Thursday, 13 August 2015

Dates to remember
17th August Book Fair Week 11-11.30am each day
18th August Book Fair Open Night sausage sizzles
21st Book Fair Dress Up Day Under the Sea Theme

Principal News

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in the hump of Term 3 with only 5 weeks leading into the September holidays. Time flies when you are having fun.

Our selected athletic students will participate in the DISTRICT Athletics carnival on Friday 14th August. I wish them our school blessings and know that they will do our school proud.

On Monday 17th August at 11.30am we have a presentation ‘Island Dreaming’ by Phil Geia from Palm Island. ‘Island Dreaming’ is a story telling program that incorporates traditional stories using song, dance, instruments and cultural insights. Cost for the presentation is $4, please ensure your child brings $4 so that they can attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, staff and families for helping prepare our students for the NAPLAN test. Our school this year has seen phenomenal growth in terms of Grade 3s and 5s writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and numeracy. In fact our school has been ranked in the top 2 school for Far North Queensland. This is an outstanding result for our students and shows that a bit of hard work, focused teaching (by our staff) can have some fantastic results. Individual Grade 3 and Grade 5 student reports have been sent. I ask parents/caregivers to read the front page as it explains how to interpret the report. Our data shows that we are now performing ‘similar to or above’ the Nation in all but 1 area. Please find below a snapshot of our data compared to the Nation.
As you can see from our NAPLAN data that our school is on a very steep positive improvement agenda and we believe that we are starting to put the right energy into the appropriate need areas. Whilst this is an outstanding result for our school it is important to take note that whilst NAPLAN is given a lot of airplay in the media, it is one of a number of assessment tools that we use to inform us of student progress. Thanks again for your support in getting your children to school every day. There is a direct correlation between this year’s NAPLAN improvement data and our increased attendance rate.

Please start collecting items for shoe boxes. We need to have them into the school before the end of the term. If you have loose items or a shoe box full, you can return them to the school administration. I have attached an information sheet with gift suggestions and prohibited items to give you some ideas. This is a great way to put a smile on many faces.

Interhouse Sports Day
Congratulations to Leichhardt for taking out the winning house award with 193.5 points, second was Kennedy with 130 points and third Jardine with 104.5 points. Leichhardt also shared the Relay Trophy with Kennedy with a tie of 8 points each. Well done to all the students who participated!

Congratulations to our 2015 Athletics Age Champions.

12 year old boys
Winner: Braxton Wienart (K)  21 points
Runner up: Jaxon Norman (L)  17 points

12 year old girls
Winner: Claire Deuble (K)  26 points
Runner up: Alexis Ryan (J)  22 points

11 year old boys
Winner: Reagan Crees (L)  30 points
Runner up: Elliot Haslop (J)  12 points

11 year old girls
Winner: Ainsley Sheldrick-Port (K)  24 points
Runner up: Shakara Gore (J)  18 points

10 year old boys
Winner: Jove Thompson (L)  30 points
Runner up: Wyatt Lourigan (J)  13 points

10 year old girls
Winner: Beryl Gibson (K)  21 points
Runner up: Wazan Mabo (K)  16 points

9 year old boys
Winner: Tyson Crees (L)  25 points
Runner up: Zycohan Salam (J)  10 points

9 year old girls
Winner: Asia Diamond (L)  23 points
Runner up: Kaijah Moghni-O’Sullivan (L)  8 points
MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL  
TO HOST  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Dates: **Monday, 17 August - Friday, 21 August**

Shopping Hours: **11.00am – 11.30am** each day  
and at: **Family Open night on Tuesday, 18 August 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 possibilities.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme *Under the Sea – explore an ocean of books* surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun-filled, 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 enjoyable 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

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DRESS UP COMPETITION

In conjunction with Book Fair, a Dress-Up Competition is planned for the last day of Book Fair - **Friday, 21 August.**

In keeping with the Book Fair theme, “*Under the Sea – explore an ocean of books!*” come dressed as your favourite creature/plant from under the sea (dolphin, shark, fish, crab, turtle, stingray, octopus, jellyfish, coral, seaweed etc.), a mermaid, a scuba diver, or even King Neptune.

Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded at **1st lunch on Friday, 21 August.**

JOIN IN THE FUN!
Under the Sea Guessing Competition

Guess how many treats in the jar.

To build excitement in the lead up to Book Fair and, in keeping with the theme of Under the Sea - Explore an Ocean of Books, the Library is holding a Guessing Competition.

The aim of the Competition is to guess how many Under the Sea treats are in the jar. Each guess will cost 50c and the person with the correct guess, or the closest guess (without going over) the amount of treats in the jar, will win the jar of lollies.

The competition will commence on Monday, 10th August and winners will be decided and prizes awarded prior to the completion of Book Fair.

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 treats.

Good luck with your guesses!!!

Kay Pike & Julie Cobb
Book Fair Co-ordinators

P&C Fundraiser Father’s Day Stall

Each year the P&C holds a stall for students to buy a gift for Fathers’ Day. We ask families to donate a gift to the school to be sold at the stall. Those students who donate an item will get first choice when it comes to purchasing a gift. Wrapping your gift in clear cellophane is also a big help. It doesn’t need to be anything expensive. We usually price the items between $2 and $10 so that there is something affordable for everybody. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Students who wish to purchase a gift can bring some money to school on Thursday September 3rd. Donations need to be handed in to the school office by Tuesday September 1st.

Volunteers Needed

The P&C would greatly appreciate any help we can get in organising the Fathers’ Day Stall; in particular we need helpers to run the stall on Thursday morning. If you have the time and would like to assist with gift wrapping, pricing or manning the stall on the day, please let us know.

Thank you!

DUFC Family Fun Day

Come out to Cassowary Park for a fun-filled evening on Friday 14th August from 5pm

• Football Activities
• Penalty Shootout Competition
• Raffles
• "Test your Skill" Activities
• Guess the Balloons in the Presidents Car
• Children’s Movie @ 6:15
• Bouncy Castle
• Prizes
• Drinks and Food available
• Music
• Senior match @ 8:00

Everyone Welcome so come on down and enjoy an evening of fun, games and football.

$5 Entry for Adults, Children Free
(Includes Ticket to Match)