Friday, 20 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’s hard to fathom that we are approaching the half way mark of Term 1. Time flies when you are having fun.

Our P-3 swimming program has been successful with feedback from students and teachers that the students are progressing in their swimming development. We are looking at moving the P-3 swimming program to late Term 3 or early Term 4 next year. With regard to last Fridays swimming program being cancelled due to a double booking with the High School (their program didn’t go ahead due to the weather) we will make this day up in Term 4.

Bravehearts will be visiting our school on Thursday 26th Feb from 2-2.30pm with a gold coin donation. This presentation will be available for our classes from Prep-Grade 3/4. Our first Book Fair for the year is being held next Tuesday 24 February from 5-6.30pm in the RIC. Our school will be hosting a free sausage sizzle on the night. So please come along and support our school and generate that love of books and reading in your children. See you there.

Our teachers will be undertaking some co-operative planning Professional Development with our Head of Curriculum and some Regional Office staff next week. Your children will have a relief teacher for half a day on either Tuesday or Friday.

I will be attending the State Principal’s conference in Brisbane next Wednesday 25 February to Friday 27 February.

It looks like our school leaders have certainly picked some lovely weather for their leadership camp at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre. The camp was postponed from earlier in the week due to the expected rain.

Our school will be hosting a “Clean-Up Australia” at our school on Monday 2 March from 1pm-1.30pm. Warren Entsch has provided a resource kit to our school.

**Attendance Awards**

Congratulations to Preppies!

**Student Merit Awards Week 3**
- PREP Florence – for being a great helper and leader
- P/1 Julie – for listening well and following instructions.
- 1/2 Bob Gall – showing great improvement in his writing
- 2/3 Akia – for her enthusiasm and effort during swimming lessons
- 3/4 Jasmine Alley – for great bookwork presentation. Keep up the good work Jasmine.
- Amber Gibson – for displaying great confidence in swimming lessons this week.
- 4/5 Kian – for working extremely hard all week!
- 5/6B Leilou Warner – for working so hard in all your classwork.
5/6A Jaxon – for excellence in bookwork. Well done – keep it up!
PRINCIPAL Jack Ireland – for demonstrating responsibilities leadership and compassion.
Attendance Award Prep - 96.07%
Parade Award – 5/6A

Book Fair Colouring Competition

Winners:
The winners of this competition were:

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Each of these students was given a $10.00 voucher to spend at Book Fair.

The judges were impressed with the effort put into the competition so they decided to acknowledge some of these students with a prize of a Book Fair novelty item. These students were:

| Year 1 | Florence O and Max S |
| Year 2 | Sammi-Jo W           |
| Year 3 | Nanami A and Ezi M-L |
| Year 4 | Shanarah S           |
| Year 5 | Amber G & Lesley S-K |
| Year 6 | Skye W, Reagan C and Samantha E |

Well done everyone.

Kay Pike
Book Fair Co-ordinator

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

Guess how many mints it takes
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
MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL
TO HOST
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