Friday, 28 November 2014

**Dates to remember**
27th November Speeches & voting opens for Student Leaders
28th November District Swimming Carnival
1st December Yr 6 Transition Day @ High School
2nd December Yr 7 Transition Day @ High School
2nd December Junior High School Disco
3rd December Year 6/7 Graduation
5th December M Factor Finale
9th December End of Year school Presentation and Concert

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

Booklists and class lists are currently going through the last stages of development. All going well they will be released in week 9.

Our Grade 6 and Grade 7 Graduation is taking place on Wednesday 3 December at Daintree Station AME. This venue has the ability to cater for up to 200 guests and this has enabled us to have a combined Grade 6 and Grade 7 Graduation which is what our students wanted. Kassandra Savage has been able to get a bus free of charge from the Gorge Gateway. Her husband Will is the designated driver. There are limited seats available (28 seats) so please contact the school early to make a bus booking.

2015 School Captain and House Captain elections will take place in week 9. On Wednesday 3 December our year 5 students will present their speeches. This will take place at 12.30pm. Voting will close on Friday the 5th of December with School Captains and House Captains announced at our Presentation/Concert night on Tuesday 9 December.

Our Year 6 students will be attending a transition visit to Mossman State High School on Monday 1st of December.

Uniform Sales for 2015 will start on Friday 23 January and again on Tuesday 27 January. They will then be available on normal Tuckshop days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

This is an extremely busy time of the year for our school but it is also a very exciting time. I think sometimes we just need to slow down and ‘smell the roses.’

**Student of the week**

**Prep** – Ili for making a big effort to improve his classroom behaviour
**1A**- Lena for always demonstrating respectful behaviours and manners.
**2/3**- Santino for a super effort with his reading in reading groups.
**3/4**- Marley for having an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning.
**5A**- Lillah for being a good role model in class this week.
**5/6/7**- Acacia for being co-operative and flexible with routines this week
**6/7**- Rayden for being a helpful and co-operative student this week. Well done!
**SEP**- Jimeto for having an awesome attitude towards his classwork and for adding happy energy to our classroom.
Download the QSchools app to keep up to date with current school events and information.
Use the link below to see our website.
https://mossmans.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

**P&C News**

Big belated thank you to....Kristen Cambieras for the organising and running of a fundraising BBQ at Woolworths recently.
Thank you also to Jason, Zoe, Phoebe, Koda, Nikolai, Sarah, Miss Trish, Shanelle, Thomas & Rachael for assisting on the day.
They made a profit of $284.05 and more importantly helped clean out the tuck shop freezer!

**InterSchool Swimming Carnival**

Good luck to all our swimmers for this Friday’s interschool swimming carnival.

Congratulations to Miss Pam who together with Mrs Marano, spent hours writing an application for a grant through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) program. We are all thrilled to announce that Miss Pam was successful in attaining a $5000 grant to purchase 10 iPads for the reading room! The iPads will be used to load sight word programs and interactive eBooks for students to read during the before school reading program. Thank you so much Miss Pam for putting so much time and effort into our kids! We really do appreciate it and we can’t wait to see the new reading room upgrades over the next few weeks! Keep reading kids!

**6/7 Quicksilver Trip**

Last Friday the year 6s and 7s went to Low Isles on the Wavedancer. It was a deadly day.
I saw a shark, turtles and lots of other sea creatures.
For lunch we had prawns.
Thank you to Quicksilver for the ride.

By
Kaanju

Last Friday the year 6s and 7s went to Low Isles on the Wavedancer.
It was the best day ever and I saw some sharks, a sea snake, and some turtles.
For lunch we had lots of seafood, and some mussels, noodles and buns.
I thought snorkelling was fun.
Thank you Quicksilver for an awesome day.
By Tatyana Lovell

Last Friday the year 6s and 7s went to Low Isles for the day. It was an awesome day and I saw a turtle, a parrot fish, a butterfish, a starfish, a black tip shark, a stonefish, clams and a clownfish. My favourite was the coral and the mayi was beautiful.
The boat ride was fun when we were going up and down and I loved being at the front of the boat. The stinger suit was hard to put on but it was fun snorkelling. I also liked looking through the glass on the mini glass-bottomed boat.
Thank you Quicksilver for the great day out.  😊😊
By Trevayne

Low Isles trip
When I went to Low Isles it was amazing, the coral was colourful, and the fish we saw were beautiful. We saw a GT, 3 black tip sharks, a lot of butterfish, a couple of remoras, turtles, clams and a lot of other interesting sea creatures. The water was crystal clear, flat with a little bit of wave. The boat we went on was named the Wavedancer.
The people who supervised the Wavedancer provided lunch like prawns, bread, chicken, noodles with oysters and salads. The food was delicious. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the Quicksilver staff for taking us out to

Low Isles, everyone one loved it, thanks so much.
By Rayden Walker.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

“Get in the Game - Get Started Program”
$150 vouchers available

The Queensland Government has initiated this sporting incentive program whereby $150 vouchers are available to children 5 to 18 years of age for membership and participation in sport at certain registered sporting clubs. Port Douglas Tennis Club is one of those registered clubs.

These vouchers are readily available upon application:
Option 1 - For children of parents or guardians with pension, Centrelink or other concessions;
OR
Option 2 - For children of non-pensioners by a general statement from a specified referral person, such as a teacher, that the sport will be beneficial for the child.

