Thursday, 19 November 2015

Dates to remember
19th November P&C Meeting
25th November White Ribbon Day
30th November Yr 6 Graduation
3rd December M Factor Final

Principal News

Dear Parents,

The count down to the end of the year is really speeding up with teachers and students finalising their assessments in preparation for report card writing. Most of the schools in our cluster will be revamping their report card writing process for 2016. This includes a greater focus on the parent – teacher interview with the inclusion of the student in the interview. As part of this process we will be requiring all parents and students to attend the parent/child/teacher interview. I will be discussing the proposed changes at the upcoming P&C November at 3.30pm at Mojo’s. See you there.

Teachers and students are also preparing for the end-of-year concert/presentation night being held on Tuesday 8th December from 6.00pm-8.00pm. These nights are always an enjoyable and rewarding evening where we have the school band performing, M Factor finalist performance, Academic and Improvement awards for each class, Reading Club awards for each class, whole school Reading Club awards, library borrowing awards and much more.

Mr Ryan and Mrs Craven have been busy organizing the end-of-year graduation for our Year 6 students. Our school will be hosting the graduation in the RIC with caterers providing the meals. The decision to keep it local was to enable a greater percentage of our Year 6 students and families to attend. The night has been planned for Monday 30 November.

Our wonderful teacher aides and cleaners will be attending a workshop next Tuesday being hosted at our school on the new proposed enterprise bargaining agreement. This proposed agreement highlights the new working conditions for these crucial members of the workforce.

Our Year 6 students were fortunate enough to have a near perfect day when they attended the Quicksilver sponsored Low Isles trip last Friday. From all reports it was a sensational day with our students having a fantastic environmental education experience and a wonderful social experience with the students from the other schools. I have also heard that Mossman students were the best behaved students on board. Congratulations Mossman Year 6 Students and thankyou Quicksilver.

In mid-January 2016 the Jabalbina Community Rangers (Eastern Kuku Yalanji) will be hosting a Junior Ranger/Culture Camp at Battle Camp on the Daintree. This camp is open to all students in our school aged 8 to 14 and will be free of charge. The idea behind camp is to connect children with their environment and build social community relations and capacity. The process for selection this year will be that the upper school teachers will select a boy and girl from their class based on achievement, improvement, attendance and leadership potential. Next year the process will involve more community consultation and will be linked to school attendance, achievement and improvement. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and school and we thank Jabalbina for their involvement and invitation. Nomination forms will be sent home to selected students on Tuesday. Please note that this is not a school camp. It is a Junior Ranger Camp hosted by Jabalbina Community Rangers.

See you all at the P&C meeting on Thursday 19 November at 3.30pm at Mojo’s.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sensational behind the scenes P&C for their hard work, dedication, passion and wanting to make a positive difference to all of our students. On behalf of our school community I say THANKYOU!!
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to our Week 6 Students of the Week.

ATTENDANCE: PREP/1 @ 90.43%
READING ROOM: Prep
PREP Tayte for trying to work out new words and working hard at improving his reading
1/2 Alia for outstanding improvement in all areas
1/2 Koah for outstanding improvement in all areas
2/3 Arleek for enthusiastic participation in World of Maths day
2/3 Asia for a great effort solving activities at World of Maths
2/3 Shadean for settling in well and working hard to learn her sight words
3/4 Appun for a great effort with storywriting.
3/4 Khyannah for trying very hard with her school work.
4/5 Kodi for his participation and engagement in English
4/5 Ethan for being a respectful learner and showing leadership

Student Awards

Laiko, Julie and Hunta receiving their student award reaching their end of year reading targets.

Principal Awards

Latavia and Aaliyah for outstanding leadership in helping Mr Smith with the school sign.
Congratulations to Prep1 who are the new attendance leaders for the year!
1. Prep 1 90.43%
2. Prep 90.34%
3. Year 2/3 90.24%
4. Year 4/5 90.06%
5. Year 5/6A 88.41%
6. Year 1/2 86.88%
7. Year 5/6B 86.85%
8. Year 3/4 86.34%

Leadership Reward Day

Book Sale

When: Friday 20th November
Where: Reading room
Great for holiday reading! Books will cost up to .50c and the proceeds will go towards the reading room.
Check out Kodi Thackray from 4/5’s amazing drawing!
The RAAP is a community-based teacher education program that enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to become registered teachers. It provides a range of benefits including:

- **Inclusive Study Options**: Study can be undertaken part-time or full-time, and in various locations.
- **Supportive Environment**: Program is designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students personally and professionally.
- **Career Opportunities**: Graduates are registered teachers with a specialty in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.
- **Professional Development**: Continual professional development opportunities are available.
- **Community Engagement**: Part of the program incorporates community engagement activities.

For more information, contact Kaylene White at 1300 666 999 or your local RAAP office.