



# MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders, past, present and future.*

Thursday, 13 July 2017

## Dates to remember

- 14<sup>th</sup> July- NAIDOC parade and family fun day
- 18<sup>th</sup> July- Interhouse Athletics Carnival
- 19<sup>th</sup> July- Circus Challenge Workshops
- 21<sup>st</sup> July- District Athletics Carnival for selected athletes
- 21<sup>st</sup> July- Fire Ed (Prep, 1A and 1/2)
- 24<sup>th</sup> July- Mossman Show Holiday

## Principal News

Welcome back to Term 3, it looks like it's going to be another busy one for us all with lots of enjoyable, educational, cultural and sporting activities including the NAIDOC activities morning and NAIDOC march and family fun day this week. Next week we have our Interhouse Athletics carnival on Tuesday, the Circus Challenge on Wednesday, the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday for our 9-12 year olds and Fire Education on Friday for our Prep and Year 1s. This term we also have our Mossman Show Holiday on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, the Australian Maths Competition on 27<sup>th</sup> July, Parent Teacher Interviews in Weeks 3 & 4, Wadjiny Cultural Performance on 11<sup>th</sup> August, Book Fair in Week 7, School Dance on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the Year 5/6 Camp in the last week and I'm sure further activities that have slipped my mind by I think you get the idea.

It is with immense privilege, pride and pleasure that we announce to our Mossman School community that on the very last day of last term, Mossman State School was awarded one of the 35 Queensland Department of Education Showcase Awards for our improvement and achievement journey over the past 5 years. Our Showcase, entitled, From the Red Sea to the Blue-Green Sea, received the Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years for Far North Queensland. This comes with a \$1200 grant. We will now progress to be judged at the state level, with state finalists being announced on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July. State Finalists will receive a further \$7500 grant and State Award Winners will receive a \$30,000 grant. Each and every one of our teachers, teacher aides and support staff has had a

huge role to play in the success of our school improvement agenda over the past 5 years and we were very proud to be able to showcase their efforts and achievements on their behalf. This is a testament to our staff's moral imperative, dedication, hard work and willingness to adopt new and current teaching and learning practices. We would like to publicly acknowledge and thank each and every one of our staff members for all of their efforts and achievements and making a difference to the lives and future prospects of our students. We would also like to thank you, as parents, for supporting our school improvement agenda and ensuring that your children are at school every day so they can take full advantage of the valuable learning opportunities that our teachers create at our school every day. A big thank you and congratulations must also go to our students who have responded to our improvement agenda with enthusiasm and positivity. It is their school achievement results that have enabled us to be able to showcase our endeavours and be acknowledged as a regional champion. You will see our Showcase Award logo on all staff emails and in our school newsletter each week.

As a reward to our school community, we have organised a Circus Challenge at our school next Wednesday. The Circus Challenge will begin with a whole school Circus Show at 9am in the assembly room, followed by a day of one hour workshops with all of our classes. The workshops are an active learning class where students will learn a range of circus skills in a 'round robin' format. This is a unique opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our Showcase Award and we look forward to the day of fun. All family members are welcome to come along to the morning show. Our NAIDOC activities morning was once again an absolutely sensational success. It was wonderful to see the responsible and respectful behaviour of all of our students as they made their way around the various activities available. We had nail painting, face painting, hand painting, boomerang painting, seed painting, coconut shaving, flag making and painting, shaker making, snake making and decorating, streamer



making, head band making, hair braiding, bush peg throwing, cake decorating, stick weaving, grass weaving, cake decorating, splatter painting, games, movie clips and a BBQ to name a few. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our Indigenous culture during NAIDOC Week. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped on the day. A big thank you to Janice Walker for her welcome and opening of the celebration. These days are also a wonderful way for us to showcase our school and it was great to see a number of outside community members being involved in one of the highlights of our school year. This Friday we continue our NAIDOC celebrations when we participate in the Community NAIDOC March straight after assembly. Our students will walk from the Council Carpark down to Bubu – Kinkari Park (George Davis) at Raintrees, in order to watch the NAIDOC presentations. They will then have some free time to walk around the various stalls and purchase items. We will be returning to the school at approximately 12 noon. Remember, if you wish your child/children to remain behind at the park, you will need to see your child's teacher at the park to let them know of your intentions as children can only be collected by a parent or guardian. Please return permission slips as soon as possible to allow your child/children to participate in the march. Thank you to our P&C who have purchased a sausage sizzle and a bottle of water for each of the children attending the march. Please ensure that all students are in full school uniform or NAIDOC shirts, including shoes and hats. Our Interhouse Athletics Day will be held next Tuesday and we are all hoping for a day of sunshine rather than the pouring rain we had in the last week of last term. This is a fantastic opportunity for our athletes to shine at school and we welcome all family members to come along on the day and cheer our competitors on. The carnival will be held at the high school and this year the finish line will be on our primary school side of the high school oval. Please ensure that you use our school carpark, toilet facilities, water fountains and tuckshop to limit traffic in the high school in order to avoid any interruptions to the high school. Students may wear house colours on the day – blue (Wandi), red (kadar) and green (Kiju) and please remind students to wear shoes and hats. Shot put competitors must wear shoes for the event, while in other events shoes can be taken off while participating.

Selections for our Interschool Athletics Carnival next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, will be made after the events on Tuesday. Apologies for this very short turn around for our athletes but we had very little options with our very busy calendar of events this term.

We have had a bit of a slump in our attendance last term, due to a large number of illnesses so our overall attendance data has slipped below 90% and into the orange. We are going to try really hard this term to get our overall attendance rate back above 90% and back into the GREEN! Please continue to support your child's attendance at school every day as every day really does count.

We look forward to seeing you all at our many events these coming weeks.

Kind regards,  
*Randal Smith*



#### **P&C News**

We hope you all enjoyed the holidays! There is an updated Tuckshop menu in this newsletter, or collect a copy from the office. Peta would appreciate help in the Tuckshop on Tuesday for Sports Day, or Friday for District Sports Day. We would also love to hear from anyone that could help with uniforms – ordering of, and stock taking. This is a small role but would help us immensely! Please talk to Rachael in the office if you can help☺. Our next P & C meeting is next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm...we are still looking for a secretary ;) Your P & C Committee

#### **CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART DAB** (Mossman Art Gallery; opposite the Library)

Thursdays 3:15- 5:15 \$15 (includes the cost of the project) Dream catchers, friendship bangles, wall hangings, collage on canvas, pastels on paper, paintings, (Artwork can be displayed in the gallery also for the exhibition.)

Please Ring Connie on 0423 962996 for more info.

#### **CHILDREN'S ART MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

DAB (Mossman Art Gallery; opposite the Library) 1st WED of each Month 3:15 -5:15 \$15 (includes the cost of the project)

(The next workshop 1st week in August: Collage on Canvas) Magnetic Art, Printmaking, Beading, T-shirt art, Mobiles & nature art.

Thanks Connie

# NAIDOC Activities morning



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Dear parent,

Head lice have been detected in the school. The parents of all students are being notified via this letter.

**It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY.** If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Remember to keep checking your family member's heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health Head Lice fact sheet attached to this letter. Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up, discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.

Remember - Anyone can get head lice - they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on telephone...

Yours sincerely,

Randal Smith



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