Thursday, 20 October 2016

**Dates to remember**
24th-25th October – Cluster Music Camp  
27th October- P&C Meeting  
27th October - Wear your Footy Colours Day  
28th October- Assembly – monthly pennants  
28th October – World Teachers’ Day  
31st-4th Nov (week 5) – Swimming Lessons  
7th-11th Nov (week 6) – Swimming Lessons  
29th Nov-Year 6 Transition to High School  
30th Nov-Year 6 Graduation  
6th December – Concert/Presentation Night  

**Principal News**

Dear Parents/Carers,

On the Pupil Free Day on Monday our teachers were involved with moderating with other teachers from their year levels across the cluster. This was a great opportunity for our teachers to discuss and debate the achievement rating that they had given to a particular writing task. The goal of moderation is to get consistency of judgement when allocating an achievement rating. So a C rating that was given at Mossman is the same C rating that is given at Wonga Beach and all other schools across the state. For teachers this moderation process confirmed that the judgements they are making are consistent across the cluster. Our teachers use ‘Guides to Making Judgements’ from the Curriculum to the Classroom units that they are teaching to help them with making their judgements.

Our teacher aides participated in some professional development on the use of iPads and laptops in the classroom. They also undertook some PD related to strategies to use when faced with challenging behaviours. Hannah and Minna were involved in Office Administration training in Cairns and Adrian Martin (our PE teacher for this semester) also attended professional development in HPE.

Mrs Case has opened the M Factor nominations this week. Please encourage your children to audition either as an individual act or part of a group. Children can perform in many ways including singing, acting, dancing, playing a musical instrument and reciting a poem. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the unique talent in our school. So please support your children in this process.

Tennis lessons start this week during PE lessons. Students will need shoes as the tennis court surface is getting hot and of course hats.

We are still making final decisions about the transportation for our swimming program. We are mindful of costs to the families, time it takes to transport (either bus and/or walk) and the heat of the day. I will let you know next week of the final decision.

Don’t forget that next Thursday 27th of October at 3.30pm is our school’s P&C meeting.

Please note that we have had to change graduation night from Tuesday 29th of November to Wednesday 30th of November as the High School are holding a transition to High School disco on Tuesday 29th of November.

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

The **QSchools** app is a free application that is available to both Android and Apple and Windows smart devices. **QSchools** enables you to conveniently keep up to date with school notifications, contact details, school location, school news, calendar events, newsletters, schools hours and lots more, anywhere anytime.
Prep - Rikki for being a learner and always trying his hardest.
Prep - Ruby Leoni for being an excellent role model.
Prep1 - Kingston for trying hard in Spelling Mastery.
Prep1 - The whole class for being settled, engaged and doing an excellent job.
Year1/2 - Phoenix for his extensive knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.
Year1/2 - Torrez for his outstanding participation in English.
Year1/2 - Evie for working hard to complete challenging tasks.
Year2/3 - Ilena for awesome limerick writing.
Year2/3 - Alia for awesome limerick writing.
Year3/4 - Melika for 100% effort in all lessons.
Year4/5 - Aytavia for demonstrating confidence in working.
Year4/5 - Danielle for quickly developing peer relationships.
Year5A - Jeremy for a settled start to Term 4.
Year5A - Rebecca for completing an excellent, neat assessment.
Year5A - Jack for completing an excellent assessment.
Year6A - Zak for his superb bookwork.
Year6A - Kyle for his outstanding writing and efforts this term.

Look out, we have a new leader for the monthly attendance award. This week our highest attending class is 4/5 with an attendance rate of 92.11%. Remember that every day counts. Our current attendance rates for October are:

1. Year 4/5 92.11%
2. Prep 91.19%
3. Year 6A 89.44%
4. Prep 88.92%
5. Year 3A 88%
6. Year 1/2 87.91%
7. Year 5A 85.12%
8. Year 2/3 84.33%
9. SEP 84.15%

Are you interested in joining the cast of The Sound of Music? Last Friday we were lucky to have Alteouise, Karen and Sandra sing with our students on parade. The ladies are looking for students to perform in the upcoming musical, The Sound of Music, at The Clink Theatre. There are a number of workshops, auditions, rehearsals and performances coming up for any of our students who are interested. The workshops and auditions begin at 12 noon on Sundays and the performance times will vary. Those interested in participating in the workshops and/or auditions are encouraged to visit The Clink Theatre’s website at www.clinktheatre.com.au, click ‘enter the clink’, select ‘The Sound of Music’ and register their details in order to receive further information and to follow The Clink Theatre's facebook at www.facebook.com/clinktheatre.

