Thursday, 30 October 2014

Dates to remember
6th November Market Day
28th November M Factor Finale

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Our Year 6/7 cricket boys really had a ‘blast’ at the Blast T20 Cricket competition held in Cairns last Friday. From all reports our ‘cricket legends’ had a fantastic day and showed great sportsmanship, camaraderie and cricketing skill. Well done boys.

Our students are practicing hard for the M Factor. We have quite a number of nominations. The M Factor finale will be held on Friday 28 November. We will have to change our M Factor heats to another week (yet to be decided) as our Grade 6/7 students will be away on their excursion in week 7.

On Friday 31 October we will be celebrating World Teachers Day. I take this opportunity to invite you all by helping us celebrate World Teachers Day by doing/giving something special for our teachers. Our Teachers do a fantastic job and are really committed to making a difference in your child’s life. Sometimes it can be seen as a thankless job but I know for a fact that when parents show a little appreciation for the job that teachers do, it goes along way and certainly puts a smile on the dial of many a teacher. So come on help us thank our teachers for doing a great job. It is the thought that counts.

Unfortunately on Tuesday our school was broken into and several classrooms and our learning support room was vandalised. This was the first break-in for the year and comparative to previous years it has been a positive change for the better. I will be attending the Regional Principals Business Meeting on Friday 31 October. Please encourage your child/children to nominate for the M Factor. This is a sensational program where students can practice and perform in the performing arts. Many of our students ‘shine’ in this area.

Student of the week
Prep – Eileen for making a big effort to join in to her new class and for working hard.
1A-Nanami for always being safe, respectful and a learner who gives 100% every day.
1/2/3-Gerald for showing great efforts with his sight words.
2/3- Alma for making a huge effort to write her sentences for spelling and her retell.
3/4- Damien for settling into his new class well and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
5/6/7-Geneva for exemplary bookwork and always completing set tasks.
6/7- Sanjay for being a very supportive friend for a new student and always being courteous and respectful in interactions with others.
SEP-Kai for his co-operative behaviour and completion of all school work.

Senior Camp Raffle
Thank you for supporting our Senior campers by purchasing raffle tickets to help fundraise for the costs of the trip. The raffle will be drawn soon and winners will be notified by phone and announced in the newsletter. Seniors, please return your raffle tickets (including unsold tickets) and money to the office THIS WEEK.
Thank you to the businesses who have supported our Camp Fundraising - Flames of the Forest, Hoglund’s Glass, QT Port Douglas, Highlands Tavern, MAS, Daintree Express, Hog’s Breath Port Douglas, Highfalls Farm, South Mossman Roadhouse, Coles Port Douglas, Chung Tai Chinese and Serendipity.
We would like to assure our school community that the Tuckshop menu follows the Smart Choices guidelines. It is important to note that the menu is colour coded to make it easier to know which foods are the healthiest options. The foods highlighted in amber mean that you should only choose these foods occasionally. Children can have plenty of the foods highlighted in green.

It is up to the families ordering from the tuckshop to choose wisely for their children and teach them about their options. There are no red foods currently sold at the tuckshop. Lynne, our tuckshop convenor, has attended a Smart Choices information conference in Cairns and has come home with some excellent new recipes and ideas. If anyone would like to contribute to a menu for next year, feel free to come and have a chat to Lynne or Peta on a tuckshop morning. We have included a new recipe that has been trialled for one of our tuckshop treats. Perhaps you would like to try it at home.

Avocado and Chocolate Brownie

200g dark chocolate, broken
1 cup plain flour
1 ripe avocado, mashed
1/2 cup Brown sugar

Melt chocolate, add remaining ingredients. Put in lined tin and bake for 20 minutes.

Volunteers Needed!!
Saturday 8th of November the P&C are having a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Mossman Woolworths. If you can help at any time between 8.30am-1pm please notify Kristen Cambieras-jaskit1@bigpond.net.au