Thursday, 8 September 2016

**Dates to remember**
Mossman SS P&C Dance 9th September
Senior Camp to Cooktown 13th September
Assembly – monthly pennants and individual attendance awards presented 15th September
Last day of Term 3 - 16th September

**Principal News**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Don’t forget about the P&C dance on Friday night starting at 5.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. Great music, scrumptious food, live dancing and great company await you. See you there.

Mrs Burcombe took Kalyah, TJ, Jove, Reagan, Kyle and Riley to Wonga Beach State School’s wetlands on Tuesday to participate in the Reef Guardian Eco Challenge. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority organized this wonderful program where students from schools across the cluster undertook water sampling, reef zoning, wetland management and environmental impact assessments. A big thanks to Wonga Beach State School for hosting the day and especially to Mr Rick Weimar, a dedicated teacher at Wonga and an avid environmental conservation advocate. Thanks Rick. We must also thank Phil Laycock from Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for co-ordinating the day. Thanks also to Rob Hanlon from the local advisory group for opening the program. As per usual, our students and staff shone in true Mossman fashion by being totally engaged, respectfully behaved, socially mobile and just into it.

A big thank you to all those parents who are ringing the school to let us know when their child is away. This wonderful responsibility makes it a lot easier for our teachers and admin staff when it comes to documentation and accountability.

Please remember that it is your responsibility as a parent to notify the school when your child is going to be absent. Great job parents and carers for getting your children to school every day. Our attendance rates across the school are increasing. I can’t thank you enough.

I will be taking Long Service Leave in Week 10 of this term. Mrs Sharon Case will be Acting Principal on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Kath Williams will be Acting Principal on the Tuesday.

See you all at the Dance on Friday night!

**Attention Year 6 students!**
Enrolment forms for Mossman State High School 2017 need to be handed into the Mossman High School office ASAP.

**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.*
**Students of the week**

- **Prep**-Tarique for being an excellent role model for his classmates.
- **Prep**-Bryan for excellent sounding out to write a sentence about koalas.
- **Year1/2**- Whole Class for their enthusiastic and engaged approach to learning through informative texts.
- **Year2/3**- Tahj for his huge effort in reading.
- **Year2/3**- Roshahn for being mature enough to fix a problem.
- **Year3/4**- Trinity for her effort and focus while learning.
- **Year3/4**- Louisa for being a focussed learner at school and making excellent choices.
- **Year4/5**- Jasmine for outstanding efforts with her bookwork.
- **Year4/5**- Adriel for being a conscientious, independent worker.
- **Year5**- Tom G for working diligently on his literacy assessment.
- **Year5**- Laura G for working very hard on her ‘Storm Boy’ assessment.
- **Year6**- Whole Class for outstanding efforts with their English Speeches.
- **Principal**- Haley K for completing some excellent work in 2 digit addition in Maths.
- **Principal**- Zech for being courageous in presenting his oral presentation.
- **Principal**- Latavia for being courageous in presenting her oral presentation.

**Attendance Award Week 8**

Year 3A remains our highest attending class for the month of August, with an excellent attendance rate of 93.81%. Our current top 5 attendance rates for the month are:

1. Year 3A 93.81%
2. Year 6A 93.08%
3. Prep 93%
4. SEP 90.36%
5. 1/2 90.27%

Keep up the great work kids, every day counts!
PJ, Jack, Kian and Tyson with some of the 38 shoe boxes filled with gifts donated by the Mossman State School community to the Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

Milla, Nanami, Milli and Ellyn being safe and respectful during break time while decorating the rock with ochre.
**Future Leaders Eco-challenge**

This Tuesday six student leaders went to Wonga Beach State School to participate in the Douglas Future Leader’s Eco-challenge 2016. We arrived with the other schools, Wonga, Miallo, Port Douglas and Daintree.

We met Phil Laycock from the GBRMPA and we went for a walk along the Wonga wetlands. We had a lucky encounter with a tiny invertebrate called a praying mantis that we kept for a few minutes. Then it started raining and one of the students had an over-dramatic encounter with a green ant. We retreated to the cover of the school and had morning tea and then ventured through a maze the school had made. We did a water quality test on water from different locations and the results were quite interesting. We participated in a school litter management program with a rather humorous instructor, Lisa Goulding, from the Douglas Shire Council. We tried to develop a plan to deal with the lolly wrapper infestation at our school. Some ways were MUCH better than others, so we settled on educating the kids on healthy eating and to put more bins in the areas.

At lunch time we had a roll and some fruit and a popper to go with it. We then did a Reef Ranger activity where we answered questions about what you can do when on the reef which was fun. Afterwards, we were chosen to do an activity such as spearfishing and the others had to say if we were allowed to do that activity in that zone of the reef or not. It was an interesting day learning about our local environment and waterways. A BIG thank you to Phil, Mr Weimar and the Wonga Beach State School for hosting the event.

Reef Guardians, Riley Byrne and Kyle Neilan