Thursday, 26 February 2015

**Dates to remember**
23-27 February Book Fair

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all those parents, carers and children who came to our Book Fair on Tuesday night and bought some books. I noticed that there was a good selection of high quality books that capture the imagination and interest of young readers. Being able to read is a gift for life and having high quality/high interest books is certainly a key aspect to reading. So thanks for supporting our school and your child’s reading. Though hosting these Book Fairs our school receives a selection of books to include in our library. A really big thanks to Julie Cobb and Kay Pike for once again organising this book fair and transforming our reading room into a Kingdom of books. This brings reading alive and the entrance to the room was sensational and gave an invitation to all to come in and enjoy the pleasures of books and reading. So thank you Kay and Julie.

Whilst on books and reading I invite you all to our before school reading club. We are getting well over 100 students nearly everyday and we need some more adults/parents to help share the love of reading. Some of our previous students who are attending High School drop in before going off to school. So please come and help Pam and her band of merry helpers bring some joy and confidence to our ‘little’ readers.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) nominations will be opening later this week. This year we have invited 2 students from each class from grade 2/3 upwards to join the SRC team. We are introducing this concept so that we can hear the voices of younger students.

Our teachers have been busy undertaking some co-operative planning sessions with our Head of Teaching/Learning, Sharon Case and Karena Loomes, a Principal Education Advisor from District Office.

On Friday 27 February our Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating Douglas Cluster Sports Day. This year our schools have decided to use this day as a selection process for our Cluster Representative teams in AFL, Netball and NRL.

**Attendance Awards**

Congratulations to our super star preppies who once again had the highest attendance rate for the term with 95.15%. Second place was 5/6A with 92.29% and third place was 2/3 with 91.95%. Great job kids! So far six of our 8 classes have attendance rates over 90% for the term and the other two have over 89%. Very impressive numbers!

**Student Merit Awards Week 3**
PREP Ariah – for being brave and trying her best at swimming lessons
P/1 Dianthe – for demonstrating eagerness and commitment to learning by completing work at home when she was too sick to attend school
1/2 Khyjuan Walker – for outstanding reading
2/3 Zavan Salam – for making good choices at school
3/4 Tiarna Hawkins – for being a pleasant co-operative student who has settled into our classroom routine quickly
4/5 Dijuaiya – for outstanding efforts all week
5/6B Tait Farnell – for having a positive and mature attitude towards learning and leadership.
5/6A Riley Byrne – for being consistently organised and on task. Well done!
SEP Noah Day – for continuing to work hard with a broken arm. Well done!
PRINCIPAL Michael Tayley – for helping other students

P&C Annual General Meeting
Mossman State School P&C are holding their AGM on the 19th March 2015 (3.30pm in the RIC) to be followed by our normal monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome (we are very friendly!) so please come and join us.

P&C Fundraising Committee
This year the P&C committee are looking for volunteers to help establish a Fundraising Committee, which would be responsible for organising and running fundraising events to raise money for our school. Members of this committee would not need to attend our regular monthly meetings (although you are more than welcome to). This is the perfect opportunity to get involved in your child’s school, meet other parents and contribute to the wider school community. Please contact Rachael or Jodi or leave your contact details with Hannah or Tequila in the office. Many hands make light work 😊

WE NEED YOU!!
To join the P&C Fundraising Committee
Please leave name and contact details at the office
Or call Rachael 0405142554
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Don’t miss out on the last day to purchase books from the book fair tomorrow!

Thanks to everyone who supported the school Book Fair Tuesday night. We sold $1114 worth of books and novelty items throughout the evening and Mr Smith cooked 130 sausages on the barbeque! Thanks again for all your support. We will publish total figures for funds raise for the Book Fair week at the end of the week on the website.
Leadership Camp
Our School Leaders done a great job representing the school at the leadership camp from Wednesday to Friday last week.

Swimming Program
Our Preppies, Prep1s, Year 1/2, Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 have all been enjoying their swimming program over the past two weeks. Mrs Gray was very impressed with their efforts and saw some huge improvements in confidence in the water. Well done kids!
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