The ladies have said that they would love to work with our children to form a choir and are looking at doing this on Mondays after school. Further opportunities to sing with Alteouise:

Tuesdays - Uniting Church Hall

Group voice classes
- Primary Children: 3pm-4pm - $10 each
- High School: 4pm - 5pm - $10 each
- Adults: 5pm-6pm - $25 each

Voices of the North Choir: Tuesdays 7pm-9pm

Contacts: Alteouise DeVaughn - alteouise@aol.com or 0488-661-351
Sandra Cruz - robandsandracruz@yahoo.com or 0434-308-222
Year 5/6 Cooktown Camp

Beep! Beep! We heard as we drove up the Julatten range. We thought the tourists behind us were just being friendly, but NO! Some of our bags had just fallen out of the back of the trailer. We were on our way to Cooktown for our Year 5/6 camp. We stopped at Laura on the way and walked up Split Rock to see the Aboriginal rock paintings. Our guide Roy told us about the paintings and then we visited the Quinkin Cultural Centre and had lunch. Then we were off to Cooktown, stopping at Black Mountain on the way.

“Yay, we are here!” everybody shouted as we arrived at the PCYC. As we walked in we were already in love because there was a basketball court, a cold bubbler and air-con. The boys all slept on the court which smelt like a dump because of the toxic air escaping from the boys’ backsides. Mr Kraig was snoring like a trumpet which made the ground shake too. The girls slept upstairs on the stage and their giggles could be heard from the court below.

We had a fantastic time doing all the activities organised by Mr Love and Mr Ryan such as the cruise on the Endeavour river, the Captain Cook Historical Museum, the spooky Cemetery, fishing and groper feeding at the wharf, sprinting up Grassy Hill and swimming every afternoon. One of the funny moments was when a few grade 5 girls pranked Mr Ryan by putting a fake snake in his sleeping bag. His reaction was hilarious as he jumped so high he could’ve slam dunked in the rim. Mr Ryan got his payback though when he took us back to the cemetery at night and said we were going ghost hunting. Some of the girls and boys nearly cried!! (Lucky he was only joking).

We didn’t go hungry thanks to Ms Pam’s awesome cooking as usual. A huge thanks to Mr Kraig for volunteering to drive a bus and supervise us, and to Mr Ryan, Mr Love and Mrs Burcombe for being amazing.

The grade 5's are looking forward to next year’s camp on the Gold Coast. If it is anywhere near as good as this camp or last year’s camp at Tallebudgera, it will be brilliant!

By Tyson Crees and Kyle Neilan
In Term 3 we learnt about animals and wrote an informative text. Enjoy reading these samples of work. I have typed their edited Informative texts so apologies that you can not see their writing and illustration. Congratulations Prep / 1 for a great job.

**Horses**  
By Isabella

Horses have two ears and two eyes.  
Horses have four legs and they have some white and brown.  
Horses eat apples.  
Horses live in paddocks.  
Horses can run fast.

**Grasshoppers**  
By Carmelita

Grasshoppers have six legs. They have long legs. Some grasshoppers are brown and some are green.  
They have different colours. They have two eyes.  
Grasshoppers eat grass and other plants.

**Sharks**  
By Kingston

Sharks have sharp teeth and tails.  
Sharks eat fish and whales.  
Sharks live in the ocean.

**Crocodiles**  
By Laurence

Crocodiles have sharp teeth and a long, big tail. They have a hard back. They have four legs.  
They can eat fish. They live in salty water too.

**Koalas**  
By Bryan

Koalas have a black nose.

**Butterflies**  
By Isla

Butterflies have wings.  
Butterflies have antennae.  
Butterflies have legs.  
They eat nectar.  
They live in people’s gardens.  
Butterflies can fly.
FOOTY COLOURS DAY
WE'RE UNITING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER
ON Thursday 27th October 2016
 footycoloursday.com.au #FootyColoursDay

Hooray For HOLLYWOOD
6.30 PM Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd December
The Glade, Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas
Tickets available at trybooking.com/exxc

HALLOWEEN DISCO
PORT DOUGLAS STATE SCHOOL CYCLONE SHUTTER
Friday 4th November 2016
$5 entry
Prep 15 years
6.30PM - 9.00PM
Food & Drinks on sale
Dance comps/games
Prizes for best dressed
Volunteers - Bodies in Motion
Enquiries Mossman Police 40982177
Port Police 40871999

70's FEVER
Friday 21st October
6pm
$5 Entry $5 Hire or B.Y.O Skates

80'S DISCO
DOUGLAS Derby Divas
Partnering Mossman Youth Services
Snacks, sizzle. Drinks available for purchase on the night
A Non Alcoholic Event