Wednesday, 10 September 2014

**Dates to remember**

- P&C Meeting Thurs 18th September @6.30pm
- Wednesday 17th Sept High School Band Performance
- Friday 19th September last day of Term 3
- Tuesday 7th of October First day of term 4
- Monday 20th October Pupil Free Day

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,
A thank you to all dads, granddads, uncles and male mentors who attended the Fathers Day Cricket Match held last Friday. We had 18 male adults attend and I was surprised and impressed by the turn out. It caught me a little by surprise and subsequently the time allocation was not long enough to ensure a longer bat and bowling a few more overs. I will need to keep this in mind for next year's planning. If we get the same number of dads we might need to block in the whole Friday afternoon and include a BBQ. Thanks again to all the dads for coming. The students were excited, enthusiastic and buzzing all day. It just goes to show the effect that a little parental participation can have on your children.

The Mossman High School Band will be performing at our school on Wednesday 17th September from 12.30-1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

On Friday the 19th of September our school will be celebrating our rewards day where those students who have not had a behavioural breach are able to attend a celebrationary afternoon activity. This celebration is to reward, acknowledge and congratulate positive behaviour of our students as identified in our schools Positive Behaviour Plan.

Also on Friday 19th of September Port Douglas State School are hosting a cricket T20 Blast competition. So far we have 11 boys from Grades 6 and 7 who have stated they would like to be involved. These boys will catch a bus that will depart Miallo school at 10.30am and pick up our students at approximately 10.50am. The bus will then travel to Port Douglas State School.

The bus will return our students at approximately 2.30pm.

The proposed interschool sports afternoon on Friday 19th of September has had to be cancelled. We were scheduled to host St Augustines School on this afternoon but they have had to cancel the event as they have been committed elsewhere.

School breaks up for Term 3 on Friday 19th September and will resume for Term 4 on TUESDAY 7th of October with Monday being a gazetted Public Holiday.

**Merit Awards**

Prep-Shante for learning more of the letters and sounds during reading time.
1A-Jack for being caring and thoughtful and for an excellent enthusiastic effort in writing and retell.
Jet-Tyler for excellent sounding out in writing his retell of a story.
1/2/3-Tahzeak for working hard to learn his ‘Rainbow’ and ‘Doubles’ facts.
2/3-Xanthe for being a learner everyday in 2/3A.
4A- Mia for a wonderful effort on her English Assessment and working independently.
5A-Ainsley for excellent bookwork.
5/6/7- Jimeto for always being respectful and completing tasks neatly and to the best of his ability, well done!
6/7- Mason for being an engaged learner who always participates in discussions.
SEP- Deseray for having confidence in working independently in Literacy. 
Principal’s Award
Chad for doing excellent writing using capital letters and full stops.
From the Guidance Officer Michelle Hall:

This is Child Safety Week - Now is an opportunity for parents and teachers to reinforce key messages to children about protective behaviours (feeling, acting and being safe). This is a prime time to address these issues at home. Key messages worth discussing with your children are:

We all have the right to feel safe all the time
Nothing is so awful that you can’t talk with someone about it

Although many parents alert children to ‘stranger danger’, the reality is that children are more likely to experience abuse from a person who is known to them (a relative, friend or family acquaintance).

Things you can do to help protect your child
• Talk to your child – keep the communication open at every age
• Discuss with your children about their body – their public and private parts and the proper names for these parts.
• Teach them how to recognise if they are feeling unsafe (eg feeling tense in their body, sweating, stomach pains, feeling sick).
• Use the words ‘safe or unsafe’ when possible to give them clearer understanding of what these words mean and how they feel.
• Talk to your child about ways of being safe eg. going straight home after school, walk in a group, avoid isolated areas, communicate to the parent/teacher/responsible adult, when they have uncomfortable feelings.
• Avoid being an alarmist but have an action plan for those ‘just in case’ situations. This plan should include: people they can talk to at home or school about this; things to do if they are approached eg. walk/run away, scream etc; identify safe places to go to at home or on the way home; what to do if their friend tells them they are feeling unsafe.
• Talk to your child about the dangers of ‘secrets’ that make them or others feel uncomfortable
• Help your child identify who they feel comfortable to talk with. Get them to identify 5 adults from home/school/family/family friends

As a parent or guardian, it is up to you to put in place everything possible to ensure your child’s safety. If you feel uncertain or uncomfortable about a situation then do what is needed to put your mind at ease even though your child might feel you are over-reacting. It’s more important to have no regrets. Talk to your guidance officer if you need help.

