Thursday, 17 July 2014

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust you all had a relaxing, enjoyable holiday

NAIDOC Week
This week our school is celebrating NAIDOC week where we recognise, acknowledge and celebrate the unique and wonderful cultural and language perspectives that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring to our world. This week will culminate in the annual NAIDOC street march. For students to be involved in this activity they will need to wear correct school uniform including hats and shoes, return the permission note signed by parents/caregivers and bring a positive attitude in regard to behaviour and engagement. I would like to thank all our staff, parents, families, community members and students for organising and participating in our school’s NAIDOC celebrations. Our NAIDOC celebrations and activities on Wednesday morning were absolutely fantastic.

Welcome
We welcome back Mrs Sonja Carrigan after her recent wedding. Yes, at this stage Sonja is still Ms Carrigan. She has suggested that down the track a bit she might change her surname to her new married surname. Time will tell.

I would also like to welcome Mr Cameron Love who has been employed as the new local Relieving Teacher based at Miallo State School. Cameron will be taking Zarah’s position on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the next 2 weeks whilst Zarah is on Long Service Leave. Mrs Kath Williams will be undertaking Zarah’s teaching duties during the next two weeks. Cameron will be teaching in the Prep classroom on Thursdays and Fridays for the next 2 weeks whilst Louise Walker is also on Long Service Leave. Renae Marano will be teaching Prep on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks whilst Louise is on leave.

Laura Gray will be working in the Special Education Program on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday taking David Neilsen’s teaching duties.
Laura will be teaching Physical Education on Thursday and Friday.

Leisa Jones will be undertaking the teaching duties that Laura was doing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Upcoming events
On Friday the 25th of July we will be running our Interhouse Athletics Carnival where Kennedy, Jardine and Leichhardt battle it out on the track and field. Please come along and enjoy a day full of smiles, athleticism and great fun. If time permits we will be holding a teacher, parent, student 100 metre sprint race, so bring your running gear.

On Friday 8 August the Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held where Mossman competes against Port Douglas, Julatten, St Augustines, Miallo, Wonga Beach, Daintree and Alexandra Bay on the track and field. Students from the under 10, 11, 12, 13 at our school will be selected at the Interhouse carnival to represent Mossman State School at the Interschool carnival.

Following the Interhouse athletics carnival on the 25th July at 2.00pm our school will be hosting “Crazy Science” Arts link performance. More information will be sent out next week when it comes to hand.

Report cards were sent home on the last day of Term 2. If your child did not receive their report card please contact your child’s teacher. Within the report card there is a section that identifies whether your child’s teacher is seeking a parent teacher interview. If it has been identified that a parent/teacher interview is requested please contact your child’s teacher to organise a suitable, mutually agreeable time. Please take the time to read the accompanying information regarding achievement grades. This information gives an explanation as to what the achievement grades mean.

Our school will be focusing on keeping our feet and our hands to ourselves over the next 2 weeks as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour strategy. We will be having a ‘focus theme’ every 2 weeks.

Don’t forget that Monday 21st July is a gazetted public holiday as it is the Mossman Show long weekend. Enjoy. Please ensure children are back at school on Tuesday.
P&C meeting is postponed until next week.

YOUTH DISCO
MOSSMAN SHIRE HALL WITH DJ JACK!
10-14 Years
Friday 18th of July
6pm to 9pm
- ENTRY FEE - $5 INCLUDES FREE SAUSAGE
- LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
- DANCE OFF
- MANY ACTIVITIES
BUS SERVICE - PICK UPS
Wonga Servo Pick up at 5:45pm
Mossman Gorge Pick up at 6:20pm
DROP OFFS
Wonga Servo Drop Off at 9:30pm
Mossman Gorge Drop Off at 9:00pm
For Further Enquiries Contact Sara - 4098 1487
In Partnership of
DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

Operation Christmas Child
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.

