Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Dates to remember
Anzac Day 25th of April
Labour Day 2nd of May

Principal News

Dear Parents,

I trust you all had an enjoyable, relaxing and family focused holiday and are ready to face the challenge term 2 will present. As the Easter holidays were early this year and term 1 only had 9 weeks, this will make term 2 an 11 week term. During term 2 we will have 2 public holidays the first being Anzac day on Monday the 25th of April and the second being Labour Day on Monday the 2nd of May.

During week 5 our Year 3’s and year 5’s will be sitting the NAPLAN tests this will occur on Tuesday the 10th of May With language conventions (40 minutes) and writing (40 minutes) Wednesday 11th May with Reading (grade 3 45mins and grade 5 50 mins) Thursday 12th May with Numeracy (grade 3 45 minutes and grade 5 50 minutes).

Our students and staff have been working tirelessly to be NAPLAN prepared.

Miss Alyesha Burford who has been teaching Digital Technologies in Term 1 will be taking leave for the first six weeks of Term 2. Mrs. Virginia Goodall will be replacing Alyesha.

Our before school Reading Club is “going off” in the best way possible, the number and consistency of students attending Reading Club is increasing daily. It’s at the stage where to attend “before school” Reading Club is just part of the daily routine at Mossman Primary School. These good education habits develop patterns of behavior which when replicated in other areas of children’s lives become the ‘glue’ that keeps all the other things together. So parents, thank you for encouraging your children to come to Reading Club everyday and to those parents who come and have a read ‘read’, I cant thank you enough, and for those parents that haven’t been yet, you don’t know what you are missing out on.

Unfortunately Peta in the tuck-shop is unable to make ‘Reading Club’ Pancakes this week.

It is always hard coming back to work/school when we no longer have ownership of the hours in our day but the thought of coming back to work at Mossman State School is always a pleasure. Great kids Great staff great families and a great community, Thank you for supporting our school.

Big Congratulations to Mr. Loves Grade 6 class attendance award Mr. Love’s class celebrated their growing attendance at Hartley’s Crocodile Park. Our daily attendance is progressively improving every day. Thank you for supporting your children by getting them to school every day. Every day counts.

Exciting Workshop Ahead!
During the first 4 weeks of this term, local author, LJ Kidd will be running a series of one hour workshops with our students each Tuesday. LJ will be working with our 2/3, Year 3, Year 4/5, Year 5 and Year 6 classes. LJ Kidd is a member of the community who loves to encourage others to follow their dreams, believe in themselves, and have adventures in life. Her creative workshops for schools inspire the children to find their own voice and develop a love of writing. LJ has written and illustrated four books of fun stories that make you laugh out loud. Her latest book, ‘V8 Rex’ talks about rumbling yourself into life. We have purchased several copies of LJ’s books but you can also find them in our local Mossman library or purchase copies at Yum Yums. In conjunction with LJ’s workshops, we will also be running a colouring in competition. Winners will be awarded one of LJ’s books at assembly in week 4. Please make LJ feel welcome at our school.
Prep Ruby- Attaining all goals for term
Prep1 Kingston- An improvement in behaviour and great justification about familiar events will might or won’t happen chance.
Prep1 Laurence- Always joining in consolidations and confidently leading the class in counting.
1/2 Bob- Showing improvement in handwriting.
1/2 Haley K- An entertaining poem reconstruction.
2/3 Ilena - Great writing and excellent behaviour.
3/4 Jack- For creative ideas when writing sizzling starts.
3/4 Louisa- outstanding bookwork and effort in writing.
4/5 Shanarah - being a pleasant cooperative student.
5 Bayahn- working diligent
5 Wyatt - Great achievements.
6 Cain- His commitment to improving his writing.
SEP Kodi- always doing his best at activities.
Principal-Naomi M- Being trustworthy and honest finding and handing in lost money.

School Fun-Run and Cross County
We’re holding the adidas School Fun-Run as a fundraising event this year! The event will be held on Friday 22nd April 2016 (week2). The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way! It’s all about participation and we’re organising a great day for our school community. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser so all your help is appreciated. Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. This details how your child can be involved. Students who raise $10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. All details are included in this form. Sponsorship forms and money are due back to our classroom teacher by Friday 29th April (week 3). Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts and we look forward to seeing you all at the Fun-Run/Cross Country.
6A ATTENDANCE AWARDS VISIT TO HARTLEY’S CREEK

“And the winners of the Term 1 Attendance Award with an attendance of 94.37% are Yr 6A,” announced Mrs Case on parade. We all screamed and cheered excitedly because we were going to Hartley’s Creek Crocodile Farm as our reward for the school’s best attendance.

Exhilarated, excited, enthusiastic, we settled in for our long bus journey to Hartley’s Creek on the last day of term. When we arrived, we went on a boat tour on the creepy, croc-infested lagoon to see how many crocs we could find and take close-up action photos of the ancient crocs lunging for food. Afterwards, we went to the croc farm and all had our photos taken with a baby crocodile. Mr Ryan wore a crocodile skin and smooched the baby croc. The Croc Attack show was breath-taking, especially when a stealthy croc chased one of the keepers (but it was all part of the show!!)

Before we headed home, we had lunch and were able to explore, pat and feed the kangaroos, joeys and wallabies. We also had a private show where the keepers presented animals such as a blue-tongued lizard, a strong, slithering python and a miniature saw-shelled turtle.

Everybody had a fantastic and enjoyable day at Hartley’s Creek and our goal is to overload our 6A Brag Board with weekly attendance awards so that we can go on more awesome attendance reward days.

By Kalyah Ryan & Zak Kessler
Mossman State School P&C news

A little call-out to the parents;

The P & C is still seeking a secretary to join our meetings (held on the third Thursday of each month). In return for your regular attendance and minute-taking you will feel the wonderful benefits of being actively involved in your child’s education and school environment along with sharing a laugh and viewpoints with the other members of the committee.

We are also welcoming any volunteers to help in the tuck-shop - any amount of time is greatly appreciated, no matter how small...as many small contributions add up to great things. With the support of parents we hope to introduce different varieties of healthy lunch and snack options.

For the first time in five years we will be increasing the cost of the school polo shirts to bring it in line with the rising cost of production. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. The new price started first day of term 2.

Anthea Crees
P&C President

Needed/ Wanted

We are searching for a fellow parent or someone that travels from Port Douglas to Mossman Monday to Friday that would be willing to take a Year 6 student to and from Mossman Primary School. The parents would be very happy to contribute up to $30 per week. We appreciate anybody that thinks they could be of assistance.

If you think you may be able to help please don’t hesitate to call the Mossman Primary School office on- (07) 40999333