Friday, 27 June 2014

Principal News

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of Term 2 2014. What a term it has been with NAPLAN testing, cross country, teaching/learning/discipline audit, report cards, student testing, P&C Bush Dance and Mothers Day Picnic. It makes me exhausted just writing about it. I take this opportunity to thank you as parents, for supporting our school and helping make Mossman State School ‘a good place to be’.

Reports are being sent home this week. Our teachers spent considerable time, energy and mental deliberation in writing report cards. I have included with the report cards an information sheet which we have developed to explain the new process of allocating achievement grades. Please read this carefully before you read the report card so that you view the achievement grades through an informed lens. In a nutshell, it is a lot different to achievement grade allocations when we were at school.

Thanks to all those mums, dads, students, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends and staff who turned up to last Friday night’s P&C Bush Dance. What a sensational night. The spirit of the night was extremely enjoyable with great behaviour, sensational involvement and wonderful dancing. A big thank you to staff, P&C and parent helpers for making this such an enjoyable night. Thanks to Macca for setting up the lights.

Our school Annual Report has been uploaded onto our school website. This report contains a synopsis of operations and programs offered during the 2013 school year. Don’t forget that you can access our website through the Qschools app. Please have a look at our new website as it contains some useful information and current activities.

Please find attached the NAIDOC week program for the first week back at school. On Monday 14th July (first Monday in Term 3) our whole school will be going to the High School for the opening ceremony of NAIDOC week.

In the first 2 weeks of term 3 Zarah and Louise will be taking well-earned Long Service Leave. During that time Kath Williams will be taking the class. Renae Marano will be teaching in the Prep on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr Cameron Love (our new District Reliving Teacher) teaching in the Prep on Thursday and Friday. Fiona Zegas in the SEP will also be taking 4 weeks Long Service Leave. Lavern Ireland will be taking her place. Maxine Haines will be taking leave whilst her daughter has her baby. Janet Ross-Kelly will be taking Maxine’s duties.

A big thank you to Shanelle Young for cleaning up the car park.

Don’t forget that Monday 21st July (second week in Term 3) is the Mossman Show public holiday.

Have a safe and enjoyable school holidays!

Merit Award

Prep-Seth for working quietly at writing time and doing great drawings
1/2/3-Mason for making a big improvement with his sight words.
1A-Ethan for reaching the end of year reading benchmark. Congratulations!
Samuel for always attending reading club before school and making excellent reading progress.
2/3A-Jeremy for being a great helper who has a cheerful attitude.
4A-Reagan for always being safe, being respectful and being a learner in year 4A.
Dijuaiya for always trying your best in your studies. You are an enthusiastic learner.
5A-Isaac for fractions and number line application in Maths.
5/6/7-Nicholas for being a wonderful role model for others in learning time.
6/7B-Ethan for outstanding achievement in sporting representation and excellent leadership in managing the garden project.
SWD-Winston for completing all literary activities within the set time. Well done!
Amber for successfully learning all her sight words this week.

**Principal Award**
Ethan for being selected in the Queensland Under 12 Basketball team.
Jai for demonstrating fantastic reading skills and sight word recognition.

**I-Spy**
Tom for being respectful by helping a Prep student find his card in reading club.
Mason for being respectful and a learner by being helpful in the computer lab.
Mrs Edwards for being respectful by supporting the student council so well with their money ventures.
Kai for being safe by reporting a wayward ball and making safe choices.
Beryl for being respectful by helping in the library.

**Senior Camp Fundraising**
Thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake and Popper breakfast to help fundraise for the Senior camp to Alice Springs. The pancakes were delicious! Thank you to Zandra, Sarah, Kristen, Judy and the team of helpers who helped cook and serve pancakes.

Come along to Woolies in the holidays for a sausage sizzle on Saturday, 5th July to support our next camp fundraising event!!!

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**FREE Well Women’s Clinics**
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

- **Port Douglas** Neighbourhood Centre- Mon 14th July
  Ph: 4099 5518
- **Cow Bay** Primary Health Care Centre- Tues 15th July
  Ph: 4098 9296
- **Julatten** Community Centre (am)- Wed 16th July
  Ph: 4094 2037
- **Mossman** Community Centre (pm)-Wed 16th July
  Ph: 4098 2005

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**Mossman S S NAIDOC Week Program**
**14th-18th July 2014**
**Week 1**

**Monday**
Opening Ceremony at MSHS
Children walk from SS to HS.
Flag Raising at Council Office student leaders attend.
Art Gallery
Student’s art work displayed in RIC.

**Wednesday**
NAIDOC Activities
Activities at tuckshop Area from 9:00 to 11:00am.
Food on sale. $2 BBQ sausages, $1 drinks, 50c icy poles

**Friday**
Street March
10:00 at Douglas Shire Council car park to Bubu Kinkari (George Davis) Park.
(details on letter to parents)
A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM MACKAY SUGAR
The sugar mills are crushing; please be aware of cane trains and trucks. Mackay Sugar urges all motorists to be alert when approaching cane train crossings – look out for cane trains; stop at the flashing lights, it’s not worth the risk! Children – don’t play on cane train bins; near cane railway tracks, or on cane transport roads - it’s not safe! For all community enquiries, please contact Mackay Sugar on 4953 8300.

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 than 100 million shoeboxes have been given to kids in need in more than 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.

Businesses that support our school

Extended due to popular demand!

World Environment Day Exhibition
Exhibition is open 8.30am to 4.30pm weekdays, to July 14.
Why not bring the family in over the school holidays to see the array of local artistic talent!
Douglas Shire Council Foyer 64-66 Front St Mossman

What not to include
It is VERY important that the conditions below are followed to comply with various overseas government and customs constraints and to protect the content of the shoe boxes. You reserve the right to remove any unacceptable items.

- Items that leak or melt (these can spot boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/foilpaper, stickies.
- 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 cause harm to a child including knives, razor blades, hot, toy guns.
- Any gambling-related items including play money, playing cards, dominoes.
- Anything of a religious, racial or political nature.

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 books, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpeners, ruler, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **Something to Wear**
  - T-shirt, underwears, cap, beanie, sandals, things, etc.
- **Something to Play With**
  - Tennis bat, car, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, go-go skulls, Roger support, wind up toys, etc. (This battery operated items?)
- **Something for Personal Hygiene**
  - Soap and face washers, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (Do toothbrushes?)
- **Something Special**
  - Carrying sunglasses, bracelets, necklaces, craft tiles, stickers, note or photo of yourself.