Wednesday, 14 October 2015

**Dates to remember**
15\(^{th}\) October P&C Meeting
19\(^{th}\) October Student Free Day
29\(^{th}\) October Prep Open Day

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in Week 2, Term 4, 2015. Time flies when you are having fun. The rain over the last few weeks has been a welcome relief and certainly ‘greened’ the place up.

Term 4 is notoriously busy with lots of educational activities happening. This week and next week we have the Grades 4, 5 and 6’s off to the pool for their swimming lessons. We also have this week for selected students, the Billy Slater Cup in Innisfail and the T20 Blast cricket carnival is Cairns on Friday.

Our new computer room has been revamped and we are now awaiting our new computers. Can I please reassure you that we, as a school have done everything possible to get our computer lab back in operation. Education Queensland have employed contractors to monitor and sample the air quality throughout the refurbishment (before, during and after) and Education Queensland through, Building and Asset Services, have given us the all clear. If you have any concerns please come and see me.

A big congratulations and ‘give it your best’ to Reagan Crees and Beryl Gibson who have been selected to represent the Peninsula team at the State Track and Field carnival being held in Townsville this weekend. Go Regan and Beryl!

Our first P&C meeting for term 4 is being held on Thursday 15\(^{th}\) of October at 3.30pm in the RIC. See you all there.

Our school has been undertaking a QSR (Quadrennial School Review) which makes us take a magnifying glass to our work over the last 4 years. The review looks at numerous school programs over the last 4 years and allows us to identify what things have worked and those things that haven’t worked. We then use the learnings from the review to help us develop our 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. In brief the following programs and agendas are what have propelled our school to the top 2 growth schools in our region and top 20 growth schools in the state (that’s out of over 1300 state schools).

- Explicit Teaching
- Consolidations
- Employment of specific Head of Teaching and Learning (Sharon Case)
- Increased Literacy/Numeracy curriculum time
- Before School Reading Room
- 100% of teachers and teacher aids engaged in Explicit Teaching
- Increased student attendance and engagement
- Higher classroom and academic expectation
- Sifting, sorting and prioritizing the curriculum units
- Greater community engagement
- Enhanced home/school relations

I will be presenting the QSR at our P&C meeting tomorrow and again when the Assistant Regional Director Richard Huelin visits on Tuesday 20 October from 9-12am.

Don’t forget that Monday 19 October is a Pupil Free Day

**Congratulations to our Week 1 students of the week for term 4.**
Prep: Tuscan for working hard to recognize his numbers to 10.
Prep1: Hunta for always participating and being an active learner. Congratulations on the progress you are making.
Year 1/2: Samuel King for demonstrating a strong understanding in data recording.
Tahj Port for a great picture graph.
Year 2/3: Akia for a great start to term 4 by being a learner everyday.
Year 3/4: The whole class for working well and participating in class for Mrs Goodall.
Year 4/5: Kaijah for being generous and helping other class members.
PJ for outstanding writing in English.
Year 5/6A: Ethan for applying extra effort in handwriting and completing his work all week.
SEP: Jarvis Kessler for starting the new term with brilliant work ethics and highly motivated attitude.
Principal’s Awards: Jamaal for outstanding sight words and reading skills.
Beau Paulke (3/4) for commitment to improving reading, writing etc.
Parade Award: Year 2/3

REMINDER Yr 6 students: Please return your enrolment forms for High School to the High School Administration ASAP.

The Great Barrier Reef Clean-up kicks off in Townsville on 17 October as part of the Celebrate the Reef community day. More clean-ups will occur the following weekend from Cape York to Bundaberg including:

Cape Kimberley, Saturday 24 October 9 am – 1 pm

Taking part in the Great Barrier Reef Clean-up will help reduce marine debris entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon and raise awareness about marine debris issues in your local community.

How can I get involved?

- Visit gbmpa.gov.au
- Follow the links to register for a designated clean-up in your area OR register your own clean-up site

You will receive confirmation and further details once you have registered. If you have agreed to run a self-managed site, you will receive a GBR Clean-up kit.

Participate in the GBR Clean-up.

Marine debris can harm marine life, pose a navigational hazard and smother coral. Turtles and dugongs can become entangled in marine debris like nets, or ingest marine debris such as small plastic pieces and bags when they mistake them for food. Plastic can also absorb other potentially toxic chemicals.