Some helpful contacts include:
• Parent Line: 1300 30 1300 8am-10pm daily
• Department of Communities (Child Safety Services): 1800 811 810
• Lifeline: 13 11 14 (24 hour crisis counselling line)
• Family Planning Queensland: www.fpq.com.au for ideas and resources

Please support our school and drop by Mossman Woolworths and vote for our school banner for child protection week.

Businesses that support our school

For Sale
1 & 2 Litre Bottles of WORM TEA
Specially brewed by the Special Needs Unit
$1 per litre

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 portdouglassjuniorrugby@gmail.com
DOUGLAS CRICKET ASSOCIATION
INC.
JUNIOR MUDDIES SIGN ON DAY
Date: Sept 13th, 2014
Time: 9:00-11:00 AM
Venue: The Mud Pt (Ports Douglas Sports Complex), Wharf Street, Port Douglas
Facilitator: Roy Edward (0409 393 874)

Massman Riverside Leisure Park
Karin Barnes
SWIM SCHOOL
2014 Swim Season Term 4
Starts October 7
Enrol NOW !!
Learn to Swim Program Babies, Toddlers, School-age
Squad Program All levels
Junior Lifeguard Course
Private lessons available
Afternoon and morning lessons weekdays and Saturday mornings

Phone 4098 2627
mossmanleisurepark@bigpond.com
Swim enrolment forms available from Massman swimming pool
Bookings essential for all swim classes

Miallo State School P & C
is hosting a...
Lots of prizes!
Great Fun!

TRIVIA NIGHT
Heaps of laughs!
When: Friday 12 September
@ 6:30pm
Where: Miallo SS Hall
Cost: $10 pp
Max of 8 per table
For bookings, please contact Katrina on 0438 170 001

BABYSITTING: Pay $5 per child or a max of $10 per family to have a teacher look after them in the library.

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CHILDF PROTECTION WEEK
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SATURDAY SEPT 13th
10am - 1pm
(George Davis Park)
Skate Demo Workshop
With Adam’s Team

protecting children is everybody’s business
7-13th September 2014
General tips

Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post anything online, ask yourself if it is something you would want to see in print or on TV.
- Learn to avoid posting anything that could identify your school.
- Do not post anything that may mislead or misrepresent your friends, school, or community.
- Use the school's social media guidelines to determine what is appropriate.
- Remember that online interactions can be misleading and that others may be misrepresenting their experiences online.

Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?

- If you have a difference of opinion on something, contact the school principal or staff member to discuss it.
- If you have a complaint about a teacher, contact the school principal or staff member to discuss it.
- Keep comments and posts about schools, staff, or students positive and respectful.
- If you have concerns about a student's behavior or safety, contact the school principal or staff member to discuss it.
- If you have concerns about the school's policies or procedures, contact the school principal or staff member to discuss it.

How do I report inappropriate content?

If you come across inappropriate or offensive content online, you can report it to the school or the social media platform.

Get to know social media

Take the following steps to make sure you are using social media in a constructive way:

- Information: Learning about the principles of digital citizenship.
- Communication: Understanding the role of social media in our lives.
- Critical thinking: Questioning the information you find online.
- Collaboration: Working with others to create content.
- Creativity: Expressing yourself online.
- Reflection: Reflecting on your online experiences.

What if I encounter problem content?

Taking the following steps may help resolve the issue in a constructive way:

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