deal with conflict and set and maintain boundaries in relationships. Everyone is welcome to attend the free afternoon. See the end of the newsletter for more information.

2016 Awards Night and Christmas Concert

One of the highlights for the year at Mackenzie River is our annual Awards Night and concert. This year we will again be enjoying a catered roast meal and dessert at 6:00pm. This will be followed at 7:00pm by the night’s formal proceedings and some entertainment supplied by the students. For this year’s awards, we have also invited a special guest direct from the North Pole.

The Awards Night is a time for the community to recognise the achievements of the students. This year their achievements have been made under exceptional circumstances that deserve our recognition. The evening is also a night to share some quiet moments with friends and neighbours before the new year is upon us. As always, we welcome anyone in our community to join with us. For more details, please see our flyer attached to the newsletter.

Seven Steps

As part of our road to writing improvement, the students have been focusing on ‘Tightening the tension’ in their stories this week. They were given a scenario and had to write a tension scene in which the reader would be able to form an image of the events and feel what the character would be going through. This had to be done in just 3 minutes! Some of their great work has been included on the following page.
Student Accident Insurance

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the department does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or illness, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and level of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker for more information about student accident insurance cover for their child.

Tightening The Tension

Scenario: Stuck in traffic on the way to an important job interview.

Cars hopping, engines roaring, horns beeping, traffic lights changing colour...red, green and yellow. The one thing that worried me the most right now was, ’Am I going to make it to my job interview’... Well, that and how I am I going to get rid of the chicken rotting in my teeth from lunch? Grady Wight, Yr 5

Scenario: Being stuck in a meeting and really needing to get to a toilet.

I sat crossed legged and pleaded in my mind for the man to shut up! I was about to get up and start shouting when there was another burst of pain from my bladder. Finally, everybody started exiting... it had ended. Still fidgeting, I got up and half penguin waddled to the exit. My eyes searched desperately. Where...are...the...toilet...signs? - Cam Frankish, Yr 6

Scenario: Stuck in an elevator.

I walked into the hotel and saw a perfectly good elevator. I struggled over with my extremely heavy luggage and there stood a sinister looking man. He asked, “Which floor?”

“Um, Floor 10.” Suddenly the elevator made a strange creaking sound. After we went past floor 3, it suddenly shuddered and stopped. We were stuck. I started to think about if I would get out in time, would I make my flight, would I get back to Australia? - Lane Parker, Yr 4
The fortnight in pictures...
2016 Awards Night
A wand Concert

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the concert commencing at 7:00pm sharp.

A very special guest will be attending although he may have to leave his reindeers behind.
Isaac Regional Council is pleased to announce that free Mental Health Seminars, delivered by Gryphon Psychology, will be coming to Isaac throughout November with thanks to the Queensland Government Drought Assistance Program.

These workshops will cover the topic of connection, an important aspect of life. Learn how to deal with conflict and set and maintain boundaries in relationships. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mental Health Seminar Details

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COST: FREE

For more information or to RSVP contact Kirra Alexander on 1300 ISAACS
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