Wednesday, 17 August 2016

**Dates to remember**
- P&C Meeting 18th August 3:15pm in RIC
- Book Fair 22nd – 26th August
- Book Fair Parent Open Night 23rd August
- Guessing Competition 15th – 25th August
- Dress-up Competition 26th August
- Father’s Day Stall 1st September

**Principal News**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Grade 5 and 6 classes attended the Spirit of ANZAC experience on Wednesday. This experience promoted by the National War Museum in Canberra has been an amazing experience for all those people living up the east coast of Australia lucky enough to see this first class production. Our students were accompanied by Vietnam Veteran John Bond who gave some personal anecdotes and stories to our students.

On Tuesday 23rd of August from 5-6:30pm we will be hosting our Parent Evening and Book Fair. Please come along and enjoy our Book Fair and Parent Evening. The school will be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle.

A big congratulations to Reagan and Tyson Crees who were selected in the Peninsula Athletics Team for both the 100m and 200m sprints. Congratulations to Beryl Gibson for winning her 200m heat and making it into the finals where she came 5th. Congratulations to Anazzarah Ross-Kelly for coming 5th in long jump and Beryl for coming 6th.

Mr Ryan and Mr Love took a selection of boys and girls from grade 3-6 to the Ty Williams Cup. From all reports it was an outstanding success with our school winning the Trophy for “Best and Fairest” team. Another outstanding performance from a Mossman team.

On Thursday from 12-2pm Richard Huelin, Assistant Regional Director, Education Qld will be visiting our school to meet with Sharon and myself and to visit classrooms to watch the fantastic teaching and learning taking place in every classroom. We will also be discussing with Richard our outstanding NAPLAN data. I trust you will all make him feel welcome.

Please find enclosed in this newsletter a copy of a brochure regarding the services that Uniting Care provide through Daintree Family Connections. These services are free for families and include child counselling information, education and support to parents with children 12 years old and younger.

**Attendance Award Week 5**

Prep1 have made a huge improvement to their attendance this term and are our highest attending class for the month with an outstanding attendance rate of 97%! Well done Prep1, you are in the running for our attendance award excursion this term. Our current top 5 attendance rates for the month are:

1. 3A 95.24%
2. 1/2 93.32%
3. 6A 92.65%
4. SEP 92.50%
5. 5A 92.22%

Keep up the great work kids, every day counts!

**HELP**

Our cooking room is in need of large glass jars with lids for storing ingredients. If you would like to donate any jars please drop them at the office.

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**MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL**

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Book Fair Dates:
- Monday, 22 August – Friday, 26 August

Shopping Hours:
- 11:00am – 11:30am each day
- 12:00pm – 3:00pm each day

and at:
- Family Open night on Tuesday, 23 August
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Free Sausage Sizzle

Location:
- Resource Information Centre, Mossman State School
Students of the week

Prep- Axel for great improvement in hand writing, keep up the great work.
Prep1- Ty for making an improvement in behaviour choices.
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Year1/2- Jaylon for attempting to complete all his work independently.
Year1/2- Mili for always being a kind, caring, thoughtful friend.
Year2/3- Illena for great learning and behaviour in class.
Year3/4- Elizabeth for her great team work in the multiplication fair.
Year3/4- Acacia for working cooperatively in the multiplication fair.
Year4/5- Tiarna for displaying great problem solving skills in maths activities.
Year6- Hamish for his outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning.
SEP- Wade for producing some beautiful handwriting this week.
Principal- Tila for being honest and trust worthy in returning lost money.

Kadul with Ryka Ali Dance Performance

On Monday we watched a fantastic performance from Ryka Ali and his grandmother Cindy Drummond at the school. Ryka taught us some Torres Strait Island dances and showed us traditional artifacts, musical instruments and costumes of the islands. We were all able to participate in the dances and some students even performed on stage. Ryka then shared aspects of the aboriginal culture, including 'painting up' with ochre and traditional hunting tools. He followed up with some amazing didgeridoo playing and dancing.

Peninsula Athletics

Well done to our Peninsula Athletics competitors, great job!
**Year 3A Multiplication Fair**

Last Thursday, 3A students invited 2/3A to our Multiplication Fair. 3A students planned for and created a variety of games to teach and learn multiplication strategies. Everyone enjoyed themselves and all students were able to participate in some fun activities to practice their maths facts. 3A students also provided prizes for the students who played their fantastic games.

2 x 3 = 6

4 x 3 = 12
3A Narratives

The Lorax (retold by the Swomee Swans)

Long, long ago there was a place called the Lifted Lorax. Everything was clean and bright. Everyone was happy and glorious and the magifacant truffula trees colourful and bright. Everyone and everything loved the gorgilisious truffs of the truffy Truffula Trees.