The data collected from the clean-ups will be analysed and entered into the Australian Marine Debris database to help create a comprehensive overview of the quantity and types of marine debris found along the Australian coastline and start to identify trends over time. It enables hot spots to be identified along the Great Barrier Reef as well as type and origin of the rubbish collected to help create source reduction plans with the local community and government.

For further information call or email:
(07) 4750 0700 or gbrcleanup@gbmpa.gov.au

The Great Barrier Reef Clean-up is delivered by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority with funding through Reef Trust, and in partnership with the Australian Marine Debris Initiative - Tangaroa Blue Foundation, Eco Barge and local Reef Guardian Councils.
Mossman NAIDOC Fundraiser
Come and help raise funds for NAIDOC Week 2016

Launch of 2016 NAIDOC calendar

Date:
Friday 16th October 2015

Time:
6pm to 9.30pm
Doors open at 5.45pm

Venue:
Shire Hall, Mill Street, Mossman

Cost:
$5 per child (over 4yrs)
$10 per adult
$30 for family (2 adults, 2 children)

*Cost includes dinner, entertainment and dessert.
*Drinks on sale.
*Alcohol & Drug Free event.

Win great prizes

For more information
contact
mossmannaidoc@hotmail.com

Entertainment

---

Children’s Week Art Competition
To celebrate National Children’s Week Mossman Library is holding an Art Competition.
Children up to 12 years old are invited to submit artwork for a chance to win great prizes!

Artwork should reflect the theme:
“A Caring World Shares”

To enter, drop your A4 size artwork into Mossman Library, Library Kiosk @ Port, or Council’s Mossman Administration Office by Friday October 14.
(please include child’s name, age and parent/carener’s name and contact details on the back of the artwork.)

Prizes will be presented 10am Thursday October 27 at Mossman Library.

Children’s Week is a national celebration of children, focusing on their needs, achievements and right to enjoy childhood, as well as demonstrate their skills, talents and abilities.

For further information:
Phone: 4099 9444
Email: cnv@mossman.qld.gov.au

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

---

DOUGLAS NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Let’s Go “Net Set Go”
The Douglas Netball Association invites new players from 8-10 years to join Net Set Go in the final term of school.

Inviting all players from 8 to 10 years:

There will be 2 programs running at the 4th October.
Program 1 - Tuesdays 3.30pm at Saint Augustine School
Program 2 - Tuesdays 4.30pm at Port Douglas Netball Courts.

The 10 week course will teach players basic skills in netball and readiness for a team in season 2016.

Net Set Go players from Term 1 are welcome to register for a nominal fee of $10 (pay on attendance and insured on term 1).

Courses will run subject to numbers.

More information: Trggers 0413 826 353 staybethecampers.com.au

Proudly offered in conjunction with the QLD Government’s “Get Going” Grant for Sports Education and Training of our local players.

---

SL OUR DREAMING animating country
Connecting people to place through animation and storytelling
Douglas Library
14 Mill Street
Mossman
7 Oct to 23 Oct

---

"Come & Try Netball"
The Douglas Netball Association invites new players from 11 years to Adult to join our Introductory Netball Program in final term of school. Primary and High School players welcome.

Inviting all players from 11 years to Adult:

- The 8 week course will teach beginner players basic skills in netball and readiness for a team in season 2016.
- Venues: Port Douglas/Netball Courts - Wharf Street Port Douglas
- Net Set Go players from Term 1 are welcome to register for a nominal fee of $10 (pay on attendance and insured on term 1).
- Classes Free of Charge and will run subject to numbers.

More information: Triggers 0413 826 353 staybethecampers.com.au

Proudly offered in conjunction with the QLD Governments “Get Going” Grant for Sports Education and Training of our local players.
At the end of Term 3 Prep/1 went to the Wildlife Habitat as a reward for the most improved attendance. In small groups we walked around looking at the different animals in the different habitats. We fed kangaroos, wallabies and birds. We took lots of photos with the school I pads. Some of us got to feel the Olive python. It was a great day.

We had 100% attendance at the Wildlife Habitat - the last day of the term.
Here is a list of some of the animals we saw at the Wildlife Habitat:

- Koalas
- Kangaroos
- Lizards
- Turtles
- Parrots
- Cassowary
- Emu
- Pelicans
- Olive python
- Estuarine crocodiles
- Freshwater crocodiles
- Jabiru
- Ducks
- Rainbow lorikeets

Come to school every day. This term the class with the best attendance for the whole year will be rewarded. It could be your class.