We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders, past, present and future.

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

Dates to remember
23rd March – Assembly - monthly pennants presented
24th March – Attendance Rewards Day

Principal News

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Term 1, 2016 is fast drawing to a close with Thursday 24 March being the last day of Term. Once again, apologies for my ‘brain explosion’/wishful thinking last week when I announced school finishing on 17th of March. Term 2 starts on Monday 11th of April. I take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff and families for all their hard work in Term 1 and wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and family-focused Easter vacation.

Our absolutely sensational P&C that run Tuckshop are seeking some assistance in getting a few more volunteers. As our P&C are moving the Tuckshop menus to meet the new Smart Choices strategy it has become evident that to include nutritious, healthy and appealing choices, we need to add variety to the menu. With this change, comes a labour cost and that’s where we need your help. If you have 5 minutes, 30 minutes or 2 hours to spare, please come and see our fantastic Tuckshop convener, Peta to organize a time to help out. Every little bit helps.

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Treasury – Rachel Byrne (continuing)
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Please enjoy your holidays and we will see you all on Monday 11 April for yet another productive and enjoyable school term.

Crazy Hair Day Winners!
Student of the week!

PREP James- Working hard and extending his sentence writing.
PREP1 Kathrine Mabo- Showing persistence and becoming more confident in completing her work quietly and neatly.
Tayte Johnston- Participating confidently in class discussions and sharing his ideas.
1/2 Sophie Hamilton- Outstanding efforts retelling a story.
Mili Walker- Being a positive influence on her peers and encouraging good behaviour.
2/3 Ezi Masi-Lansana – Wonderful persuasive writing.
3/4 Milla Soltwedal- For her commitment and excellent attitude towards learning.
Malcom Gibbons- Explaining and demonstrating 2 digit addition to the whole class.
4/5 Elliot Williams- using interesting and imaginative ideas to create a story.
5- Rebecca Rennie- Working consistently in all areas.
6- Ben Deeral Nunn- Demonstrating a huge improvement in learning
Samantha Elliot- Improving her attendance and displaying exemplar behaviour.
SEP- Asia Diamond- Producing some very good book work this week.
Principal- Elliot Williams- Taking responsibility for his learning.

5/6 ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER

We raised almost $1000 with the funds from the BBQ Election and raffles. A big thankyou to all the staff, students and families that donated and helped with the fundraiser, without your help it would not have been as successful.
Mossman State School P&C AGM 2016

President’s Report

This is the fourth annual President’s report that I have written and the tenth year that I have been an active and involved committee member of the Mossman State School P&C. Over these years I have watched Mossman State School go from strength to strength and it is indeed a privilege to represent our diverse parent and student body.

Thanks must go to the professional and dedicated teaching staff at our school who have shown real commitment to improving pedagogy and who work in conjunction with some wonderful Aides to improve the learning outcomes of our children. The success we are seeing would rival any school in our district and we can hold our heads up and say that Mossman State School is an excellent place for our children to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

The P&C have not been that active in fundraising ventures due to our small number but have made a commitment to the annual school dance, which is an opportunity for the school community to connect and enjoy the enthusiasm of our student body. We also supported Mother’s Day and Father’s Day school events to help connect all our parents and caregivers.

The tuckshop has been an asset to our P&C and is tirelessly overseen by the Treasurer, Rachel Byrne. So far we have seen good profit and need to extend our thanks to the current Convenor, Peta Heilig for her efforts.

I would also like to say farewell to a long serving member of our Committee, Jodi Deuble who took on the role of Secretary without complaint and has been a pleasure to work with over the years. She will be missed at our Committee meetings as her intelligence and humour helped make all our roles easier.

Obviously P&C Committee’s need a strong and motivated group of parents to help keep them alive and functioning successfully so let’s hope 2016 is a year where we can engage more parents and caregivers in becoming involved in decision making for our school.

Anthea Crees
P&C President
Our P&C has an important job to do and we would love you to be a part of it.

P&Cs are an essential part of the school

P&C volunteers are dedicated parents and community members who want to contribute to the management and improvement of their school.

The Parents and Citizens' association (P&C) is managed by an executive committee who, with other P&C members, work closely with the school principal for the benefit of the students at the school.

What do P&Cs do?

- Consult on school policy decisions
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Manage tuckshops and uniform shops
- Assist with school functions
- Manage outside school hours care
- Plan events and fundraising activities
- Apply for grants

P&C membership is free and you can choose whether to attend the regular meetings. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, being a P&C member is a great way to learn what's happening at the school and to have your say.

Children do better when parents are involved

We all want the best for our children, and recent research has shown that students whose parents are actively engaged with their education do better and are happier at school.

You can show your children how much you value their education by being involved in the P&C.

Your skills and hobbies could be put to great use and volunteering even a small amount of your time will benefit your own children and other children in the school community. You could also gain work experience and develop new skills.

Attending P&C functions provides an opportunity to network with the principal, teachers and other parents so that you can discuss the issues that concern you and share your ideas and experiences.

P&C members suggest and implement positive changes at the school – and the funds we raise have a lasting impact through building improvements and providing classroom "extras".