Thursday, 3 September 2015

Dates to remember
Tuesday 8th September Bill Spooner Info Session

Principal News

Dear Parents,

School just isn’t the same place without our Grade 5’s and 6’s, Mr Ryan, Mrs Craven, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Burcombe and Mr Crees. I would also suggest that home would be a different place without them. “You don’t know what you’ve got until it’s gone,” as the saying goes. From all reports the weather has been very kind and they are having a sensational time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic staff who go to such tremendous lengths to ensure the students are exposed to a variety of learning opportunities and social interactions. Their commitment and dedication is fantastic and it certainly helps Mossman State School be ‘a good place to be’. Mrs Case has uploaded some images to our school website.

Ms Michelle, Mrs Gray and Ms Trish had a sleepover last Friday night with their class. They attended the moonlight cinema in Port Douglas on Friday night and some of the girls had an extra sausage sizzle breakfast at Woolworths on Saturday morning. This is another example of our teachers and staff going above and beyond the call of duty. I, and I am sure the students, can’t thank you enough.

You all should have received a letter I sent out last week in relation to the maintenance in Room 6 (our computer lab). I have had recent reassurances from the appropriate personnel that maintenances will start on Friday and go through the weekend (to ensure minimal disruption) and into next week. I will keep you posted of developments.

On Tuesday 8 September our school will be hosting a information session presented by Bill Spooner on Dyslexia and Irlen’s Syndrome. The session will start at 1.30pm and go for just over an hour. This is open invitation to all parents, carers and community members. See you there.

Congratulations to our Week 7 Students of the Week

Prep: Ty for working in Maths groups and knowing his numbers.
Prep1: Oliver for reaching Level 10 in Reading. Roshahn for excellent writing and using capital letters and full stops.
Year 1/2: Bianka for her newly found enthusiastic approach to Maths. Samuel King for his outstanding improvement in writing.
Year 2/3: Arleek for staying on task and completing his own clues for his secret number.
Year 3/4: Shanarah for writing great sentences. Pharoh for settling in to his new class really well.
Year 4/5: Bayahn for being a quiet and courteous member of our class.
Year 5/6A: Christopher for excellence in English and superb attendance.
SEP: Taishara for working independently and working hard in all classes.
Principal’s Award: Joshua Bailey for encouraging other boys and girls to make strong choices
Parade Award: Year 4/5
Congratulations once again to our Preppies who have taken out the Week 7 Most Improved Attendance Award. The Preppies have now improved their attendance rate by 1.86%, taking their overall attendance rate to 90.9%, their highest since early Term 2. Well done Preppies! In second place is Prep1 who have improved their attendance by 72%, taking their attendance rate to 89.11%. Keep up the great attendance kids, every day counts.

**Fundraising BBQ**
Thank you to all of the wonderful parents, staff and students we had at our Woolworths BBQ on Saturday. Thank you also to Woolworths for allowing us the opportunity. Our fantastic team cooked bacon and egg burgers and sausage sizzles for the day and raised an impressive $850 to help support our year 5/6 camp kids. Stay tuned on our website this week for updates from our kids in Tallebudgera. I’m sure they’re going to have a fantastic time.

**Guess how many Under the Sea treats in the Jar competition.**

The winners of this Book Fair competition were:-

**Jar 1**  Charlie P with the correct guess of **307**

**Jar 2**  Mia I with the nearest guess of **242**
(243 was the correct amount)

They have won the relevant Jar of treats.
Hope they last a long time.

**Congratulations to both!!**

Thank you to everyone who guessed a number and to the students who gave up their lunch times and Open Night to record guesses.

**Dress up Competition**

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants and their parents / caregivers for the effort put into the costumes for the Dress up Competition. They all looked fantastic but unfortunately not everyone could win.
Below are the winners chosen by the judges:

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The winners all received Book Fair novelties as their prizes.

**Congratulations to all!!**

Thank you to the Judges. They had an extremely difficult job deciding on winners from such a fantastic array.

Kay Pike & Julie Cobb
5/6 Camp

Colourful kids on the beach ready for a surf
Day 3 of our year 5/6 camp saw our kids hitting
the beach for some surfing and body boarding
yesterday. They then spent the afternoon fishing
and raft building. What a life! Off to Dreamworld
today.

Miss Pam, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Craven and Mrs
Burcombe

Check out our camp staff hard at work at
Tallebudgera today. They are playing beach
games with the kids before moving on to
canoeing. Wish we were there!