Gift Ideas
Fill your shoebox with one or more items from each "something":
- SOMETHING TO LOVE
  Teddy bear, doll, stuffed toy, etc.
- SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL
  Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, ruler, etc.
- SOMETHING TO WEAR
  T-shirts, pants, underwear, hat, shoes, sandals, socks, etc.
- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH
  Toys in a box, car, pirate, riding, football, frisbee, frisbee, sports, games, etc.
- SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE
  Soap and face washers, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hair-clip, soap, etc.
- SOMETHING SPECIAL
  Copy book, sunglasses, handkerchiefs, armbands, scarfs, toys, rule or photo of your pet.

What not to include
It is very important that the contents below are not included as they are unsuitable items.
- ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT (even in cold boxes)
  Food, honey, chocolate, etc.
- ANY FOOD OR DRINKS
  Of any kind (due to shipping regulations) including medicines and vitamins.
- ANY TOOLS 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 knives, war-related toys, etc.
- ANY GUNWEARING RELATED ITEMS
  Including money, playing cards, dominoes.
- ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE
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<td>Zavan</td>
<td>At NAIDOC day I watched a movie. I speared the coconut.</td>
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<td>Appun</td>
<td>I went to the parade room and watched Bama movies because it was NAIDOC. It was fun</td>
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<td>Aaliyah</td>
<td>I made a black, yellow and red skirt as well a headband.</td>
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<td>Jahzara</td>
<td>Today I went and made a cassowary crown and a boomerang. I played with the goo. The NAIDOC activities were at school. Everybody was at school and at the start the whole school got a photo. It was lots of fun.</td>
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<td>Veti</td>
<td>At the NAIDOC celebration it was fabulous. We did all the activities down in the undercover area. It was fun. I did all the activities downstairs because today is celebrating National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration. I made a grasshopper with coconut leaves. There were lots of teachers.</td>
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<td>Alma</td>
<td>National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration. I made a loom.</td>
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<td>Zycohan</td>
<td>I was playing didgeridoo and playing with spears and I made a headband. We went to the undercover area.</td>
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<td>Shaniece</td>
<td>I did NAIDOC day and I was at face painting</td>
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<td>Xanthe</td>
<td>We had a lot of fun at NAIDOC Week and it was very good. We got to paint our fingernails and I got to do loom bands as well. I did activities with Mrs Mather and Mrs Steele. We had coconut as well. It was lots of fun.</td>
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<td>Shanarah</td>
<td>We had lots of fun at NAIDOC activities. They had didgeridoo, also paint, loom bands, as well they had coconut. Also cassowary crowns and skirts and painting our hands. All the activities were at the undercover area. It was all there. My favourite was all of it. It was cool.</td>
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Read about how much the students in 23A enjoyed the NAIDOC activities at MSS on Wednesday morning!

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<td>First there was plaing and paint and didgeridoo. We made cassowary crowns and I did spear throwing with Link. I did loom bands on our hand. We did it at the undercover area. They had muffins, drink and sausages. We were playing games. We were watching movies in the parade room. It was fun today and we were helping Mrs Mather do cassowary crowns.</td>
<td>Today is NAIDOC activity day and I made a cassowary crown. I also made a shaker, platter and a dream maker. The things that I made were beautiful. I bought a sausage sizzle and a drink. I went to throw a spear, it was fun. We got the whole school photo. Everybody came to the undercover area. We all had fun.</td>
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<td>Laura</td>
<td>Beau</td>
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<td>First I made a cassowary and I painted it with green, black, red, brown and blue at the NAIDOC activities.</td>
<td>I speared the coconut with the spear because it was NAIDOC day. I went in the parade room to watch a Bama movie.</td>
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<td>Khyannah</td>
<td>Aytavia</td>
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| Today at NAIDOC day, Lesley and I threw spears at coconuts. We were also painting cassowary crowns and we ate food and we had drinks. I helped Mrs Mather. | NAIDOC Activities  
At the undercover area we had painting cassowaries and some loom bands that we could make. We had lots of fun. |
| Thomas                             | Kitty                                        |
| Today it was NAIDOC activities. I watched a movie and went spear throwing. I went to the goo and we had to make a cassowary crown. It was fun. | In the morning we went to NAIDOC. I did do the loom band. Then I did the nail polish. I did the painting. |