Friday, 13 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,

As I am sure you would have all noticed that our sign remains unchanged from the beginning of the year. The reason for this is that the mechanism that activates the locking brake has jammed closed and we are unable to lower the sign. I realise that this must be frustrating for you all but it is not only frustrating for me but a touch embarrassing as well. My apologies for this but we are contacting the manufacture to seek directions in how to fix the fault. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all those parents and carers who attended our meet and greet evening. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces there but also to see and meet new parents/carers to our school. Our teachers appreciated you making the effort and time to meet with them as a positive and engaging home/school relationship is crucial to ensuring a successful school life for your child. Please maintain this positive relationship and consistently ‘touch base’ with your child’s teacher to ensure that an open, honest communication process exists. This relationship will positively effect your child’s performance at school.

Our school hosted a School Leaders Induction Ceremony last Friday to recognise celebrate and acknowledge our 2015 School Leaders. Thankyou to all those parents and extended family members who attended and helped celebrate the taking of the school oath. It was an extremely proud moment for me as I am sure it was for you. Our 4 School Captains Tom Burcombe, Jaxon Norman, Claire Deuble and Lillah Pougard-Dulimbert will (hopefully weather permitting) be attending a 3 day leadership camp at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre from Wednesday 18 Feb to Friday 20 Feb. Hopefully the weather will allow this camp to go ahead as I know the leaders are looking forward to this exciting leadership program.

Richard Huelin, our School’s Assistant Regional Director will be visiting our school on Thursday 19 February from 12.30pm-3.30pm. We will look forward to Richards visit so we can show him all the good things we are doing.

The first P&C meeting for the year has been scheduled for Thursday 19th February at 3.30pm in the RIC. See you there.

**Welcome Mrs Bolton**

A warm welcome to Mrs Ros Bolton who will be teaching our year 1/2 class on Fridays. Mrs Bolton has done some relieving work with us in the past and we look forward to seeing her on a more regular basis in her new role.
Attendance Awards

Congratulations to Year 3/4 with attendance rate of 94.32% for week 2.

Buddy Reading Program

Our preppies are enjoying their weekly buddy reading program with year 5/6. Both preppies and the older students enjoyed reading stories to each other. Year 5/6 are looking forward to watching the preppies improve their reading skills each week.

Kyle and Ziggy sharing a story

Guessing Competition – How many mints to freshen a dragon’s breath.

To build excitement in the lead up to Book Fair and, in keeping with the theme of Kings, Queens & Castles – Enter the Kingdom of Books!, the Library is holding a Guessing Competition.

The aim of the Competition is to guess how many mints are in the jar. Each guess will cost 50c and the person with the correct guess of, or the closest guess to, the amount of mints in the jar will win the jar of mints.

The competition will commence on Friday, 13 February and will run until towards the end of the Book Fair when the winner will be decided and the prize awarded.

Guesses can be made in the Library at lunch times and at the Book Fair.

So bring your 50c pieces and see if you can guess the number of mints.

Good luck with your guesses!!!

Kay Pike & Julie Cobb
Library Aides
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Dates: **Monday, 23 February - Friday, 27 February**
Shopping Hours: **11.00am – 11.30am** each day
and at: **Family Open night on Tuesday, 24 February 5.00pm – 6.30pm. Free Sausage Sizzle**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to open a world of possible.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Kings, Queens and Castles: Enter the Kingdom of Books!** – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve. Also please remember that for every book you purchase our school receives a commission which enables us to choose books to place on the library shelves.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Families and community members are also invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Kay Pike
Mossman State School Book Fair Co-ordinator