

Fitzgerald State School



Principal's Address

With Week 4 almost complete, staff and students have settled back into school life with teaching and learning in full swing.

We finished our Day 8 enrolment capture on 696 students which is 10 more students than the start of 2020. As a result we are able to maintain our 28 classes.

During weeks two and three our Year 6 students participated in completing nominations for leadership positions for the 2021 school year. The standard of nominations was very high and with much consultation between Mr Robinson, Mr Campbell and teaching staff, our student councillors, systems monitors, sports captains and sports monitors were selected. Congratulations to the following students on their leadership positions.

Student Councillors

Zephaniah Bisual, Esther Dykyj, Breanna Kelleher, Alayna Lewis, Lilah Marlow, Gabby Plumley, Jack Thompson, Kade Wright

Systems Monitors

Tim Adams, Charlotte Boyd, Ebonie Crowther, Poppy Fisher, Callyn Grady, Erin Insch, Yuan Yuan Qiao, Nadja Thagarampudi

Sports Captains

Brolga House	Eagle House	Jabiru House	Kingfisher House
Decklan Logan	Jack Jocelyn	Vitea Parter	Hope Owens
Gabriella Koukouvas	Sharni Nunn	Tighe Mohan	Blaize Cordingly

Sports Monitors

Amelia Chapman, Tahlei Corrie, Zach Crowther, Bailey Miles, Hannah Presley, Chad Sander, Cooper Sander, Isabelle Stevenson

This Friday following our Junior Parade, our Student Councillors will be presenting their speeches for School Captain. Following this, our Year 6 students will engage in the polling process by voting for the students to fill these positions. We wish all of our student councillors well for their speeches and are proud of all of them for the way they have been conducting their campaigns.

School Traffic

With school returning, so has the congestion issues at the front of the school.

School contact information

Principal: Mrs Tracey Adams

Deputy Principal: Mr Peter Robinson

Deputy Principal: Mr Tim Campbell

Business Manager: Mrs Cynthia Allinson

Office hours

8.00 am – 3.30 pm

Telephone: (07) 4965 6333

School email address:

principal@fitzgeraldss.eq.edu.au

School website:

www.fitzgeraldss.eq.edu.au

Student SMS Absence:

0426 305 678

We as a school are trying our best to devise ways that may ease this congestion, but we need you to help us. Please adhere to the following:

- If you are parents of older children, consider delaying your pick up time until 3.15pm. The Stop Drop Go zones are supervised until 3.25pm.
- Once again if you have older students, discuss with your child a meeting spot close to the school where you will be parked that they may be able to walk safely to meet you.
- Please do not be offended if you are asked to move on and do a lap because your child is not yet at the Stop, Drop, Go waiting area.
- We encourage all families using the Stop Drop Go zones in the school to use surname cards on their passenger side visor.
- Please do not park in the Rehabilitation Hospital across the road from the school.
- Please do not to park in the Stop Drop Go zones.

From the Office

More payment options are available this year to help make invoice payments easier. We will be sending home some information about the Bpoint - Electronic Direct Debit Registration (eDDR) in the coming week.

eDDR is a payment option that enables parents/guardians to set up payment plans on invoices to pay them off through the school year. When registered through the front office an email with a eDDR Link will be sent home to registered your payment details. Once established a reminder notice via SMS, is sent before each scheduled payment is due to be paid. Cancellation can occur at any time, please allow 24 – 48 hrs notice prior to cancellation.

If you think this option would suit you please don't hesitate to contact the Finance Officer and/or Business Manager for further information.

Please note an invoice number is required when making payments through the following payment options: -

PAYING BY BPOINT OR QPARENTS

- Log into your QParent Account, go to Payments, then select your invoice or
- Log into BPoint at <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete> and enter your invoice number for the invoice you wish to pay as per the statement that is sent home.
- Phone payment using credit/debit card via BPOINT 1300 631 073 enter the CRN and invoice number as per your statement.

PAYING IN PERSON: Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card (minimum \$10.00) or Cash

Payment can be made at the School Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm

•EFTPOS facilities are available

- Credit Cards and Debit Cards (EFTPOS) and Cash are accepted.

Student Absence Line

Parents, a reminder that you can SMS our school absence line at any time. This service can be used for past, present and future absences or late arrivals. Once you have sent your SMS, the school will receive this message.

The number is 0426 305 678. You will not need to use QParents or the school absence line once you have SMS the school. Please save this number into your phone.

If your student needs to be picked up early from class for an appointment, please call the office and your student will be waiting for you in the office foyer. Please do not go to the classroom as this will interrupt classroom learning.

If your student is late for school, please come to the office for a late slip.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date, to ensure effective communication.



Staff Profile



My name is Meghan and I am a Graduate Teacher in Prep D at Fitzgerald State School. I have studied for the last four years at Central Queensland University and worked in a local childcare centre as well. I am passionate about teaching the early years and am particularly interested in supporting children with their transition to school.

