Thursday, 25 August 2016

**Dates to remember**
- Book Fair 22nd – 26th August
- Guessing Competition 15th-25th August
- Dress-up Competition 26th August
- Father’s Day Stall 1st September
- Prep Open Day 7th September

**Principal News**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It certainly feels and sounds like we are heading for a change in seasons. How glorious have the last few days been? Although this school is a great place to work and to educate your children on days like these, it sometimes feels like we should be doing something outdoors.

On that note I want to thank all those students and families for coming to school every day. Our schools daily attendance is increasing and individual class attendance is increasing. The healthy competition amongst classes trying for the term attendance excursion is really heating up. Our school is on the verge of overtaking the QLD state School Attendance rate of 92%. This is a far cry from our attendance rates of previous years of mid to high 80%. The research unequivocally states that student attendance at school has one of the major impacts on student academic performance and social cohesion. Thanks for ramping it up at home.

A big thanks to all students, parents, staff and community members for attending the Book Fair on Tuesday night. Again it was another outstanding success and I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kay Pike and Mrs Julie Cobb for generating the ideas and themes behind Book Fair. The way Kay and Julie decorate and make the Reading Room come alive is a testament to their community in generating a love for books and reading. So a big thanks to Kay and Julie. Also a big thanks to Ms Pam for letting us borrow her Reading Room for the week and to Mrs Case for helping me on the BBQ. Don’t forget the Book Week dress up competition being hosted on parade on Friday. We have first and second place winners for each class and an overall student winner. We also have first and second place winners for staff. Please come along to enjoy the spectacle.

Our before school Reading Club is really humming at the moment with lots of students and parents attending on a daily basis. It was lovely to see so many DADs there on Wednesday. Reading is truly a gift of life. Thanks Pam, Lachmi, Deb and Tahlya for creating a warm, engaging, stimulating and fun space for our buddy readers. It truly is an absolute delight.

**Attendance Award Week 6**

Year 3A remains our highest attending class for the month with a fantastic attendance rate of 94.81%. Well done 3A, you are in the running for our attendance award excursion this term. Our current top 5 attendance rates for the month are:

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<tr>
<td>3A</td>
<td>94.81%</td>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>93.68%</td>
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<td>1/2</td>
<td>92.36%</td>
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<td>Prep1 &amp; 5A</td>
<td>91.59%</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>91.31%</td>
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Keep up the great work kids, every day counts!

**Students of the week**

- **Prep**-Grace for coping well with her new school and her new class.
- **Prep1**-Hazel for always trying hard and being an awesome learner.
- **Year 1/2**-Samuel W for working hard to write and publish his text.
- **Year 1/2**- Max S for publishing his procedure in PowerPoint.
- **Year 2/3**-Vernon for being an outstanding learner.
- **Year 3/4**-Jet-Tyler for his huge effort to complete his good copy of “The Lorax”.
- **Year 5**-Jaymi for achieving improved NAPLAN results with her constant hard work.
- **Year 5**-Heath for his exceptional behavior on the ANZAC excursion.
- **Year 6**-Emmanuel for his sustained efforts in class.
- **SEP**-Lesley for independently finishing activities.
- **Principal**-Jai S for writing a great retell of the book “The Lorax”.
- **Principal**-Lani E for writing a great retell of the book “The Lorax”.
- **Principal**-Melika K for writing a great retell of the book “The Lorax”.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders, past, present and future.
P&C Fundraiser

Father’s Day Stall

Each year the P&C holds a stall for students to buy a gift for Fathers’ Day. We ask families to donate a gift to the school to be sold at the stall. Those students who donate an item will get first choice when it comes to purchasing a gift. Wrapping your gift in clear cellophane is also a big help. It doesn't need to be anything expensive. We usually price the items between $2 and $10 so that there is something affordable for everybody. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Students who wish to purchase a gift can bring some money to school on Thursday September 1st. Donations need to be handed in to the school office by Tuesday August 30th.

Volunteers Needed

The P&C would greatly appreciate any help we can get in organising the Fathers’ Day Stall; in particular we need helpers to run the stall on Thursday morning. If you have the time and would like to assist with gift wrapping, pricing or manning the stall on the day, please let us know.
Thank you!

Newspapers to Give Away!

6A has an ENORMOUS pile of newspapers that we would like to donate, ideal for garden mulching etc. Pick up from 6A classroom.

Free golf coaching

Free golf coaching at the Mossman Golf Club this Friday at 3:30 pm for primary school students in the area.
Anton Booy (Qld Junior Development Officer)

Book Fair Colouring Competition Winners:

The winners of this competition were:

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<td>Ronaisa Charlie</td>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Peyton Bowen</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Alia Walker</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Nanami Anderson</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>Tiarna Hawkins</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Jaymi Burcombe</td>
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Each of these students were given a $10.00 voucher to spend at Book Fair.

The judges were impressed with the colouring-in of the competition entries so they decided to acknowledge some of these students with a prize of a Book Fair novelty item. These students were:

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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Haylee-Tanniel Ellison and Taveon Latu-Burfield</td>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Isabella Pashen and Camelia Buchanen</td>
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<td>Melika Kessler</td>
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<td>Jasmine Allery</td>
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<td>Amber Gibson, Lesley Shuan-Kerr and Taishara Creek</td>
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There were many more terrific entries so well done everyone.
Grade 5/6 ANZAC Centenary Experience

17th August. 0900. Destination: Cairns. We were off to see the Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience. On the way we had lunch at the new Munro Martin Park and enjoyed Ms Pam’s brilliant Anzac cookies. We arrived at the experience and had a small presentation about the rules. We had to wait in lines to receive an iPod with headphones that told us what happened. We entered and the headset started telling us everything about Australia’s history of involvement in war and we could scan artefacts and get more information on them later. We passed several rooms that triggered the narrator to tell us a different story. In one room they had a manikin saying how bad the war was because a video was playing on its face. It was quite freaky as it looked very lifelike. We could hear bombs exploding and guns firing. The weirdest thing was if you took off the headphones you could hear nothing. We passed a wall with a lot of poppies which spelt out ANZAC DAY and took a photo. At the end we handed our headphones and iPod back and had a little wander around. We saw a huge tank and took a class photo in front of it.

On the way back a few people threw up so other than that it was a very enjoyable and informative day. We would like to thank Mr Bond and his wife for attending the experience with us, and also to Mr Bond for coming in to speak to us about his experience in Vietnam on board H.M.S. Vendetta.

LEST WE FORGET.

Signing off, Riley Byrne and Jove Thompson. Over and Out.

Ty Williams Cup