Tuesday, 29 July 2014

**Dates to remember**
- Thursday 31st July-The Ned Show 9am-9.45am (free)
- Friday 1st August-Genes for Jeans Day
- Friday 1st August-Australian Maths Competition
- Monday 4th August – High School to visit grade 6 and 7
- Friday 8th August – Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 18th-22nd August- Book Fair (Open night 19th Aug)

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

**Sports Day**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the mums and dads, and family members who came along and witnessed a fantastic day of athleticism, participation and great fun. Due to the uncertainty of the weather we were unable to hold the 800m races and the Under 10 high jump. As a result we were unable to collate the age champions and House champions. Mrs Gray will be holding these events early in the week and we will announce the age champion and house champion at Wednesdays parade. We will also present trophies at this parade. I realise that this is a little disappointing and it certainly is for us as well but the weather had an impact in regards to safety (Under 10 high jump) and time (800m races). Mrs Gray will also select the Mossman State School athletics team to represent our school at the Interschool District Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th August. She will select the team after the high jump and 800m are run this week. Also a big apology that we were unable to hold the parent, staff and student race. So keep training for next year.

**Spelling Mastery**

Our school has introduced a new ability based spelling program called Spelling Mastery. The program is arranged so that students are pre-tested and then placed in ability groups. We are implementing this program across the school to support and complement our Australian Curriculum spelling program. Students are placed in ‘like ability’ groups and these groups work on spelling words at their ability level. Subsequently, the students may undertake this spelling program with another teacher in another class. This occurs everyday from 1.00pm-1.30pm. We have introduced this program after careful consideration of our schools and students spelling data and after looking at other schools programs.

**Year 6 & 7 High School visits**

Stephen Guthrie (Deputy Principal Mossman State High School) and Tracey Butland (Co-ordinator of Junior Secondary at Mossman State High School) will be coming to our school on Monday 4 August to discuss with our Grade 6 and Grade 7 students the high school transition for next year. The grade 7’s will meet with Stephen and Tracey from 12.30pm-1.30pm. The grade 6’s will meet from 2.00pm-3.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for both the High School Administration team and our students to meet and share information, concerns and highlights.

**School Website & App**

Don’t forget to use our schools website. We are constantly updating our website with new information and school highlights. You can also download the Qschools app which enables you to access the website on your smartphone, tablet etc.

**Crazy Science Performance**

Unfortunately the “Arts link – Crazy Science” presentation did not go ahead as planned last Friday. We will send home with the students, the money in envelopes. Unforeseen circumstances prevented this presentation from being performed. Apologies from all concerned.

**School Opinion Survey**

School Opinion Surveys need to be returned to the school by Monday 4 August. Thankyou in anticipation.
P&C Fundraiser
Father's Day Stall

Each year the P&C holds a stall for students to buy a gift for Father’s Day. We ask families to donate a gift to the school to be sold at the stall. Those students who donate an item will get first choice when it comes to purchasing a gift. Wrapping your gift in clear cellophane is also a big help. It doesn’t need to be anything expensive. We usually price the items between $2 and $10 so that there is something affordable for everybody. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Students who wish to purchase a gift can bring some money to school on Thursday September 4th.

Donations need to be handed in to the school office by Tuesday September 2nd.

We would also appreciate any help we can get in organising the stall, so if you have the time and would like to assist with gift wrapping, pricing or manning the stall on the day, please let us know.

Thank you!

Businesses that support our school

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**Wanted**

Timber for framing mosaics that students have created. Please leave at office.

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MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Invites
Year 6 Parents/Guardians to an

Information Evening
‘A FLYING START – YEAR 7 AT MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL’ & Tour of the School Facilities including the new Year 7 building

Where – Mossman State High School Resource Centre
When – Thursday 28th August
Time – 7.00pm

Please bring completed enrolment forms to this evening.
These forms were contained in the information package given to students during visits to Primary Schools.

MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Invites
Year 7 Parents/Guardians to an

Information Evening
‘MAKING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION AT MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL’ & Tour of the School Facilities

Where – Mossman State High School Resource Centre
When – Thursday 4th September
Time – 7.00pm

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Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this. We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
Students participated in a variety of fun activities such as relays, tug of war, shot put and sprints. It was great to see parents come along to support and enjoy the day with their children.
The Prep, Year 1A and 1B classes learnt about Fire Ed in Term 2 and practised some important strategies to keep safe.

This term has had a very busy start. We began by celebrating NAIDOC Week with an activity day and with the NAIDOC March followed by great entertainment at the park. Thank you to Miss Janet for helping in our class for the first two weeks. Welcome back to Miss Maxine, who now has a new grandchild, congratulations. Unfortunately Mrs Savage has been sick most of the holidays and this term so has just returned this week. The students from Year 1 to Year 4 (and some selected Prep students) began Spelling Mastery this week to support and improve spelling skills and strategies and have been placed in different groups to support their needs. We look forward to seeing the benefits from this program. Looking forward to the exciting things we will be doing this term.