Wednesday, 14 May 2014

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students are in the middle of the NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. On Tuesday our students sat the Language Conventions and Writing test. On Wednesday our students will sit the Reading test and on Thursday they will sit the Numeracy aspect of the test. Our students in Grade 2, 4 and 6 also sit a practice test (the previous years) to gain the experience of sitting the test and also for our school to look at areas that we need to work on. NAPLAN testing is an important element in our school BUT it is not the most important. We use other related information and data to inform our students, parents and teachers on individual/class/school progress. NAPLAN data is one of many data sets we use to inform and plan for student learning and school improvement.

Congratulations boys and girls for participating in the tests and doing the best job that you can do. The tests are about finding out what you DO know not what you don’t know. Our teachers can then plan for you and build on what you already know.

For the grade 6 and 7 students who are heading to the High School next year I have sent home a letter from our Regional Director Ms Deb Dunstone regarding the new Junior Secondary model that will start in 2015. Planning is well under way and I know that Mossman State High School have spent an enormous amount of time, energy and thinking to bring this ‘new way of doing business’ alive and to make the transition to High School a seamless, enjoyable and positive experience.

The next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday 15th May at 3.30pm in the RIC. See you there.

Principal’s award

Jack Ireland for being honest, reliable and trustworthy.

Merit Award

2/3- Zycohan for having a great attitude in class and reaching his Term 2 reading target.
3/4- Tyson for his excellent efforts during our persuasive writing practice.
4A- Joachim for trying your best in your academic studies and being an excellent student in 4A.
Charlie for settling in well to 4A by being a learner, being safe and being respectful.
5/6/7A- Zayshen for working hard in decoding and for becoming a more fluent reader.
6/7B- Harrison for being an outstanding mentor for his peers in class and the playground.
SEP- Lesley for excellent work being a learner in numeracy and literacy.

I-Spy

Kaijah for being a learner by not giving up and finishing all the new puzzles.

Uniform Shop Urgent Information

Due to the work commitments for our volunteer Uniform Co-ordinator the Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday and Friday mornings only. Please do not ask the Tuckshop Convenor for uniforms on a Monday as she is unable to assist you.

Tuckshop News

Thank you to Peta who stepped in to fill Lynn’s shoes last week and another thank you to Becky and Kristen for helping out. Without the support of our volunteers the Tuckshop would have had to close. Remember that in order for the Tuckshop to be successful we need parents to help so if you can spare some time please call in and see Lynn for a time she might need you.
Mothers’ Day
On Thursday Mossman State School celebrated Mother’s Day with a picnic and stall. Students are encouraged to spend time with those special people in their lives that support and take care of them, and thank them for everything they do. During the morning students also had the opportunity to purchase a small present for their carer, from the P&C Mother’s Day stall. The Mother’s Day Stall raised $542.85. A big thank you to Sarah, Tricia, Jodie & Anthea for their organising and help on the day. A special thanks to all the shoppers!
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Finally Cocky came back. Dan was happy.

Aytavia Peterson, Year 2

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Grandpa put lollies under the pillow. After school Dan went to the hospital. One day Grandpa died. Dan was miserable.

Six months later, Cocky came back to Dan.

Lesley Port, Year 3

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Dan’s Mum gave him some bread and a warm drink. Dan called Cocky but Cocky did never come back.

Six months later, Cocky came back. Everything was back to normal. They were not upset.

Thomas Mantell, Year 2

Grandpa and Dan went to the mangroves. They did dance too.

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