Wednesday, 16 March 2016

Dates to remember
18th March – Regional netball with Miss Michelle
18th, 20th, 21st March - Regional NRL with Mr Ryan
21st March - Parent – teacher interviews
23rd March – Assembly - monthly pennants presented
24th March – Attendance Rewards Day

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Our teachers and teacher aides have been working timelessly outside school hours with 23 of our staff completing their current first aid certificate. Our teachers also attended a 7 Steps Writing Professional Development activity on Saturday which has equipped them with a greater range of strategies to teach writing and to give perspective into the sequential and progressive nature of writing. Our teachers have come back full of energy and motivation to implement some of these new strategies. Some of these writing strategies include Sizzling Starts, Ban the Boring, Exciting Endings, Dynamic Dialogue, Tightening Tension, Plan for Success and Show, Don’t Tell. You will probably hear your children talking about these strategies. This will help consolidate their learning at school. Being able to write logically, coherently, with expression and meaning is one of life’s pleasures but it also takes a lot of guided practice to be able to do it. Our staff are committed to finding ways in which they can get every child to be able to express themselves through the written form. This work compliments the work that our Master Teacher, Zarah Budgen is doing with our staff. Exciting stuff!

Looks like we might be in for a bit of rain mid- to late this week. Please keep an eye on the weather map as the Tropical Low could quite easily turn into a Tropical Cyclone. Please take appropriate action and precautions in the lead up to this weather event.

Mr Ryan and Mr Lightning will be taking the Mossman State School Rugby League team to the NRL Peninsula Cup competition on Friday 18th of March. Mr Ryan will also be taking the selected Rugby League students to the Peninsula Selection Trials on Sunday 20th and Monday 21st March. We wish our students good sportsmanship and gamesmanship. Enjoy.

Miss Pam, Mrs Burcombe, Mr Ryan and Mr Love have organized a 2016 Grade 5/6 excursion fundraiser on Saturday 19th March in the school grounds outside Playgroup whilst the Local Council Elections are being held. If you would like to assist please contact Mr Love so he can add you to the roster. A big thank you to all those parents and staff who have already volunteered with ingredients or cooking. Many hands make light work.

On Monday our Student Representative Council organized a Clean- up Australia Day event where each class was given an allocated area to tidy up. This is a great initiative from our recently formed Student Representative Council.

Our P&C will be hosting their second meeting for the year on Thursday 17th March at 3.30 pm in the RIC. See you there.

Don’t forget that school finishes on Thursday 17th March (Friday 25th March is Good Friday) and will resume on Monday 11th April. Happy Holidays.

As Friday next week is Good Friday and our class attendance reward excursion is being held on Thursday we have moved our parade assembly to Wednesday morning where our final class pennants for the term will be awarded. This will also co-incide with crazy hair day.

Our class attendance reward excursion has been booked for Hartley’s Creek Crocodile Tours.
Prep Ronasia – Always being an enthusiastic learner and participating 100% in all activities.
Prep1 Ethan - Being a conscientious learner.
Ruby – Trying hard in maths when working with Miss Minna.
1/2 Chaelyn – Demonstrating a strong understanding in Part-Part-Whole and applying it to problems.
Julie – For her improvement in handwriting.
2/3 Peyton – For great persuasive writing
3A Lena – For excellent bookwork and presentation.
4/5 Thomas – Using great ideas and interesting sentence structures in his writing.
Yr 5 Tyson – Working diligently in Maths.
Marlie – Working successfully on your persuasive writing.
Yr 6 Jae – For showing improvements in his efforts.
Reagan – For showing leadership and support towards his fellow leaders.
SEP Lesley – For her diligence and persistence with stitching.
Principal’s Award Aytavia – For being honest trustworthy and having a “sharp eye” in finding Mrs Mathers

5/6 ELECTION DAY
FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Please return your notes and donations for the Election Day Barbeque to school by WEDNESDAY, 16TH of MARCH.
Thank you😊😊

At the end of week seven, our highest attending class is Year 6 with an outstanding attendance rate of 94.52%. Well done Year 6! Our current attendance rates are:
1. Year 6A: 94.52%
2. Year 3A: 94.19%
3. Year 4/5A: 93.13%
4. Prep1: 92.82%
5. SEP: 92.23%
6. Prep: 91.85%
7. Year 2/3A: 91.8%
8. Year 5A: 91.55%
9. Year 1/2A: 89.74%

Keep up the great work kids! Everyday counts.
Persuasive and narrative paragraph starters:

Imagine you are coming out of the shops then you smell a horrible stench coming from your car and you see the disgusting poo from the flying foxes. Then you are so frustrated because your paint costs a fortune. If they were moved then you will never get flying fox poo on your car again.
By Pascal Masi-Lansana

Crocodiles
They steal our rivers! They bring stupid tourists and worst of all they scare off fish when we are fishing. Therefore I think crocodiles should be removed.

Firstly Crocs steal swimming holes, rivers, beaches and lakes. What if you don’t have a pool and you’re so hot. When I lived in my little house we had no pool but there was a croc sitting at Foxton River.

Secondly, well, yes, they bring money but the money is tourists’ so the roads are packed with cars and hire cars going 25km per hour.
By Jack Potter

I was terrified because now it was pitch black and I had no idea what awaited me. I could smash it, a hard wall or fall down a massive cliff. All of a sudden I heard footsteps and the spooky voice came back. “I’m right here, come closer” it said. Then a massive horrifying witch appeared.
By Tyson Crees

If you don’t litter, if you put your rubbish in the bin, if you pick up rubbish that is not yours then you will be helpful and the fish in the sea will not die.
By Marlie Nagy

Year 5 listening and learning during the Life Education Talk About it Program!
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2016

POLICE DISCO

PORT DOUGLAS CYCLONE SHELTER

$5 Entry Fee & $1 Sausage on Bread
6-13 Years
6.30pm-9.00pm

FREE BUS SERVICE
5.30pm Wonga Beach School
5.35pm Wonga Beach Servo
5.40pm Marano’s Miallo
5.50pm Cooya Beach Bus Stop
6.00pm Mossman State School
6.10pm Mossman Gorge
9.00pm Mossman Gorge, Mossman State School, Cooya Beach Bus Stop, Marano’s Miallo, Wonga Beach Servo and Wonga Beach School

Food & Drinks on sale
Dance Comps/Games/Prizes
Volunteers Welcome!
Enquiries: Mossman Police 4098 2177 / Port Douglas Police 4087 1999

Join us at the Mossman Markets to celebrate Palm Sunday
* kids arts & crafts
* children’s Easter viewing
* singing
* freebies to give away
Mossman Combined Churches

Mossman Girl Guides
For girls aged 7-11.
Fun, crafts, fires, hikes, camps and make new friends.
Contact: Trish Rex
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