Wednesday, 3 September 2014

**Dates to remember**

4th September Father’s day stall
5th Father’s Day cricket match @ lunch

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of September and the start of Spring. School finishes for Term 3 at Friday 19th September and resumes on Tuesday 7th October. Remembering that Monday 6th October is a public holiday. This day was originally Labour Day, held in May but the government moved this day until October so that there weren’t so many Public holidays in Term2.

Our school will be holding a Father’s Day Cricket Match on Friday 5th September at 11:00am. This social cricket match will be played with soft-balls and is open to all students (boy/girl) and their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, careers and significant male role models. The match will be a very casual, enjoyable and relaxing event where we celebrate the role that fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles and significant male role models play in the lives of young children. Please come along and have a hit and giggle.

See you there.

The grade 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN Individual Students Reports will be sent home this week. Please read the front cover page to gain an understanding of how the reports are formulated and organised. Our school is progressively tracking upwards and in the majority of cases individual students have made significant growth from their previous test whether that be from the grade 3 or 5 test. Next year will see the grade 7 move across to the High School.

We have 6 students attending the Future leaders Eco Challenge next Monday 8th September. These Grade 5 students were selected based on a reflective writing piece in which they were asked the following questions;

1. Why is it important to protect the environment?
2. What are some of the ways you have personally contributed, to caring for our environment at school, home and in your local community?

3. What would make you a good role model, in leading the way for our school to practice environmentally good practices?
4. Explain how you would be a good representative for our school at important events.

Congratulations to Tom Burcombe, Hollie Huffadine, Lillah Pougeard- Dulimbert, Claire Deuble, Lydon Starkey and Ethan Chesterfeild for being selected to represent our school at the Reef Guardian Eco Challenge.

Our teachers will be undertaking a Professional Development activity at Miallo State School on Thursday afternoon after school. The theme of the P.D includes the 3 warm ups, Key Teaching Strategies and context for best results.

Some of our teachers have also been driving to Cairns after school to undertake Professional Development activities in the teaching of writing. I congratulate and thank our staff for their commitment to education and for their passion for the art of teaching and making a difference in children’s lives. Staff will also undertake fire extinguisher training with Andrew Patrack from Mossman Fire and Rescue on Friday after school.

On Friday we are celebrating Teacher Aide Day where we celebrate the amazing contributions that Teacher Aides make in our school and to your children. So when you see one of our Teacher Aides take time to stop and thank them for the outstanding job that they do. Thankyou Teacher Aides, our lives wouldn’t be the same without you.

This week we also celebrate the work our School Support Staff do in our school. This includes our Cleaners, Groundsman and Office Staff whose work often goes unseen and sometimes not outwardly appreciated. Without them the wheels would continually fall off. So thank you, thank you, thank you Macca, Jackie, Sian, Sue, Mary- Anne, Hannah and Sofia.

**Merit Awards**

1A- Jeremy for excellent formation of letters in handwriting. Very neat work. Well done Jeremy!
1/2/3- Tahj for learning his doubles facts.
2/3- Asia for her fantastic effort in Mathletics and for all her creative drawings.
3/4- Bree for always being a hardworking and excellent classmate.
4A - Riley for an outstanding effort on his FNQ Assessment in Math. 49/50 excellent!!
5A - Elliot for improved focus and great sentences in English.
Isabelle for always being a learner, polite and helpful.
5/6/7 - Danika for continuing to demonstrate a positive attitude to her learning and completing set tasks to a good standard.
6/7 - Kiara for working hard on maths consolidations to improve test results.
SEP - Aaron for working extremely well with all activities.
Principals award
Ethan for his outstanding skills in being awarded a ‘gold medal’ at the National Basketball Championship.
I-Spy
Samuel, Jarvis, Aaliyah, Thomas, Harry, Todd, Michael, Bronson, Bree, and Samuel for being respectful by helping move the reading room.
Todd and Harrison for being respectful by being a great mentor for junior boys.
Ben for being respectful by advising another student to be respectful.
Jaylee for being respectful by helping tidy up the photo albums in the library.
Anna for being respectful by picking up rubbish around the senior playground.

