Friday, 22 July 2016

**Dates to remember**

- Show Holiday 25th of July
- Interhouse Athletics carnival 27th of July
- Interschool sports day 29th of July

**Principal News**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Mossman must be coming, it’s raining. In the usual Mossman Show tradition the wet weather tends to arrive as the show trucks arrive. This year the rain came a little bit early, enjoy the show and have your gum boots handy. Remember that Monday the 25th of July is the Gazetted Mossman Show Public holiday. School resumes on Tuesday the 26th of July.

Due to the inclement weather and wet High School oval we have had to postpone our Interhouse Athletics Carnival from Thursday the 21st of July to Wednesday the 27th of July.

The Douglas Cluster Interschool Athletics Carnival has been organized for Friday the 29th of July. 10, 11, and 12 year old (students born 2006, 2005, 2004) Boys and Girls selected at the Mossman State Schools Interhouse Carnival who will represent our school on Friday 29th July will have permission forms sent home after our Interhouse Carnival. These forms will need to be returned before Friday the 29th of July. I apologize for the short time frame but the weather conditions are impacting on our organizing. I wish all students to perform to their best efforts. We encourage all parents, family members, carers and friends to attend the carnival and to support all of our students. See you there.

As the High School is happy to host both Interhouse and Interschool Athletics Carnivals, we need to ensure that we are not disrupting the learning that is occurring in the classroom on this day at the High School, I am asking you to respect the right of the High School to maintain their learning programs whilst we use their oval. I am requesting that you use Mossman Primary School toilet facilities, cold water drinking fountains, under covered areas and that you park in the Primary School Carpark. When making your way to the oval we request that you use the Primary School as your access rather than the High School. Except for the High School oval all of the High School facilities are OUT OF BOUNDS for all visitors.

I encourage you to respect the High School priority of ensuring that their learning program is not disrupted as we use their oval. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Please remind your children, relatives and friends about this request. This will ensure that any future requests to use the High Schools facilities will be favorably received. Thanks for your help with this.

Our School is currently undertaking the student, staff and parent Opinion Surveys, if you have received a randomly selected Survey please return as soon as possible.

The Education Department has implemented an amended policy in relation to managing unexplained absences of students. An unexplained absence is where the school is not notified if your child is away. As you would have noticed this is identified in your child’s report card. **Under the new policy our school will contact you on the same day as your child is not at school and you have not contacted the school.** This policy has been implemented to ensure that both parents and schools know where your child is. Please remember it is the parent’s responsibility to contact the school to let us know if your child is not attending school or is going to be away at any time. There have been instances (not at this school) where students have left home to come to school and have not turned up at school. Both the school and parents don’t know where your child is. This becomes a safety issue. We are requesting that you let the school know in advance, if possible if your child is away or going to be away.

A big congratulations to Miss Karly Allison who will be spending the Mossman Show long weekend getting married. Our school community would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Karly Allison and Beau Scomazzon on this momentous occasion. We wish them well in the new chapter in their lives. Miss Allison will then be known as Mrs Scomazzon.

A big congratulations to Caitlin O’Neil (Judo), Ziggy Mast (Judo), Kian Byrne (Golf) and Sophie Hamilton (Athletics) who represented their clubs at the North Queensland Games. Ziggy, Kian Caitlin and Sophie won gold medals in their respective sporting events and age group.

Congratulations and Well Done. Sophie Hamilton smashed the under 6 long jump recording a massive 2.33m jump, 0.23m advance on the previous record. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, staff, parents, families, friends, and carers for helping make our NAIDOC celebrations so enjoyable, engaging, and full of activities that promoted thought around reconciliation, exchanging of cultures and sharing of cultures. A big welcome to David Budge who has joined our Mossman State School staff. David will be teaching Grade 2/3 replacing Mrs Stannard who has accepted a Acting Head of Department position at Bamaga for the last 2 terms of 2016. We are privileged that David has joined our staff.
**Student of the week!**

Prep-Taveon for working well in groups and always trying his hardest.  
Prep1-Isla for making a huge progress in all areas.  
Year 1/2-Indiana for working to consistently read with fluency.  
Year 1/2-Jamaal for his enthusiastic approach to learning, great start.  
Year 2/3-Jakob for being a great learner in class for all tasks.  
Year 3A-Lleyton for a fantastic start to Term 3.  
Year 4/5-EJ for demonstrating great community spirit during NAIDOC week.  
Year 5-The whole class for a wonderful start to Term 3.  
Year 6-Brooke for being a helpful class member.  
SEP-Curtis for settling into a new routine and new peer group with ease.  
Principal-Jakob for being honest and returning lost money.

**Attendance Award**

Year 4/5 have won the attendance award for our first week of the term. This is based on their overall attendance this year as we do not have enough data to fairly award an award for July at this stage. Our overall winning class at the end of this term will win an Attendance Award excursion. Don’t let Year 6A make it a clean sweep! Our current Top 5 attenders for the year are:

1. Year 4/5 91.95%  
2. Prep 91.78%  
3. Year 6A 91.57%  
4. Year 3A 91.36%  
5. SEP 91.12%  
6. Year 1/2 90.34%  
7. Prep1 90.09%  
8. Year 2/3 89.59%  
9. Year 5A 88.66%  

Keep up the great work kids! Every day counts!
Girls Peninsula Rugby League Trials

SPLISH! SPLOSH! WHACK!!!! It was a rainy, soggy day down in Cairns for the Peninsula Girls Rugby League trials. Our Douglas District team played 4 games against teams from as far away as Tully and the Torres Strait. We had a fantastic time running, tackling and scoring tries on the muddy, rain-soaked fields. Wazan impressed the team selectors with her fearless and ferocious tackling of girls almost twice her size, and she was selected in the squad of 26 girls to try for final selection in the Peninsula team today. We wish her the best of luck.

Our trip was made even better on the way home when Tejay’s mum Tanya bought us all warm donuts and new socks because our old ones were soggy and soaked with orange mud. We also stopped at McDonalds for an ice-cream!! Thank you Mr Ryan and Mr Darryl for taking us down to the trials. It was an enjoyable day and totally worth feeling a bit sore and bruised today.

Kalyah Ryan

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Our school felt privileged to be part of such a wonderful day celebrating NAIDOC week at the Bubu-Kinkari Park (Gorge Davis) Mossman. We had some amazing Traditional Dancing by some of our own students, as well as some students from other schools. Our year 5 and 6 classes had a stall selling jewellery which was a great success raising over $370, which will go towards the Senior School Camp. Also huge thank you to Candace McFarlane for her generous donations that contributed to the stall.
Preppies Poetry
This Term our Prep Class is learning all about Rhyming and Poetry. Below is some of the work that they have produced so far.

The cat is on the mat,
and he had a shot with a rat.

The boy called Ben had a pet
when he was in the pen.