The $150 vouchers are paid directly to the Club.
These vouchers are available from 2nd February 2015.

The Port Douglas Tennis Club proposes that this amount be used for a twelve month junior membership to the Club ($50) and group coaching for one term ($100).

This is a readily available sporting incentive and financial benefit for families.

Applications for this benefit open on 2nd February 2015 and close on 15th April 2015 (or earlier depending whether all available vouchers have been allocated), and are to be made on-line.

The Club advises you to apply as soon as the grant opens because of the limited number of vouchers available.
If you wish to receive further information and assistance to apply,
Email the Port Douglas Tennis Club: portdouglastennis@hotmail.com

Charlie Arter
Secretary
Port Douglas Tennis Club
Port Douglas Wildlife Habitat
Our Junior Keeper program will be running in January-
Confirmed Dates: 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th January 2015
Time: 11-3pm
Ages: 8-14 years
Cost: $40.00 includes lunch and afternoon tea
Details: Wear enclosed shoes, hat, shirt (no singlets) and sunscreen.
Bring your camera, drink bottle and a positive fun attitude!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SEWING DAYS
FOR STUDENTS AGED 10 TO 14 YEARS
(NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED – A SEWING MACHINE WILL USED UNDER SUPERVISION)
WHEN: MONDAY 12TH AND OR 19TH JANUARY 2015
WHERE: CWA HALL, BLAKE STREET, PORT DOUGLAS
TIME: 10AM – 3 PM
COST: $10.00 per student PER DAY
(All materials will be supplied - students may choose between making a bag, a stuffed animal or a skirt )

BYO: LUNCH
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU BOOK AND PAY BY 5th JANUARY (places will be secured on a 'first in' basis)
CONTACT either Jan Steele by ph: 40993283 or Carol Richmond on 0432897077. ( Blue Card holders, )

Businesses that support our school
YEAR 6&7 HIGH SCHOOL VISIT DETAIL

Mossman State High School has arranged for Year 6 students to visit the High School for the whole day on Monday December 1 and Year 7s on December 2 as a part of the Transition Program.

TRANSPORT
The bus companies have been contacted and arrangements made for students to catch buses to and from the school on this day. Normal bus routes and times will apply.

ARRIVAL ASSEMBLY VENUE
When students arrive at the school, they can make their way to the Indoor Sports Centre (see attached school map). Students will start their day with a welcome assembly at 8.40, where they will be divided into the classes that they should be in for 2015.

As classes they will be taken to their home room where they will receive a brief overview and timetable for the day from one of their Core Teachers.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING FOR THE DAY
Students are required to wear their school uniform. This is very important for identification and safety.

It is also a safety requirement that all students have covered footwear (preferably sports joggers or black leather school shoes) as they will be accessing workshops, our kitchen and science labs.

They will also need a pen or pencil and a notebook/paper to write on, lunch and/or lunch money in their school bags.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS
Our tuckshop will be operating on the day at both morning tea and lunch. Morning Tea is at 11.10am. A menu is attached.

A free BBQ and welcome cake will be provided for students at the second lunch break at 1.05pm.

LESSONS / ACTIVITIES
During the day, the students in their class groups, will attend and participate in a range of classroom activities with the teachers and in the rooms that they should be in next year.

END OF THE DAY
Teachers will accompany students to the bus stop at 2.55 and assist them in finding their buses. Parents collecting students are asked to arrange to meet students at the car park in front of the Indoor Sports Centre. Students walking home need to be made aware that our crossing is not manned and students are responsible for their own crossing.

JUNIOR SECONDARY DISCO
Our Junior Leaders will be hosting a Disco from 6.30pm-9.00pm at the Mossman Bowls Club for Year 6,7,8 &9 students.
Entry will be $4.00 in theme, $5.00 out of theme (Theme- Black & White). Chips, drinks and lollies will be on sale.

We would appreciate a Year 6/7 Teacher / Staff Representative from each school to help supervise the disco to support (and identify) Year 6/7 students and accompany the High School Staff.
Mossman State High School Tuckshop

Price List for Year 6 Day
Monday 1st December

Chicken Pasta Salad............................................ $4.20
Chicken Caesar Salad........................................ $4.20
Cheese or Focaccia Roll (Chicken/Salad)...............Whole $5.00
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Sandwiches......................................................... $4.00
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Pie................................................................. $4.00
Sausage Roll..................................................... $2.00
Fruit..................................................................... $1.00
Milk - Small Flavoured......................................... $2.00
Juice - Bern....................................................... $2.50
Popper Juice or Breaka (Milk)............................... $1.50
Water.................................................................... $1.50

SPECIALS
Fish Burger - $4.30
Fish Burger & Salad - $5.00
Garlic Bread - $2.60

Mossman State High School Tuckshop

Price List for Year 7 Day
Tuesday 2nd December

Chicken Pasta Salad............................................ $4.20
Chicken Caesar Salad........................................ $4.20
Cheese or Focaccia Roll (Chicken/Salad)...............Whole $5.00
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Sandwiches......................................................... $4.00
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Pie................................................................. $4.00
Sausage Roll..................................................... $2.00
Fruit..................................................................... $1.00
Milk - Small Flavoured......................................... $2.00
Juice - Bern....................................................... $2.50
Popper Juice or Breaka (Milk)............................... $1.60
Water.................................................................... $1.50

SPECIALS
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Sub - $4.60
Cheese Roll Pizza - $2.80
Hot Dog - $2.80

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