Friday, 6 February 2015

**Dates to remember**
19 February P&C Meeting
23-27 February Book Fair
24 February Book Fair Open Night 5-6.30pm

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to imagine that we have been back at school for 2 weeks. Time flies when you are having fun and learning.

Our day 8 numbers came in at 191 students which was about 6 less than we predicted. The number of classes (8) will remain the same and the teachers allocated to those classes will stay the same at this stage.

Our school is hosting a Meet and Greet Parent information sharing evening on Wednesday 11 February from 5pm-6.15pm. This year we have allocated 15 minute time slots to each class. We realise that some families have sons and daughters in different classes and we have arranged the timetable to minimise this disruption. Our school will host a free sausage sizzle from 5pm for all parents, students and staff. See you there.

Spelling Mastery will start in Week 3 for all classes except Prep. Earlier this week we sent home some information about Spelling Mastery and an invoice for the Spelling Mastery Student Work Book. I am asking you to pay this invoice at the school office as soon as possible so that we can reconcile our account. Prep students will also receive a Work Book but won’t be using it until the second half of the year. Our Prep teachers will be implementing the phonological awareness stage (pre work book learning) in the first half of the year.

Religious Education lessons will start next week (week 3) on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm – 3pm. Mrs Mather grade 2/3 class and Ms Alison/Mrs Bolton Grade 1/2 class will start in week 4 as the Religious Education teacher for those classes is unavailable in week 3. All students will be allocated to their nominated Religion denomination as noted on the Enrolment form and will attend these lessons. If you do not wish to have your children attend RE lessons then we need a written request stating that you do not wish for your child to attend.

Our School Captains Tom Burcombe, Jason Norman, Lillah Pougeard-Dulimbert and Claire Deuble will be attending a Douglas Leadership Camp at Tinaroo Dam Environmental Education Centre week 4. Our leaders will meet and work with other School Captains from the other schools in the Douglas Cluster and will develop on 2015 Action Plan.

Swimming lessons for P-3 will start next week. Permission slips and information were sent home last week we need the permissions forms returned to enable your child to attend.

Our school hosted an Induction Ceremony for our School Captains and House Captains where our leaders pledged an oath to the school that they will up hold the values of our school and commit to making our school “a good place to be”. Congratulations:

- School Captains - Tom Burcombe, Jaxon Norman, Lillah Pougeard-Dulimbert & Claire Deuble.
- Jardine Captains - Issaac Pierce & Shakara Gore.
- Kennedy Captains - Issac Pierce & Shakara Gore.
- Leichardt Captains - Trent Day & Ethan Chesterfield.

I look forward to working with them.
Welcome
Welcome Miss Nicole Steele who is providing non-contact time for our classroom teachers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Miss Steele was teaching School of the Air in Mt Isa last year and we look forward to her working with our prep to year 6 students.

New Leaders First Parade
A big thank you to our fantastic new school leaders, Tom, Jaxon, Claire and Lillah who ran our first parade of the year today perfectly. It was great to see so many parents here today and we look forward to seeing you each week.

Attendance Awards
This year we will continue to monitor attendance and reward the class with the highest attendance each week an award on parade. At the end of term, the class with the highest attendance for the term will be awarded a rewards afternoon with some very exciting options! Congratulations to Mrs Craven’s 5/6 class who received the Attendance Award in week 1 with a weekly attendance rate of 94.44%! Who will win tomorrow?

Students of the Week1
2/3 Nanami for Following our classroom rules, and being an active listener.
4/5 Tom Marshontae Heath for a great start at Mossman.
5/6A Jae Mitchell for listening well and having a go in JEMMs
SEP Nike Pierce – for finishing all work activities and displaying excellent behaviour

Students of the Week2
PREP Max – for being a quiet, respectful learner.
1/2 Enrique Gibson – for outstanding behaviour and always participating.
2/3 Jack - for outstanding effort in class everyday
3/4 Jezze Cameron – for displaying good work habits and completing given tasks
4/5 Zak Kessler – for an awesome focused week
5/6B Charlie Praszazalek – for a great start to the year by following the three school rules.
5/6A Alexis Ryan – for always listening well and having a go. Keep it up!!!
SEP Asia Diamond – for her commitment to doing extra activities and being a great learner.
PRINCIPAL Isaac Pierce – for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship in HPE by being a mentor, coach and support person.
Mossman State School
Meet and Greet Evening
Wednesday 11th February
All parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to come along and meet the teachers, see your children’s classrooms and find out about the general running of your child’s classroom.

5pm  Sausage Sizzle
(throughout the evening)

5:15pm  Prep Mrs Louise Walker
Prep/1 Mrs Kassandra Savage

5:30pm  SEP Class Mrs Michelle Thorburn & Mrs Laura Gray
Year 1/2 Miss Karly Allison & Mrs Ros Bolton
Year 2/3 Mrs Marg Mather

5:45pm  Year 3/4 Mrs Kath Williams
Year 4/5 Mr Cameron Love

6:00pm  Year 5/6A Mrs Sonja Craven
Year 5/6B Mr Bronson Ryan

MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL
TO HOST
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
18 AUGUST – 22 AUGUST 2014

What:
Mossman State School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from 18 – 22 August, 2014.
The Book Fair will feature a special Family Open Night on Tuesday 19 August which will include:
  ➢ Free Sausage Sizzle
  ➢ An opportunity to peruse and/or purchase books of choice with your children.

Please remember that for every book you buy the school receives a commission which enables us to choose books to place on the library shelves.
Families and community members are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

When:
The Book Fair will be open daily on
Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August from 11.00am-11.30am and on Tuesday 19 August from 5.00pm-6.30pm (Family Open Night).

Where:
Mossman State School (William Street) in the Resource Information Centre.

More:
The Book Fair offers a wide range of books, including popular series, new releases, picture books, chapter books, fiction, nonfiction, activity books and other great reads from more than 60 publishers. Also available is a wide range of novelty items including erasers, sharpeners, pens and pencils and small and large posters.

There will also be competitions for classes with some prizes of $10.00 vouchers to spend at the Book Fair.

Hope to see you there.

For more information contact:
Mossman State School
Mrs Kay Pike
(Book Fair Co-ordinator)
PORT Douglas Basketball Club is gearing up for an exciting 2015, starting from sign-on day for all grades on Saturday, February 14, 9am-11am.
The club has gone from strength to strength in just two years of existence and its third year is set to be a cracker for players from around the Douglas Shire.
The national Aussie Hoops program will return, teaching primary school aged boys and girls the fundamentals of basketball, with emphasis on fun and participation. These sessions will now be held on Wednesday afternoons from around 3.30pm.
A new mixed under 12s competition will also be introduced on Wednesday afternoons from around 4.30pm.
After the success of last year’s first under 14s competition, male and female under 15 players will this year train and play on Saturday mornings to allow for expansion of the comp. New players are invited to come and try in state-of-the-art facilities (behind PD State School) and all players registering on Feb 14 will receive a free pair of Peak sport socks.
Last year’s men’s competition was also well attended - anyone interested in playing is encouraged to like the club’s Facebook page to receive updates.
Coaches, sponsors and volunteers are also required to support Douglas Heat in 2015. For more information, please email douglasheatbasketballclub@hotmail.com