Dates to Remember

Cross Country
Easter Hat Parade
Last day of Term 1
First day of Term 2

19th March
1st April
1st April
19th April



Religious Instruction

Christian RI Classes begin Week 5!!!

When volunteers are available, Multi-faith RI (religious instruction) is offered to your student. We are very happy to inform you that Christian RI volunteers are available at Fitzgerald State School and so this program is an option for your students from Year 1 to Year 6. The Fitzgerald Christian RI Instructors are involved in a variety of different churches from Mackay – Mackay Presbyterian Church, Mackay Family Church and Mackay Evangelical Church, are from a range of ages and are all volunteers. RI Instructors are required to participate in RI training and mandatory child safe training before they begin (both were held in week 3).

But what happens in Christian RI you ask?

A whole lot of fun and learning to help inform your child about the God from the bible!! We begin with an activity to introduce the idea for the day - anything from blowing a balloon until it bursts (we were learning about courage that week) to questionnaire's on what choices you would choose given different situations (you guessed it – learning about choices that week!). We then look at what the bible presents on that topic (for the younger children that might be done in song or story and for the older children maybe through a drama, a bible movie clip or by reading the bible). We discuss the ideas, fill in our awesome activity books and finish with prayer. Each RI volunteer brings their particular strength – whether that's storytelling, craft, song, games or discussion. They want the very best for your student and want to show them how very much they are loved by God. But there is no pressure to respond. We look forward to sharing about Jesus, the bible and God with your student this year! If you would like your child to participate in Christian RI or to remove them from Christian RI please put your request in writing (eg. email) to the office "I would/would not like my child _____ to participate in Christian RI". May God bless you!!

Music News

🎵 Music Notices! 🎵

Week 4: Choirs & Recorder Ensemble begin!

Week 4: Instrumental Music Senior Band & String Ensembles begin!

Week 5: Instrumental Music Beginner Band Parent Information Session (more info to come!)

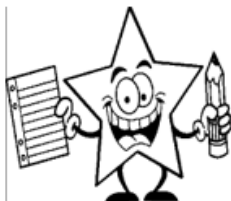
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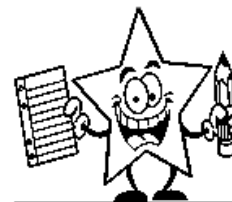
Writing

Opportunities

Workshop



Club



*Would you like a place to write and be creative with friends?
An opportunity to enter writing competitions and win amazing prizes?*

All invited!

When? -Every Monday lunchtime at 1.00pm!

Where?-Meet Mrs Ebert in the laptop space next to the Library.

Paper, pencils and positive vibes will be provided.

Sports Notices

Northern Suburbs Netball

Congratulations to Vitea Parter 6B and Amelia Chapman 6D who were chosen in the Northern Suburbs team and are now trialing for the Mackay District team. Well down girls and all the best for your upcoming trial.

Representative Sports Notices

Students are to make sure they are listening to sports messages on parade and parents please check the Fitzgerald Facebook page as all the sports notes are posted there as the sports are released. Term 1 is a super busy term and there is lots of different sports trialing!

Cross Country

Cross country training is off and running on a Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 3:30pm weather permitting. We will endeavor to let parents know via the Facebook page and text messages should we need to cancel training due to rain.

Yours in sport
Russell Hope

Library News

What a busy time we have had in our Library this past fortnight! We have celebrated International Day of Women and Girls in Science and are currently enjoying Library Lover's Week by participating in the Queensland School Library Week "Unlocking the Future!" As the adage goes 'a picture is worth a thousand words' so enough from your worn-out Teacher Librarian and awesome Teacher Aides!



Tuckshop News

Valentine Day special were a big hit with the kids. Keep a eye out for the next one.

As mentioned before the tuckshop cannot run efficiently without volunteers, please consider volunteering an hour or two(the kids will love seeing you at school). We also would love food donations (sr flour, sugar) come and see me in the tuckshop for a list.

ROSTER:-

Thursday 18th- Mary Maloney

Friday 19th- Robyn Adams, Trisha O'Keefe, Kylie Robertson.

Monday 22nd- Trisha O'Keefe,

Tuesday 23rd- Dale K

Wed 24th - Mary Maloney

Thurs 25th- HELP NEEDED

Frid 26th-HELP NEEDED

Monday 1st- HELP NEEDED

Tues 2nd- Dale K.

Thank you

Antoinette

P&C News

Our first P&C meeting of the year was held last last week - It was wonderful to see some new faces in attendance.

