Thursday, 13 November 2014

Dates to remember
14\textsuperscript{th} November 6/7 Quicksilver trip to Low Isles
14\textsuperscript{th} and 21\textsuperscript{st} November Prep Wet & Messy Afternoon
17\textsuperscript{th} -21\textsuperscript{st} November 6/7 Camp to Daradgee EEC
27\textsuperscript{th} November Speeches & voting opens for Student Leaders
28\textsuperscript{th} November District Swimming Carnival
1\textsuperscript{st} December Yr 6 Transition Day @ High School
2\textsuperscript{nd} December Yr 7 Transition Day @ High School
2\textsuperscript{nd} December Junior High School Disco
3\textsuperscript{rd} December Year 7 Graduation @ AME
5\textsuperscript{th} December M Factor Finale
9\textsuperscript{th} December End of Year school Presentation and Concert

Principal News

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there is only 4 weeks of school until the Christmas Vacation. School will finish on Friday 12 December and will resume on Tuesday 27\textsuperscript{th} January 2015. Monday 26 January is the Australia Day holiday. Staff will resume on Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} January.

Our 6/7 students will be attending the Quicksilver Low Isles excursion on Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} November. They will then attend the excursion to Daradgee Environmental Education Centre from Monday 17 November to Friday 21 November.

Our School hosted the World of Maths Expo during the week. This expo brings maths alive and our students responded in a very positive and engaging manner. This is a great opportunity for our students to utilise and understand, in a practical way, some of the mathematical concepts they have been learning in class.

Our year 5 students have started the nerve racking, exciting and challenging process of nominating for 2015 School Leadership roles. We have School Captains and House Captain positions up for nominations. If you have a child in grade 5 and feel they are up to the challenge of stepping up to a leadership position please encourage and support them in this process. Our future leaders will have to present a speech to their peers about what their leadership qualities are and what they intend on undertaking in 2015. The students will also have the opportunity to nominate for Student Council early in 2015, if they feel that a formal leadership role is not something that they would aspire to. The Student Council supports our School Leaders in achieving the decisions that our student body have made.

The P&C meeting planned for Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} November has been postponed until Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} November as our P&C President will be attending the year 6/7 excursion.

Student of the week

Prep – Dajil for displaying great improvement with writing activities.
1A-Khyjuan for outstanding class behaviour- on task, being a learner and trying hard.
1/2/3-Bianca and Isabella for showing great improvement with their reading.
2/3-Jezze for settling in well to his new class and for wonderful reading.
3/4-D argon for his enthusiastic attitude towards English lessons and always trying his best.
5-Joshua for being a learner, having a go and completing set work. Keep it up!
5/6/7- Pauline for developing well-structured descriptive and mature written work.
6/7-Trevayne for being a very co-operative and respectful learner, always working quietly.
SEP – Karisha for working well in all school activities
**Principals award** - Zavan for fantastic “Around the World” multiplication facts.

**Gazebo’s**
Mrs. Gray looking very happy cuddling one of the four new all-weather gazebo shade structures donated by our amazing P&C. Anthea Crees applied for and received funding through the gaming benefit fund. Thank you so much, can’t wait to use them at our next event.

**Prep Open Day**
A big warm welcome to our new preppies for 2015. Last week we had an open day at prep for our new little people to see how things run in prep. We are all looking forward to our new people starting next year. If you missed the Prep open day we will be having open afternoons on Fridays for week 6 and 7 from 2-3pm.

**Market Day**
Thank You
The Prep A, Year 1, Year 1/2/3, Special Needs Unit and Play group would like to thank all the workers and people who donated and made items for the Market Morning. It was a great success. A special thanks to the year 6/7 class that helped out by volunteering to man stalls, paint faces and look after Prep students. Also those that helped with the cleaning up. JOB WELL DONE.

**Year 1A Science**
Year 1A students showing off their DIY toy cars. The students are learning about what makes things move and our toy cars are demonstrating the push and pull movement. We had lots of fun. Thank you Mrs Jones.

**Douglas Shire Softball**
CWA HALL PORT DOUGLAS 16TH NOVEMBER 12PM-2PM Guest Speakers from the Cairns District Softball Association, come and meet the locals who are interested NOT A SIGN ON DAY Put your name down so we can get numbers MEN are welcome, bring the kids, family & friends Please visit our face book page Douglas Softball See You There!
Tuckshop
If anyone has any excess fruit or vegetables from their garden and would like to donate to the tuckshop please drop produce off before school Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Mossman Rainforest Basketball Carnival
Mossman Rainforest Basketball Carnival has been cancelled due to lack of numbers for nominations. There is a possibility that it will commence as a wet season competition next year around February/March.

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Maths Roadshow Makes A Pit Stop At Mossman State School

Here are some thoughts from the grade 5 class ...

‘Today was fun, there were a lot of activities. I liked the chain exercise, we had to escape and untangle the knot.’
‘The maths roadshow was good because it had heaps of activities that were fun.’
‘My favourite activity was the String Along because it was both hard but fun. I think the hardest activity was Bird Eye View and I think the easiest was Court Vision.’
‘Today year 4/5/6/7 went to the mat math roadshow. The games were fun. My favourite game was Pattern Play and King of the Toad. My friends and I loved it! I give it 11 stars out of 10 stars.’
‘Maths is an important part of your education and is very fun.
It will help you get a job in your life ahead.’
‘My favourite activity was the Chain, it was probably the easiest but also the most fun. The hardest was the frog activity. If I could rate it out of 10, I would give it 99.99.’
‘At the Maths Roadshow I like the Magnet Maze and Chain Escape was loads of fun.
I give the roadshow 3 ½ stars out of 5’.
‘The activities are very fun but hard at the same time. I didn’t really like the car game. The activities are very very very fun.’
‘My favourite activity was Let Me Pass. It was a hard activity but that’s why I really liked it. I loved joining in with the Roadshow and with the other kids. I had a fantastic time.’
‘Math has the same rules wherever you go and you can have fun doing math at the roadshow.
The activities were fantastic. Thank you.’
‘I like the String Along activity but it was very hard.’
‘I enjoyed the maths roadshow, it was very good. There were many activities to keep me occupied.
I especially love the chain trick where we got some plastic chains and we had to put them on our hands. We weren’t allowed to take them off and had to untangle the knot in the middle.’
‘The hardest activity was the Frog one, I didn’t work it out. The easiest one was the one we had to look at the hoop. It was all fun and hard at times too. I give this 5 stars out of 5 stars.’
‘I like the String Along game because it was very challenging and it was a really fun game to play. The hardest activity for me was the game called Let Me Pass. It was so confusing and really hard to solve. When I first went into the roadshow, I thought wow this looks boring, but when you got to go around and try the activities it was fun.’
‘My favourite thing was the Magnet Maze because I like mazes and I’m good at doing mental maths adding in my head. I rate it 5 out of 5 stars.’
‘Once I found a group to work with, the first activity I did first was Pizza Pie. It was maybe a little too easy. Soon after we went to Greedy Blocks, it was hard, just a little too hard. Overall I think it was really fun.’
‘It was fun because I learnt some things and because it wasn’t maths where you are just doing 10x20 or 1x50.’

Businesses that support our school

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FAFT is a fee for service, school readiness, transition and parent engagement initiative.

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