Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Dates to remember
22nd Feb – 26th Feb Book Fair
26th Feb – monthly pennant awards at assembly
4th March – Rock It! Performance and selection trials at Port Douglas for 10-12 year olds

Principal News

Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe that this week, week 5, is hump week. This term is really flying and being only a 9 week term it would appear that Easter is just around the corner.

At last Thursday’s P&C Meeting I tabled draft copies (95% complete) of our school’s 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, 2016 Annual Implementation Plan and associated budget. I also tabled our school’s Investing for Success Action Plan which has identified how we are going to ensure that every child meets National Minimum Standard in Reading and Writing or that identified students have Individual Curriculum Plan.

I had the pleasure of attending the final morning session of the Year 6 Leadership Camp held at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre last week. The Leadership Camp was comprised of 23 School Captains from Alexandra Bay, Daintree, Wonga Beach, Miallo, Mossman, Julatten and Port Douglas Schools. Jove, Regan, Tejay and Kalyah demonstrated outstanding leadership and interpersonal relationship skills. Their public speaking confidence has grown considerably from participation in the leadership camp. I look forward to working with our student leaders in helping them ‘bring alive’ their action plan.

On Friday 4th March our school will be hosting our first performance of the year called Rock It! Information has been sent home about the show, please return payment to the office as soon as possible. Unfortunately this performance clashes with our cluster selection trials day for our 10 to 12 year olds.

Mr Ryan will be taking all of our 10, 11 and 12 year olds to the Port Douglas AFL grounds on that day to participate in the trials for AFL, rugby league and netball. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to play team sports with other students from the cluster. It also gives our students the opportunity to take their sporting skills further afield if they do get selected in any of the sports. There will be another selection trials day in Term 2 on 29th April for Touch, Union and Tennis.

At the end of week four, our highest attending class is still Year 6 with an outstanding attendance rate of 95.58%. Well done Year 6! The attendance rates of our other classes are:

2. Year 3  93.9%
3. Prep1  93.43%
4. Year 4/5  93.28%
5. Prep  92.16%
6. SEP  91.48%
7. Year 2/3  90.43%
8. Year 5  89.3%
9. Year 1/2  88.63%

Keep up the great work kids! Everyday counts.
Student of the week! Congratulations!

Prep: Tarique – Always having a go and trying to do his counting.
Prep 1: Thea – Participating confidently and always being a learner.
1/2: Bailey – Outstanding effort and enthusiasm in maths.
Jaylon – Making strong choices and doing his best.
2/3: Bianka – Settling in well and always doing her best.
3A: Nanami – Being a responsible and respectful class member.
4/5 Tiarna – An outstanding result in her number facts test.
5A: Laura – Working really hard on persuasive writing.
Kian – Working diligently on his classwork and homework.
6A: Zak – Great writing
Adam – Being a responsible learner.
SEP: Beryl – Her enthusiasm towards working out challenging activities and being a good helper.
Principal’s Award: Mrs Judy for committing 25 years of service to Mossman State School.

Leadership camp

Tejay:
On our leadership camp at Tinaroo Environmental Centre we did canoeing, games, and work. It was so much fun because we got to meet new people and we did lots of things. We learnt the 10 leader skills: Model Behaviours, Communicate Clearly, Listen, Encourage, Support, Organise, Make Decisions, Show Initiative and Evaluate. Each activity that we did was a part of a skill so that they could show us each and every skill in action.

Kalyah:
On our camp at Tinaroo we went canoeing and swimming. We also cooked breakfast lunch and dinner. I met a lot of new friends and learnt about the skills needed to be a good leader, like Organise and Evaluate. I was very excited to go on the camp and my favourite memory was making up our own
game to help us use the leadership skills we were taught.

**Jove:**
Reagan, Tejay, Kalyah and I went to Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre for a leadership camp to learn the ten skills of leadership. We learnt the skills by practicing and made speeches in front of the seven school principals, teachers and other leaders.

We went canoeing, created our own games and cooked meals. My favourite moment was meeting new people and making friends such as Troy, who was very entertaining.

**Reagan:**
I had a fantastic time at the leadership camp at Tinaroo Environmental Centre. I personally liked all the activities and meeting new people. My favourite activity was canoeing because it was a team effort. We had to communicate clearly to each other to row at the same time. The skill I enjoyed learning the most was Evaluate. When we organise an activity, after it’s finished we need to think about how it went and ways to improve it. A memorable moment from the camp was when one of our friends was looking for turtles and tipped our canoe over.

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**Book Fair Colouring Competition Winners**

The winners of our colouring competition were:

- **Prep:** Rikki Anderson Prep
- **Year 1:** Isabella Pashen Prep1
- **Year 2:** Ezi Masi-Lansana 2/3
- **Year 3:** Hayley Toby SEP
- **Year 4:** Asia Diamond SEP
- **Year 5:** Rebecca Rennie 5A
- **Year 6:** Mia Ireland 6A

Each of these students were given a $10.00 voucher to spend at Book Fair.

**Congratulations to these students. Very Impressivel**

The judges were impressed with the standard of the competition entries so they decided to acknowledge some of these students with prizes of Book Fair novelty items.

These students were:

- **Prep:** Ronaisha Charlie Prep
- **Year 1:** Katherine Mabo Prep 1
- **Year 2:** Ahmad Grebalah 1/2
- **Year 3:** Nanami Anderson, Elizabeth Brown, Louisa Walker, Milla Soltwedel 3A
- **Year 4:** Ayatavia Petersen, Tiarna Hawkins 4/5
- **Year 5:** Kian Byrne 5A
- **Year 6:** Charlie Praszczalek 6A

Again congratulations to these students.

There were many more terrific entries so well done everyone. Have another try at the next Book Fair.

The guessing competition will be drawn tomorrow. Make sure you get to the book fair before it ends this Friday.

**Kay Pike**
This term Year 2/3 have been learning about living and non-living things in Science. We have been out in the playground looking for living things and comparing living and non-living environments. Students have identified what features a living thing has, such as how it moves, grows, breathes, responds to stimuli and reproduces. In the playground we investigated different environments to discover where the living things were most likely to be found.

Recording our findings back in class.

Another favourite activity for many of our students is reading club each morning with Ms Pam.