Thursday, 3 December 2015

**Dates to remember**
3rd December M Factor Final
4th Year 5 Leadership Speeches
8th December Concert/Presentation Night 6 – 8.30pm
9th Attendance Rewards day

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

Our grade 6 graduation was held last Monday night and what a night it was. One Hundred and Five guests witnessed the grade 6 student’s graduate from Primary school to High School. A big thankyou to Mrs Craven, Mr Ryan, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Leonardi and Mrs Burcombe for helping create such a wonderful evening. A big thankyou to all those parents and family members for attending and witnessing the Grade 6 transition. Our students, as per usual, were very well behaved and the photo booth was a sensation. There are certainly going to be some interesting and amusing photos. After witnessing our Grade 6 students in action on Monday night and having them have a taste of High School on Tuesday, I would suggest our Grade 6 students are well and truly ready for High School.

On Tuesday 8th November from 6pm-8pm we will be holding our Concert/Presentation night. Each class will be presenting a Highest Academic Achievement Award and Most Improved. We will also be awarded our Library Borrowing awards, Reading Club awards, HPE and LOTE awards. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the 2015 school year and start the planning of 2016 with the announcement of school captains.

We will be announcing the 2015 class attendance award at this Friday’s parade. The Grade 5’s will also be giving their leadership speeches on parade this Friday with the elections taking place directly after parade. I wish all Grade 5 students who will be giving their leadership speech the best of luck in their endeavors.

Our M Factor final is being held today, Thursday. Announcement of M Factor winners will take place at Friday’s parade.

The 2016 class lists and parent’s letters will be finalized in draft form next week. Please be reminded that these class allocations are in draft form until Day 8 of the 2016 year.

A big congratulations and well-done to 30 of our students who attended the District Interschool Swimming Carnival last Friday. From all reports our students were extremely well-behaved, showed great sportsmanship and participated to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to Kyle Neilan for being announced Age Champion. Our school was also announced as third place in the overall points tally. Congratulations Kyle and all other Mossman State School champs.

**OVERDUE LIBRARY AND HOME READING BOOKS**

To date we still have quite a few unreturned/overdue library books and home reading books.

We have a great selection of books on our library shelves which we have spent time and money cataloguing, covering etc. If they are not returned we have lost not only the books but the cost of processing them as well.

Overdue notes and letters have been sent home with your child/children on a regular basis. Please check with your child/children.

Please take the time in these last two weeks of school to help your child/children look for any unreturned/overdue library books and home reading books and return them as soon as possible this year.

Some likely places to find them are on bookshelves, in cupboards, between the bedhead and the mattress, under the bed, in the car and at grandparents’ houses.

If they are still unreturned when school finishes please continue looking over the holidays and return them early next year.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kay and Julie (Library staff)
Congratulations to our week 8 students of the week

**Prep:** Ziggy for doing extremely well in his spelling activities. Keep up the good work! Sophie for being creative when doing story writing and writing wonderful imaginative stories.

**Prep1:** Sa’ili for 100% attendance. What an excellent effort and achievement.

**Year 1/2:** Naomi for outstanding results in the FNQ Maths test. Ezi for writing and publishing an entertaining narrative.

**Year 2/3:** Lena for outstanding bookwork and excellent efforts. Malika for working hard to complete tasks neatly and accurately. Elizabeth for reading fluently and confidently.

**Year 3/4:** Jasmine for diligently working consistently on her assessment.

**Year 4/5:** Jack for his efforts in all of his assessment this week.

**Year 5/6B:** The whole class for working diligently and consistently on their assessment tasks.

**Principal’s Awards:** Alexis Ryan for outstanding leadership and friendship at dance. Aaliyah Spratt for being honest, responsible and a fantastic role model.

**Reading Room Award**
Nanami receiving the Reading Room Award on behalf of the 2/3 class.
Lani accepting the attendance award for 2/3

**Sight Word Superstars!**

Check out our superstar Preppies and all of their sight words awards! Well done Ty, Kane, Curtis, Mili, Sophie, Tayte, Evie and Jammaal.

**P & C News**

**Tuckshop**

As the school year is winding up, so are the tuck shop supplies! Peta is trying to run all stock down as we need to clean the fridge/freezers and leave them empty over the holidays.

Please understand, if we have run out of your first choice we will give you something similar instead 😊

**Uniforms**

We have received new stock in readiness for next year. Purchases can still be made in the last few tuck shop days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). For those joining the Year 6 ranks next year, we have plenty of Senior shirts available at a cost of $32. This years’ Year 6’s took their shirts to Mossman Print and had their names printed on for a minimal cost and they look great!

We will have a volunteer selling uniforms on Friday 20th January 8.30 - 10.30am, and then on the first day of school Wednesday 27th January 8-11am.

**Committee**

Sadly we saying goodbye to our awesome secretary Jodi Deuble this year 😢

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all the time & energy you have put into the P&C Jodi - we will miss you!!!

Which leads to a heads up for anyone thinking about joining the P&C, and particularly, considering a committee role... See you at our first P&C meeting Thursday 18th February! 👍

Thanks!

Thank you to Randall & all the staff and volunteers for a wonderful year - enjoy your break!!

Thank you to Peta & Lynne for your amazing work in the tuck shop! 🌟

Thanks to all those who helped out with our various fundraising projects this year 🙌

Finally a fond farewell & best wishes to our Year 6’s as they begin the next chapter in their lives. You’re a credit to yourselves, family and MSS - Be proud! 🎉

We would like wish you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year - see you all in 2016 🎄

P&C
Congratulations to all of our swimmers who attended the interschool swimming carnival last Friday. The sportsmanship on the day was outstanding and our school came away with third place in the aggregate trophy. A special congratulations to Kyle Neilan who was Age Champion for 10 year olds.