Small Schools Track & Field Carnival
Thursday June 2 saw a wet and soggy Small Schools Carnival held at Bellenden Ker State School. Despite the weather, Mac Creek had a strong parent contingent supporting our students throughout the day. All students displayed the McDonnell Creek Way of safety, respect and learning. It was exciting to win the Track and Field Trophy for the first time since 2007. Age champions Lauren, Aaron, Rhiarna and Shamus will be joined by fellow classmates Cade, Mason, Molly, Hein and Esa at the upcoming Combined Schools Track and Field Carnival on Thursday June 16. We wish them well.

Arts Council
On Monday 30th May 2016 McDonnell Creek SS attended Arts Council – Taste of Africa at Mirriwinni SS. They performed some drumming, acrobatics and dancing. We joined in by playing African drums. When we played the drums, we laid them on the ground and sat on them so the sound carried through the base of the drum. The most interesting part was when the host did an African dance. He also showed everyone a dance and a song to sing. In all it was a very fun, interesting and interactive performance. I can’t wait until the next Arts Council. Lauren Year 6

On Monday May 30th the students of McDonnell Creek State School attended an Arts Council performance at Mirriwinni SS. The performance was titled, “Taste of Africa”. The best bit of the whole performance was playing the drums and listening to amazing African music and culture. I was amazed when I was chosen to help with the act. The schools that went were Mirriwinni, Bartle Frere, Bellenden Ker and our school. Shamus Year 3.

The junior school created a learning book reflecting on their experiences at the Arts Council performance. Please feel free to read the story with your child either before or after school.

“Every day, in every way, every child is learning and achieving....”
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Farewell Mrs Sharon Magnus
In a small learning community such as ours, it is very difficult when we bid farewell to any key personnel. As many of you are aware, Sharon’s husband is working in Mt Isa. Sharon will be taking leave from McDonnell Creek State School for the remainder of the 2016 school year to live and work in Mt Isa with her husband. The school truly appreciates all that Sharon has given to the school learning community and the unwavering commitment she demonstrated to the learning and welfare of all students at Mac Creek over the past 5 years. You will be missed Mrs Sharon Magnus.

At this time, the school community would like to welcome Mrs Hazel Burnett to the teacher aide staff. Hazel will be working in both classrooms on Tuesdays. We know that the school community will make Hazel feel welcomed and that she will be a valued and respected addition to our staff.

Respectful Relationships Program
The Respectful relationships education program - an initiative of the Queensland Government - is part of a broader multi-departmental commitment to ending domestic and family violence. The program takes a primary prevention approach. In schools, primary prevention education is about positively influencing behavioural change in young people to prevent undesirable social consequences such as domestic and family violence.

A growing body of evidence shows that social and emotional learning of this nature leads to:
- Improved social and emotional skills, self-concept, bonding to school, and positive classroom behaviour
- Fewer conduct problems such as disruptive classroom behaviour, aggression, bullying and delinquent acts
- Reduced emotional distress such as depression, stress or social withdrawal.

Studies also show that students perform better academically.

The role of parents and families is critically important in the education of young people. Families are the first educators of children - they have the potential to influence the social and emotional learning of their children because of the frequency of learning opportunities at home.

P & C Masters Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
The P & C would like to thank and congratulate the school community for being involved in the fundraiser at Masters on Saturday May 28. It was a fun day filled with laughter and a great opportunity for community members to chat and interact while working towards a good cause. The P & C successfully raised $500 to go towards providing the best educational opportunities for all students at McDonnell Creek State School. We all look forward to the next event.

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.

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
The library staff, with the help of Lauren, have created a new pile of books ready for covering. We would appreciate your assistance if you have any available time before parade on Thursday.
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Student of the week

Gotcha Winners

Super Spellers

Sight Words Certificates

Behaviour Awards
Date Claimers
13/06/2016  Bunnings Community Gardening Event (1pm)
16/06/2016  Combined Schools Athletics Carnival
16/06/2016  P & C Meeting
20/06/2016  Star Gazing Evening
21/06/2016  Year 3-6 League Tag Afternoon
24/06/2016  Last day of Term 2
11/07/2016  First day of Term 3