Over the next two weeks, we will be delivering $20 Power Cards to the families who have supported the school by ensuring their children are at school everyday. These Power Cards will be handed out to the families if their child has been at school for at least 90% of the time for Term 2. A Power card will be distributed for every child in the family with at least 90% attendance. Remember to keep a check on your child’s attendance by checking the Attendance Charts in the classrooms when you are next at school. Education is the key and this will only occur if children attend school. Attendance is a shared responsibility. Please help us to make sure this happens.

I understand for some families, their children can sometimes make it difficult for them to say NO. Please contact the school for assistance in getting your children to school.

Ask your child to check on their attendance rates. (Student attendance charts are in all classrooms.)

**Congratulations to the top 3 classes for August:**

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**Lunch Passes**

As everyone would be aware, our School Tuck-shop has been preparing quality, cheap lunches for our students ever day. Our younger students now have the chance to preorder their lunches on the day and have their food delivered to their classrooms ready for the lunch break. Because of this, the queues are much shorter than before and students do not need to wait for very long before they are served. At the beginning of next Term, students leaving the school grounds during school time will need to have a note from their family explaining the reason behind them leaving. This should prevent students leaving the school without an excuse and then returning late to class. Thank you for helping us to improve school attendance. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact the school for more information.

**Playground Areas**

We have recently reviewed the playground areas for our students and added extra staff on duty during lunch breaks. To make our playground even safer for the younger students, a fence has been built around the junior play-ground for our Prep—Year 2 students. Other changes have also been made and (depending on the weather), staff will be in the Mall on Wednesday next week to explain these changes to families and to listen to other suggestions you may have regarding the operation of the school.

Thank you to our senior students, Mr Robert James, Mr Stuart and Mr Dave for constructing the new fence. So many of our younger students will benefit from this area in future years.

**Staff Changes**

This week, we say farewell to Gary Huxley who will be taking up another teaching role in Doomadgee where his wife is also working. We wish Gary all the best and thank him for his dedicated work in our school community. Welcome to Ben McHugh who arrived early this week to take over Gary’s classes. Please be sure to welcome Ben when you see him out in the community or school. We look forward to working with him in the future.

For personal reasons, Mr Murray will be away from school until the end of the Term. Mr Stuart will be taking on the role of HOD Secondary until Murray returns.

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**Date Claimers**

- 28 Aug - Year 5/6 Horizons Trip
- 02 Sept - Spring Fair Holiday
- 09 Sept - Obe Geia Challenge
- 16 Sept - Last Day Term 2

Because of the weather, a number of school camps have been postponed. We’ll let you know of the new dates as soon as possible.

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**Some of our deadly readers in Year 1.**

Kind regards
Ross McHutcheon
Principal
Reef HQ
Pre-Preps and their parents took the opportunity to go to Townsville for our annual Reef HQ excursion with the school’s Red Track team. What started with an early and bumpy boat trip over didn’t deter the kids and parents from having a great time and learning about all things marine. A group of around 50 parents, staff and children enjoyed a wonderful experience. Thanks also to PICC for your support in helping our excursion be a success.

1/2B News
1/2B have been working hard this week in Mathematics learning about multiplication. The students enjoyed the lessons and have gained a solid understanding about multiplication. They made multiplication models and also worked independently on solving multiplication sums using arrays.

Year 5/6 Girls: We believe we are: TRUSTWORTHY; INTELLIGENT; BEAUTIFUL; AMAZING; CREATIVE; HONEST; SERIOUS; and FAIR!

Red Track
An outstanding day at the annual Red Track Athletics Carnival. The Boys 7years set a new relay record and 6 students onto the North Queensland Trials. Boys 2nd Overall, Girls 3rd Overall and 1st place aggregate points trophy.

Congratulations: Zanar’E Pearson; Vinneveia Bulsey; Tavien Thimble; Tahlia Bulsey; Shona Friday; Sholin Kerr; Sharona Sam; Shaquana Castors; Shameka Bulsey Sam; Riana Mabo Muiri; Preston Sam; Preston Gee Gee; Phylis Clarke; Pedro Desatge; Paul Miller; Naisa Bramwell; Milleah Fulford; Lendell Sibley; Lavinia Geia; Ky-nan Bulsey; Karmine Friday; Jessica Gyemore; Jase thimble; Jakita James; Inga Geia; Hope Nallajar; Geena James; Elizabeth Yasserie; Darryl Preston; Craig Evers; Chris Pearson; Garcia Nallajar; Ben Kennedy; Arremi Pearson; Alinta Yasserie and Akivia Pearson. Thank you also to school staff who assisted in making this day such a success. We all appreciate your efforts!