Senior School Athletics Afternoon
McDonnell Creek State School students participated in the athletics afternoon at Babinda P-12 School on Wednesday May 25. The students represented our school with pride demonstrating the McDonnell Creek way through safety, respect and learning. All students participated in every event encouraging their fellow classmates as well as students from Bartle Frere SS and Bellenden Ker SS. A special mention to our parents who provided a strong support team on the sidelines. Parents, students and staff were excited to see the many ribbons of various colours hanging from the proud chests of the Mac Creek students. Congratulations to Aaron (Year 6) and Cade (Year 3) who broke the small schools discus records for their respective age groups. Their results are below:
Aaron - 12yrs boys discus - new record 18.66m (increased record by 4.22m)
Cade - 9yrs boys discus - new record 10.60m (increased record by 1.85m)
We are all looking forward to seeing the students participating in the upcoming Small Schools Track & Field carnival on Thursday June 2 at Bellenden Ker SS. Bring on the blue!!!

Under 8’s Day
The junior class participated in the annual Under 8’s celebrations at Babinda P-12 School on Thursday May 26. A special thanks to Sharon Magnus and Donna Lauridsen who prepared and manned the biscuit icing station as well as supervising our students on the day. Thank you also to the parents who provided transport and assisted the students while joining in the fun activities. Some feedback from our junior class included:
“My favourite part of the day was holding the animals. I love animals.” Anneliese (Yr 1)
“I loved dancing with my Mum.” Zara (Prep)
“I loved the bit where you had to hit the ball at a person in cricket.” Eli (Prep)
“I didn’t like the clowns.” Cassidy (Yr 2)
“I liked everything.” Finn (Prep)
“We loved making biscuits.” Amelia & Trinity (Yr 2)

“Every day, in every way, every child is learning and achieving....”
PBL
The McDonnell Creek way involves adopting a common language around behaviour expectations linked to our school rules of safety, respect and learning. Through PBL the students discuss what safety, respect and learning looks like, feels like and sounds like in different settings. As part of our ongoing commitment to positive behaviours for all at McDonnell Creek; we are excited to announce the arrival of our new school signs. A special thanks to Nycole and Warren Freeman who provided both time and materials to ensure that these new investments were hung at appropriate locations around the school. Please take the time to look at our new school signs and talk with your children about the language we use to promote positive interactions at school.

Litter Free Lunch
The school will be holding a “litter free lunch” on Friday June 3. Further information will be sent to families in an email.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that the school is participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016. As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature. Please record your reading in the reading log and report your progress to Ms Bufi in our school library time. We have until 26th August to complete the challenge.

P & C Meeting
Thursday May 19 saw another productive P & C meeting for 2016. 60% of our families were represented at the meeting with all members participating in positive discussions around meeting the needs of our students and families. It is heartening to see so many members of our school community willing to do whatever is needed to help support our school and provide the best opportunities for all children at McDonnell Creek State School. The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday June 16 at 3:30pm in the senior classroom.

Bunnings Community Event
Bunnings Innisfail have confirmed that they will be attending McDonnell Creek SS on Monday June 13 to complete the garden project initiated by Ms Sandra. We welcome all families to attend and join in this wonderful school community event. Gardening will begin at 1pm with our P & C providing a sausage sizzle afterwards. We expect the day to conclude by no later than 4pm. The school would like to thank Ms Sandra for her efforts in getting this project started. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Library Book Covering
Thank you to the community members who continue to offer their valuable time to covering school library resources. We thank you for your efforts and truly appreciate any continued support in this area.

Handball Donation
The school appreciates the donation of a set of 4 new handballs kindly provided by the Freeman family. Everyone is practising hard to defeat Ms Williams-Carey during the weekly Friday handball challenge.
McDonnell Creek State School Newsletter

Student of the week

Gotcha Winners

Super Spellers
5 Tips For Lowering Stress

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Steve Francis MScM, Bed, DipT.

1. **Choose a positive attitude**
   The most important decision you make, is the decision you make every day - “What is my attitude going to be today?”

2. **Only worry about things you can control**
   Don’t waste energy worrying about things you can’t control.

3. **Forgive and move on**
   Carrying a grudge is a waste of energy - forgive and move on.

4. **Make exercise a habit**
   One of the most important things you can do to manage stress is to exercise - especially in times when you are busy!

5. **Show gratitude**
   Avoid comparing yourself with others - appreciate what you already have.

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**Date Claimers**

30/05/2016   Arts Council - Mirriwinni SS (9am)
02/06/2016   Small Schools Athletics Carnival
03/06/2016   Litter free lunch
13/06/2016   Bunnings Community Gardening Event (1pm)
16/06/2016   Combined Schools Athletics Carnival
16/06/2016   P & C Meeting
24/06/2016   Last day of Term 2
11/07/2016   First day of Term 3
20 May 2016

CIRCULAR TO PARENTS/TEACHERS

SAFETY ON THE SUGAR CANE RAILWAY

The commencement of the 2016 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of the MSF Sugar Limited Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don’t realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to bins of moving cane trains, play around railway tracks, or riding trail bikes along the cane railway and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (e.g. QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly. Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews.

MSF Sugar Limited has an extensive cane railway network and cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.

Please stay safe and remember:

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- Don’t play around railway lines.
- Never walk between cane bins.
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBSEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.
- Do not ride trail bikes along the cane railway.

MSF Sugar Limited will be promoting its “Cane Train Awareness 2016” program by way of Press Advertising, Highway Billboards and a Radio and TV campaign throughout the 2016 crushing which will extend from June to November.

General Manager – North Queensland Operations