Principal News

Dear Parents,

Reading Club
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those mums, dads, carers, grandparents, extended family members and volunteers who make our Before School Reading Club so special. The level of engagement and achievement in reading has increased dramatically over the last few months. On some days we have close to 150 students accessing this wonderful resource. The love of reading has been enhanced by your involvement. The level of reading achievement has been extended by your involvement. The numbers of families accessing our school and being part of our school community has increased dramatically. So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart in helping make Mossman State School a good place to be. A big thankyou must go to Fay and Deb for volunteering their time, energy, devotion and love of reading and books. A big thanks also to the parents of Trinity, Nanami, Jove and Kalen, Melika and Peyton, Alma, Lena, Samuel K, Bree and Jaylen, Xavier, Jakob, Samuel W, Baily, Torrez, Madison, Ethan, Elizabeth, Bayan and Kian and Riley. Your contribution and participation in the before school reading club has made a significant difference to the reading achievement and love of reading for not only your child/children but to all those other students who attend. I can’t thank you enough. Thanks for helping make our school a good place to be.

Lunches
When packing your childrens lunch please ensure that the majority of food comes from healthy food groups. It is okay to have a treat but this treat needs to be only a small fraction of the lunch box. We have noticed that in a large number of cases the treats are significantly out-weighing the healthy food. Significant research has shown that those foods that are highly processed and contain large amounts of preservatives, flavours and colouring are not only bad for you but can contribute to inappropriate behaviour and learning difficulties. The bottom line is that our bodies are not designed to process this food and our bodies get very little nutrients from these foods. In some cases we have witnessed children’s behaviour deteriorate after eating these ‘junk foods’. So please for the long and the short term benefits of your children’s minds and bodies ensure that you pack healthy, nutritious items. Their little bodies will then respond in positive ways.

School Dance
Don’t forget that this Friday 20 June at 5.30pm our P&C committee are hosting the annual P&C Dance. Please come along and enjoy our family focussed evening of dance, food, live music and laughter. Our students have been practising individual class dances which they will present on the night. See you there.

Cane Train Safety
Mackay Sugar has approached the school about presenting to our students a safety talk regarding cane trains and semi-trailer, Bruce Treasure from Mackay Sugar will be presenting the powerpoint presentation on Monday 23 June at 2.00pm. The presentation will also be accompanied by a colouring in competition that needs to be completed by 8 July.

High School Drama Performance
On Friday 20 June from 12.00-1.00pm 22 Grade 9 Drama students from the High School will be performing to our Prep to Grade 3/4 students. As part of their Grade 9 drama syllabus these students need to prepare and perform a clown show. Sounds like fun for everyone.

NAIDOC
NAIDOC week has been scheduled for 14-18 July which is the first week back in term 3. We have a working party devising the activities for this week. On Monday 14th July (first day back in Term 3) the High School has invited us to attend the Welcome to Country and the traditional smoking ceremony. This will occur at 9.00am over at the High School indoor sports centre. We will need to be organised and have the students on time on the first day back to ensure that they can participate in this important event. Report cards will be sent home during the last week of term. That is next week.
Merit Award

Prep-Sienna for being a quiet worker who always tries her best
1/2/3-Elizabeth for always demonstrating the 5L’s of Active Listening
1A-Ilena for improving in confidence and reading and sight words.
Jet-Tyler for improving in all areas of reading, sight words and confidence.
2/3A-Laura for having a neat and organised tidy tray and being ready to learn
5/6/7-Jacinta for settling in with such a positive, respectful and engaged manner. Welcome!

I-Spy

Skye for being respectful by helping in the library at lunch times
Tait for being a learner by helping a prep student up when she fell over
Mossman State School Student Council for being respectful by raising money for Relay for Life
Pam Leonardi for being respectful by cooking cupcakes for the Relay for Life fundraiser

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open Wednesday and Friday mornings only.

PICTURE PLATES or MUGS

If your child wants to do a picture plate or mug this year please contact Louise, Wendy or Jodi at Prep. The date has been extended to the last Friday of term. Orders will be finalised by the end of this term. Only a few more weeks to get orders in.
Plates: $25  Cups: $22

The Student Council wish to thank the Mossman State School community for their wonderful support in our ‘Purple Day’ fundraiser. It was great to see so many students dressed in purple to brighten up the day. We were able to raise $423.10 from gold coin donations and the sales of icy cups and cupcakes. A big thank you to Pam Leonardi for baking 200 purple cupcakes and donating them to our special event. Mrs Pike has kindly forwarded our contribution to the local Cancer Council branch.

On Wednesday 18th of June our school will be getting into the spirit for State of Origin. We will be dressing in our favourite team’s colours and making a gold coin donation. Money raised will be going towards a whole school vegetable garden. So join in the fun… dye your hair, paint your face or wear your team colours proudly.
Mossman State School P&C presents

Dance Extravaganza

with live music from

The Walker Brothers Connection

Friday June 20th from 5.30pm
Undercover Area near Tuckshop
$10 Entry per family
Children to be accompanied by an adult

Food and drinks available for purchase

#THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT#
This year, help us send 320,000 shoeboxes to kids in South-east Asia and the South Pacific. Every year, people of all ages, families, churches, schools and businesses pack shoeboxes with gifts for children in need. Globally, more that 100 million shoeboxes have been given to kids in need in more that 130 countries since 1993. An operation Christmas Child shoebox is more than a gift...it opens up a world of life-changing opportunities for the child, their family and their community. No matter how old or young you are pack a shoebox this year for a child who has nothing. Thanks for being a part of Operation Christmas Child!

If you would like to contribute to this cause there will be a donation box in each classroom.

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**Businesses that support our school**

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**Gift Ideas**

Fill your shoebox with one or more items from each “something”:

- **SOMETHING TO LOVE**
  - Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**
  - Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, containing pencils, Sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO WEAR**
  - T-shirt, shorts, underwear, hat, beanie, sandal, thongs, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**
  - Tennis ball, cards, jumping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, frisbee, paper puppets, wash-up brush, etc. (This battery operated items)
- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**
  - Soap and hair wash, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (toothpaste?)
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL**
  - Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kit, stickers, note or photo of yourself

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**What not to include**

It’s very important that the conditions below are followed to comply with various national government and customs constraints and to protect the content of the shoe boxes. We reserve the right to remove any unacceptable items:

- **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT** (these can split boxes)
  - Including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plaster/molding dough, talc
- **ANY FOOD OR LOLLIES**
  - Of any kind (due to shipping regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- **ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS**
  - (Due to customs regulations) including clothing and toys
- **ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS**
  - Including glass, porcelain, mirrors
- **ANY ITEM THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD**
  - Including snakes, era-related toys, kites, etc.
- **ANY GAMBLING RELATED ITEMS**
  - Including play money, sliding cards, dominoes
- **ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE

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**Mutchilba State School celebrates 75 years with a reunion on 23 August 2014, with registration commencing at 9.30 am. We are seeking contact with past staff and students. For more information please email mutchilbass75years@skymesh.com.au or phone Lyne on 40931003.**