A letter will be going out to all families shortly regarding plans for the upcoming year. However in the meantime please note the following save the dates:

1. We are holding a Sushi Day on Monday 8 March, details on ordering and menu will be posted to facebook shortly;
2. Our AGM is being held on Tuesday 9 March at 5pm. After the AGM we will hold a short meeting to finalise the rest of the plansfor 2021.
3. A disco will be held on Friday 26 March from 5:30pm, further details on the theme and tickets will be forwraded shortly.



Sushi Day

MONDAY 8TH MARCH

Feel like Sushi for lunch?

Our P&C are holding a Sushi Day on Monday 8 March for big lunch.

Each roll is \$3.50 and served with soy sauce.

Drinks available as per the usual Tuckshop menu.

Orders to be placed using Flexischools or cash.

CALIFORNIA ROLL

TUNA DELUXE ROLL

CHICKEN AVOCADO ROLL

CRISPY CHICKEN ROLL

TERIYAKI CHICKEN ROLL

AVOCADO ROLL

Orders close 12pm
Thursday 4 March. No late
orders accepted.



Cash orders must be in a
brown paper bag with exact
change, including the order,
student details, class and
delivered to the school office.



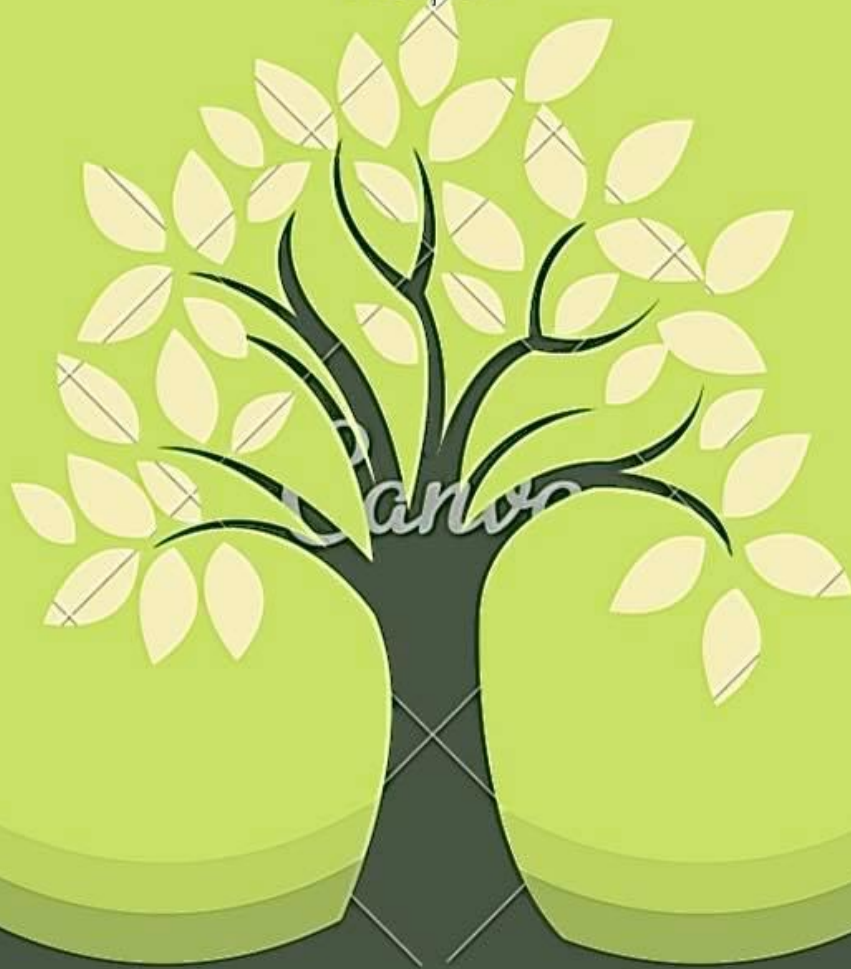
Do you want to know something?

MOTHER EARTH NEEDS YOU

Protecting the planet is every person's job.

BE IT BIG OR SMALL, YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!

On **Friday 5 March** our school will be participating in CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY. The Fitzy P&C think this is amazing and on this day encourage all our families to pack a plastic free lunch - every bit helps!



FITZGERALD STATE SCHOOL. SCHOOL OFFICER POSITION

Fitzgerald State School has a temporary position for a School Officer-Groundskeeper approx 35 hrs per week. Commencement date will be discussed on application.

Applicants must be able to perform a variety of day to day repairs and maintenance.

Maintenance of a safe work environment

Management and maintenance of various registers

Ensure compliance with workplace health and safety (WHS) requirements

The successful applicant will complete Mandatory Training, hold a Blue card, and display the highest level of confidentiality and discretion when working in school environment.

Interested applicants can drop their resumes into the school office, between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or email calli23@eq.edu.au

Applications will close on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 3pm and be addressed to:

The Business Manager
Fitzgerald State School
56 Norris Road
North Mackay

