Thursday, 26 May 2016

Dates to remember

27th May, Assembly, Monthly pennants presented.
20th June, Life Education.

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Here we are in mid to late May and the weather gods have decided to send a belated wet season. Although the month of May has not yet finished, indicatives are that, for some areas, it will be the wettest May month in recorded history. This unseasonal and late wet is certainly going to delay the start of the crushing season.

This week we have Mr. Joseph Abrams conducting an Office/Administration Audit. Joe will be here for 3 days giving us all insight into some procedural and systemic changes that we need to implement.

On Wednesday at approximately 10:50am this week our whole school participated in the National Simultaneous Reading of the book “I Got This Hat”. Our lower school students decorated and constructed Pirate hats and wore them during the reading of the story. A big thank you to Mrs Pike, Mrs Cobb, and Mr Love for co-ordinating and hosting the event. A great time was had by all.

Please find attached a copy of a letter written by the President of our schools P&C committee, Anthea Crees. This letter was addressed to all our staff at this school. I got a bit ‘warm and fuzzy’ and a bit of a tingle when I read the letter. I couldn’t agree more with Anthea and they are my sentiments exactly. It is sensational to hear that our school community values our staff’s commitment and contribution in helping shape the future of the next generation of Australians. Thank you to our P&C and our school community, the letter could not have come at a better time.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to our Preppies who have taken out the weekly attendance award for Week 6. Our current Top 5 attendance rates for the month of May are:

1. Prep: 95.36%
2. Year 4/5: 95.05%
3. SEP: 94.44%
4. Year 6A: 94.36%
5. Year 1/2: 93.29%

Keep up the great work kids! Everyday counts.

Tennis with Ian Goolagong

Last Thursday Mossman State School students were lucky to have Ian Goolagong, together with Jennifer Rees from Tennis Australia and Herold Prins from Port Douglas Tennis Club, visit the school to run a skills and drills session during HPE lessons. The year 4/5 and year 1/2 classes all enjoyed the stories that Ian had to tell and the fun games and activities he had organised for them.
Prep- Sunnii for being a happy positive class member.  
Prep1- Thea for her excellent knowledge of quantities.  
Prep1- Ruby for enthusiastic learning behaviours and participation in spelling.  
Year1/2- Jalun for improving in his reading and writing.  
Year1/2- Sa’ili for showing great improvement in his behaviour.  
Year2/3- Sienna for being a learner and trying her best.  
Year3/4- Charlie for demonstrating good sportsmanship.  
Year3/4- Naomi for her amazing skills in timetables.  
Year4/5- Xanthe for having a go and writing interesting sentences.  
Year4/5- Tiana for being a pleasant, co-operative student.  
Year5- Caitlin for working consistently on her literacy task.  
Year5- Mahalia for trying hard and working consistently.  
Year6- Reagan for his use of figurative language.  
Year6- Riley for understanding and using Pythagoras’ Theorem.  
SEP- Torrell G For excellent behaviour and manners.  

HPU Visit  

On Tuesday 24th this week we had some American university practising teacher students visiting our school to observe how the educational system works in Australia. There are 23 students and 3 faculty members in the group from High Point University in North Carolina. The students observed our Australian teachers and students in action and we enjoyed the pleasure of having them. Students also had the opportunity to talk to the university students about what growing up in America is like as well. What a wonderful experience for us all!
Dear Mossman State School Teaching Staff,

Well, you are now over hump week of term 2 and we know that you are all feeling rather flat and challenged by the expectations, which loom over teachers everywhere. Your friendly P&C want you to know that you are fully supported and fully appreciated.

Our children are important to us. What you need to remember and hold close to your hearts is that they love learning, they love coming to school and they love their teachers. This is all thanks to your professionalism, dedication and connection with them as human beings.

We know it can be draining in a large class of students with diverse needs, which is the nature of our demographic. Everyday there are learning and behaviour challenges. We know – we live with them and thank you for your patience and support. But there is not a school in our district that feels as friendly and accepting as this one.

There is no other school that we want our children to attend. Mossman State School is awesome. Schools can’t be great without teachers who are invested in the students and community. There is not one teacher among you who doesn’t do a terrific job.

We want to send a special shout out to the Aides – the “wingmen”. Without you a teacher’s life is even more difficult. We know you provide a lot of the nurturing and welfare that teachers can’t possibly deal with. Your thoughtfulness and humour comes home to us in the stories about school. We are so grateful that you are part of their lives.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Our children are happy. Keep doing what you do. Know that you make a difference.

Sincerely,

Anthea Crees on behalf of our P&C