Wednesday, 20 April 2016

**Dates to remember**
Cross Country Fun Run 22\textsuperscript{nd} of April  
Anzac Day 25\textsuperscript{th} of April  
LI Kidd Author in Residence 26\textsuperscript{th} of April  
Labour Day 2\textsuperscript{nd} of May

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

Whilst we are still waiting for the ‘wet season’, I did notice a little chill in the air this morning. I have always thought that we get a change in weather around ANZAC Day and here we are.

Our school community will be attending the ANZAC Day parade on Monday 25 April, being held at Port Douglas at 10.15am. We are inviting all students, families and staff to attend the march being led by our School Captains. We will be meeting outside Coles in Macrossan Street, Port Douglas at 10am. We are hoping to get as many Mossman students to march in the parade as possible and welcome any parents, carers and students who are able to attend on the day. Please have students in full school uniform, including hats and shoes. It is usually a very hot day so a water bottle is also advisable.

We will be holding our Mossman State School Cross Country this Friday 22 April at 9.30am. We will hold our Assembly at 9am with the cross country starting at 9.30am. Please come along and support your children and our school. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours, hats and shoes. Tuckshop will also be available on the day.

Our school photos have been booked for Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th} of May. This is the same week as the NAPLAN tests.

For our P & C regulars and any new enthusiasts please be aware that this month’s P & C meeting will be on Thursday the 28th April due to an overlap with the high schools’ parent/teacher interviews. Thank you for your understanding and we hope to see you there.

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held on the 5th of May. As in previous years gifts donated for the stall are greatly appreciated (anything under the cost of $10). Please ensure that the gifts are wrapped in clear cellophane to make it easier for the children to choose - and that they are delivered to the school office by Tuesday the 3rd of May. All proceeds go directly back into the school for the children’s education and recreation - we thank you greatly for your support!

Year 6 finished Term 1 with a bang with a wonderful day at Hartley’s Creek as a reward for having the highest attendance rate for the term. They have made it their mission this year to win every one of the attendance awards and have started Term 2 with a very high attendance rate of 94.34%! Year 4/5 and 3A are not far behind them. This term, we are hoping to take the winning class to Cooya Beach with the Walker boys for the cultural tour that our Year 4s enjoyed so much last year. Our current attendance rates are:

1. Year 6: 94.34%  
2. Year 4/5: 92.84%  
3. Year 3A: 92.5%  
4. Prep: 91.97%  
5. Year 5A: 91.39%  
6. SEP: 91.16%  
7. Year 1/2: 90.4%  
8. Prep1: 89.55%  
9. Year 2/3: 86.33%

Keep up the great attendance everybody, every day counts!
Prep- Darius- For being a quiet co-operative member in class.
Prep1- Hunter- Always trying his best and following directions.
1/2- Jalan- For his enthusiastic approach to learning.
1/2- Curtis- For completing all set tasks and enthusiastic approach to learning.
2/3- Tahj- For trying his best to write a persuasive paragraph.
3/4- Elizabeth- For being a responsible and reliable student who is always willing to help.
3/4- Khyjuan- For excellent behaviour and attitude in 3A and being an insightful learner.
4/5- Adriel- For being a pleasant and co-operative student.
4/5- Maddox- For displaying more confidence in his ideas.
5- Caitlen- For doing an excellent job on her “sizzling start”.
6- Zech- For efforts in all areas of his learning.
6- Seth- His enthusiasm to learn in class.
Principal- Maddox- for seeking leadership in Drumming.

**Week 1 Reading Eggs and Mathletics Award**

Lots of our classes have been making some huge progress in Reading Eggs and Mathletics this week.
School Fun Run/Cross Country

Our school Fun Run/Cross Country is coming up this Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. The Fun Run will begin after Parade on Friday at approximately 9:30am and we aim to finish by 11:30am. The students have been busy training for this event during their PE lessons and all our students have completed a walkthrough of the course this week. We look forward to seeing all students get involved with the emphasis on this event being participation. All students are expected to run (or walk if needed) but some students take this day seriously and put in a lot of effort training. Selected students are invited to participate in the Cluster Cross Country in Port Douglas on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} May.

All students will be getting a fruit juice icy pole at the end of their event to help cool off.

The program will run as follows:

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Just a reminder that all Fun Run Sponsorship forms need to be completed and returned to your child’s classroom teacher by no later than Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} April 2016. We would love to see as many parents/family/friends there on Friday to support all our students. See you then. 😊

Preppies have been writing sentences to go with the pictures and letterland letters that they draw:

![James](image1)
![Tomar](image2)
Charlie

Traveon

Merle

Ronasia

Juakene

Rikki