Dental Van Information
A number of weeks ago, the School dental van had distributed dental forms for classes 6/7, 5/6/7 and prep children. So far, only about 12 children from the older grades, and 8 Prep forms have been returned. If you are a parent of children in these grades, and you would like to utilise our service, please check processing and return of these dental forms to the school office. If you would like to phone the dental van to check that the form you filled in has arrived at the school office and been received by us, please phone the dental van on 0408062395 from 9.30 am – 3.00 pm and to arrange an appointment.
Thankyou, Sue Hole
Oral Health Therapist

URGENT REQUEST FROM P&C Volunteers
The current committee are feeling very burnt out at the moment and would like to see more parents/carers help us out. Our next meeting is being held at 6.30pm Thursday 18th September so if you think you can give up a little of your time we would be very appreciative. Come along and see what it is all about. There is no obligation to fill positions at this stage. We need some fresh ideas and some new energy as fulfilling our roles on the committee and trying to fundraise as well is wearing us down. Volunteering in your child’s school can help you feel connected to their learning and social interactions. It is a great way to get to know the staff and other students and shows your child that you take an interest in their world.

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

[List of business logos and names, including Sunbird House, Cairns Coconut Resort, Half Moon Bay Golf Club, Serendipity, and others.]

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The Children’s Book Council of Australia offers encouragement to published Australian authors and illustrators by presenting the annual Children’s Book of the Year Award.

Each year the School Library purchases the CBCA shortlisted books. The winners are announced at the beginning of Book Week which was 16-22 August.

The honour books and category winners of the shortlisted books are as follows:

**Younger Readers:**
- **Winner:** A Very Unusual Pursuit
- **Honour Book:** My Life as an Alphabet
- **Honour Book:** Light Horse Boy

**Early Childhood:**
- **Winner:** The Swap
- **Honour Book:** I’m a Dirty Dinosaur
- **Honour Book:** Banjo and Ruby Red

**Picture Book:**
- **Winner:** Rules of Summer
- **Honour Book:** King Pig
- **Honour Book:** Silver Buttons

**Eve Pownall Award for Information Books:**
- **Winner:** Jeremy
- **Honour Book:** Welcome to my Country
- **Honour Book:** Ice, Wind, Rock

All of the shortlisted books have been displayed in the Library for teachers to use with students for the duration of Book Week and now will be available for borrowing by staff and students.

Full details on the winners and honour books in each category can be found at the CBCA website.

Kay Pike
Library Resource Officer

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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 8th Sept Ph: 4099 5518

**Cow Bay Primary Health Care Centre**
- Tues 9th Sept Ph: 4098 9296

**Julatten Community Centre (am)**
- Wed 10th Sept Ph: 4094 2037

**Mossman Community Centre (pm)**
- Wed 10th Sept Ph: 4098 2005

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**Footy Colours Day!**
- Fri 5 Sept 2014
- AFL, Rugby Union, NRL, Soccer
- Show your True Colours!

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**Miallo State School P & C**
- Trivia Night
- When: Fri 12 Sept @ 6:30pm
- Where: Miallo SS Hall
- Cost: $10 pp Max of 8 per table
- Lots of prizes!
- Heaps of laughs!
- Beer, wine and soft drink on sale

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**Port Douglas Junior Reef Raiders**
- Sign on & training will commence
- 5pm - Thursday 28 August
- And continue each Thursday
- At the Mossman Showgrounds
- Boys 10 to 16 years and Girls 10 to 12 years
- New players & coaches welcome
- Come and TRY RUGBY
- Enquiries call Denise 0427982254 or portdouglasjuniorrugby@gmail.com
Dimbulah State School Centenary Celebrations 1914-2014
All past and present students, teachers and principals are invited to attend.

Date: Saturday 27th September 2014
10am: Start with registration, memorabilia display, school tours
11.30-1.30 Lunch
1.30: Official Opening, speeches and roll call
3pm: Capsule Opening and burial of new capsule, performances by student
6pm: Cutting of the Cake, BBQ tea and Entertainment
7.30pm: Fireworks followed by games on the oval.

“KIDS FISHING FUN DAY 2014”
SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER AT 8AM
AT THE MOSSMAN BOAT & FISHING CLUB, RANKIN ST, NEWELL BEACH
$10 ENTRY INCLUDES BAG OF GOODIES ON ARRIVAL AND A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
KIDS DON’T FORGET YOUR FISHING RODS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY
ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN PRESENT AT ALL TIMES
HEAPS OF GIVEAWAYS
PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE THE DAY AS SPACES LIMITED.
E: mossmanbf@gmail.com OR PH: NATALIE CRIMMINS ON 0437 718 840