Wednesday, 15 October 2014

**Dates to remember**
Thursday 16th October 6.30pm P&C Meeting
Monday 20th October Pupil Free Day

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,
The weather is certainly heating up and I am sure that the Grades 4-7 are grateful that they have swimming lessons. Please ensure that your children wear sunscreen, protective clothing and drink lots of water during these swimming lessons.

On Friday afternoon there was an incident on the Front Street Zebra Crossing where one of our Crossing Supervisors was hit (more like side swiped) by a car traveling north. From all reports it was an accident where the driver was watching a car come out of the side street next to the bakery. It is now a police matter and they are investigating. What this does highlight however, is the need for everyone (students, their smaller brother and sisters, mums/dads, caregivers and drivers) using our roads to slow down and pay attention whilst crossing our roads. Our crossing supervisors do a fantastic job in difficult and sometimes stressful circumstances and I thank them for that. I am asking you as parents to talk to your children and remind them of the road rules and their obligations to follow the crossing supervisors directions.

This incident also highlighted for us the unsafe practice of children crossing the road on Williams Street between or/and in front of the school buses when there is a zebra crossing with crossing supervisors 20 meters away. It has also been brought to my attention that parents are parking on the other side of the road and encouraging their children to cross the road near the buses. I am asking, requesting and (almost demanding) you to stop this unsafe practice and to teach your children safe choices in regard to road safety. Please help us in making Mossman State School a ‘safe’ place to be. I have spoken with Mossman Police and have asked them for a Police presence to ensure the safety of your children.

On Tuesday 21 October I will be presenting our schools Internal School Review where we analyse our schools academic, attendance and school performance data. This presentation will take place at Port Douglas State School and will involve Port Douglas, Julatten and Machans Beach State Schools. Mr Steven Bell, Assistant Regional Director for Education Queensland, will be quality assuring our schools performance. The information and data that will be presented will then form the basis for our planning for 2015.

Our school is currently reviewing and monitoring the Smart Choices – Healthy Food and Drink Strategy. The Department of Education, Training and Employment and our school take children’s health and well-being very seriously and as a result we reflect on our practices and make changes and/or additions where necessary. Our P&C through the school tuckshop are reviewing what is being sold and how the menu reflects the Smart Choices strategy. Our teachers monitor what the children eat and also monitor what rewards/incentives are being used in light of the Smart Choices. Please rest assure that the frozen cups that have been sold by the student council have no added sugar. The icy poles that are used as rewards/incentives contain no sugar at all. We will continue to monitor and reflect on our practices and ensure that they meet Smart Choice Strategy.

Our school T20 Blast cricket team has been invited to attend the Peninsula T20 Blast competition being held on Friday 24 October. Congratulations to those boys (Nicolas, Samuel, Harry, Ethan, Jarvis, Bronson, Todd, and Mason) for their outstanding cricket skills and exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship.
I- Spy
Anna for being respectful by picking up rubbish around the senior playground.
Bree, Jarvis, Aaliyah, Thomas, Samuel, Harry, Bronson, Samuel, Michael and Todd for being respectful by helping move the reading room.
Ben for being respectful by advising another student to be respectful.
Jaylee for being respectful by helping tidy the photo albums in the library.
Todd and Harry for being respectful by being great student mentors for junior boys.

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Love to see new and old faces!

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As part of the NED Program, the children made Rainbow Fish out of brown paper bags. The story
The Rainbow Fish and the big Blue Whale was about building relationships with others.

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Mon 27th Oct Ph: 4099 5518
Cow Bay Primary Health Care Centre
Tues 28th Oct Ph: 4098 9296
Julatten Community Centre (am)
Wed 29th Oct Ph: 4094 2037
Mossman Community Centre (pm)
Wed 29th Oct Ph: 4098 2005

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