Until a big hairy stranger came out of NOWHERE!!! He unloaded his yellow and noisy cart. He had something called an “axe”. What's that I'm thinking, what does that mean... He's cutting our gorgilisious truffy trees. Our firey friend (Lorax) saw the Once-ler cut down our tree and Lorax came out of that tree. How could that have happened!

After all that, the Brown Barba-loots got sent away and the Humming Fish got sent away too. At the end I got sent away too that was a pretty good thing to do because it was dark and shadowy dank and darkness rised upon us all. Lorax had flown away too.

We were hungry and thirsty. Some of us started to die but we all saw one last tree and all my friends including Lorax, Humming fish and Brown Barba-loots were nesting at that last and least Truffula tree.

By Lani Enoch

The Lorax (Retold by the Brown Barb-a-loot)

Long ago we were so happy because we had clean clouds and the sky was still blue.

One day a stranger came into our beautiful land and the stranger was called the Once-ler. The Once-ler started to chop our soft Truffula Trees. This made us very sad because there was not enough food to eat and we had to search for food.

Lucky, one of the Brown Barb-a-loots had lots of Truffula Tree seeds. So we could all come again because he planted them which made more trees grow. The Once-ler left. He left with joy because he had lots of money.

We felt happy again because we had lots of food to eat. Also we didn’t need to worry about the Once-ler anymore.

By Trinity Way

The Lorax (retold by the Lorax)

Long, long ago when the trees were still bright and the water was still wet. The Swamee-Swans still swayed in the breeze. The Humming fish still sang and the brown Bar-ba-loots played under the Truffula Trees. All of the animals ate Truffula Fruits and all the animals felt safe and comfortable and warm.

Till the once-ler came. The once-ler cut one tree down and a Lorax popped out and said “What happened, where am I?” Then the Lorax saw the Once-ler. He went over and hide under a branch “Hey” "Aaghh" screamed the Once-ler.

"Stop chopping down trees"
"Why" said the Once-ler.
"Because you are killing the trees and you are going to live alone."
"No I have the animals." said the Once-ler.
"You won’t if you keep cutting down trees."
"Well it doesn't matter about nature."
"It does matter about nature!” yelled the Lorax. "Yes"
"Yes it does matter look at it now and imagine what it would look like when you cut all the trees down!” said the Lorax.” Well it won’t matter if i just cut a couple of trees down.” said the Once-ler.
"It's too late...”

There goes the last Truffula Tree.” said the Lorax.”I have no choice but to let them go. Now it looks like the sky is blacky-brown and the water is full of gas. He probably still lives there now.

But he isn't working anymore and instead of work he is looking after the place and now all the animals have come back and are eating Truffula Fruits once again.

By Louisa Walker

SPINY LEAF INSECTS

3A have a large quantity of Spiny Leaf Insects, these gentle creatures make great pets. If you and your family can provide a safe and suitable enclosure and plenty of fresh guava leaves for them to eat, contact Mrs Mather. We would be happy to provide you with your own pets and information on how to care for your Spiny Leaf Insects.
Good luck with your guesses!

Lunch times and at the Book Fair: Guesses can be made in the Library at
50c a Guess

in the 2 pencil cases and small bottles?

Guess the number of Australiana-type items

Guessing Competitions

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Join in the Fun!!!

Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded at Assembly.

Use your imagination – the ideas are endless.

Props, place or thing

Come dressed as your favourite Australiana animal, bird, plant,

Theme – Australiana Story Country

Friday, 26 August.

For the last day of Book Fair –

in conjunction with Book Fair, a Dress-Up Competition is planned.

Dress up Competition

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Good luck with your guesses!

the Book Fair:

Guesses can be made in the Library at lunch times and at

Prizes will be awarded at Assembly on Friday, 26 August.

The competition will commence on Monday, 15 August, and

the closest guess to (within 20% of) the number of

pencil cases will win the pencil case and bottle of items.

Each guess will cost 50c. The person with the correct guess of, or

above,

items are in the Australiana pencil case and accompanying small

meal of the competition is to guess how many Australiana-type

at the Book Fair, we are holding 2 Guessing Competitions.

With the theme of Australiana Story Country – Find your Story!

To build excitement in the lead up to Book Fair and in keeping

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Daintree Family Connections

What we do
- We provide counselling for children 12 years and under and their family.
- We meet with you in your home and discuss your parenting needs.
- We work with you around developing ways to manage your child/children’s behaviour.
- We help you develop stronger relationships with your child/children.
- We provide you with up to date information on parenting.
- We run parenting education programs.
- We can act as a voice for you and your family if needed.
- We link you with other services if needed.

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Free service for families
We provide information, education, child counselling and support to parents with children 12 and under within the Mossman/Daintree area.

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