Tuesday, 2 February 2016

**Dates to remember**
- 05th Feb Assembly Induction of Student Leaders
- 17th Feb Leadership Camp for School Leaders
- 17th Feb NRL visit with cowboys players
- 22nd Feb – 26th Feb Book Fair

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2016 School year. I trust you all had a relaxing, enjoyable and family focused festive season. It was lovely to see all the new and familiar faces back at school on Wednesday eager to meet their friends and their new teachers. We have had quite a few new students enroll this year which is a good sign for our school. We have 29 new Prep students and 12 new students in other grades from other schools. These additional students have provided us with the opportunity to look at our existing class allocations. It has also meant that we will need to restructure our existing class structure.

Day 8 (Friday 5th February) is the day that all staffing (Principal, Teachers, Teacher Aides, Groundsman, Cleaners, Office Staff) is allocated for the rest of the year. Our student enrolment numbers on Day 8 dictates how many staff we get for the year. So it is essential that all students (existing and possible enrolments) need to be enrolled before that day. Following day 8 we will finalise our class allocations. Up until that date all existing class allocations are in draft form and changes may take place. As I mentioned earlier we will have to make some changes due to increased enrolment numbers. We use a number of criteria when determining which students may be moved. This includes (not in any priority order) date of birth, gender, academic ability, social mobility, friendship groups (both productive and unproductive), maturation development, learning style, rate of learning, looping (having same teacher 2 years in a row), teaching style, whether the student has had the teacher before and conversations with the students family. I am requesting your patience and understanding around the day 8 staffing process as we do as much as possible to minimise disruption to the existing class allocation. Increased student numbers is a factor that, as a school, we have limited control over and we do our best to make sure we get the class mix right.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new staff members. We have Mrs Sue Stannard returning from her stint in Cape York and Torres Strait. Ben Shrimpton will be working with Sue in the grade 2/3 class. Mrs Michelle Teasdale will be our PE teacher and she will be working on Thursday and Friday. Michelle also works at Wonga Beach and Miallo School’s as a PE teacher. Ms Alyesha Burford will be teaching Digital Technologies on Wednesday and Thursday. Alyesha will also be working at Daintree and Julatten schools. Annie Reynolds will be working on Fridays in the Grade 1/2 class alongside Ms Karly Allison. Annie has been working at Wonga Beach for a number of years.

I would like to welcome Sue, Ben, Michelle, Alyesha and Annie to our fantastic school community. Please make them feel welcome.

Currently our school structure looks like:
- Prep – Mrs Louise Walker, Mrs Wendy Mead, and Mrs Jodie Deuble
- Prep1- Mrs Kassandra Savange, Mrs Julie Cobb, Ms Maxine Haines
- Grade 1/2- Ms Karly Allison, Mrs Annie Reynolds, Mrs Lachmi Summers
- Grade 2/3- Mrs Sue Stannard, Mr Ben Shrimpton
- Grade 3/4- Mrs Marg Mather, Mrs Lavern Ireland
- Grade 4/5- Mrs Kath Williams, Mrs Kay Pike
- Grade 5- Mr Bronson Ryan, Mrs Pam Leonardi
Grade 6 - Mr Cameron Love, Mrs Sandra Burcombe
We also have Mrs Tequila Fapaini and Mrs Deb Maynard employed as part of our reading group rotations.

Our reading club operates before school from 8am and is being organised by Mrs Pam Leonardi. On Thursday (Day 2) we had 20 parents and over 100 students attend. Our Reading Club has been a fantastic success and we want to build that success this year. So please come along with your children, sit in the air-conditioned comfort and embrace the joy of reading. Our Reading Club is truly the ‘warm-fuzzy’ of our school. The reading club is keen on getting as many Dr Seuss books as possible. Our kids love them. The Courier Mail and Cairns Post have tokens in them that reduces the cost of buying these books. I am seeking your assistance in cutting these tokens out and sending them to school so we can use them in buying these fantastic Dr. Seuss books.

A big thankyou to Belinda Pashen for sewing the curtains and student pockets for the Prep class (and she doesn’t even have a child in Prep), thanks Belinda!

Please come and have a look at our new Prep furniture. It certainly adds a bit of colour and order to the room. We also have new furniture in the computer room to complement our 30 new computers.

Leadership Camp is on Wednesday the 17th February. Reagan, Jove, Tejay and Kalyah will be accompanying Mr Love to Tinaroo with the other leaders from the Douglas Cluster. At camp they will learn about leadership skills and come up with a plan for what they would like to achieve this year with their student council. Next week on assembly we will have our leadership induction ceremony where our 2016 leaders will be presented with their badges. Everybody is welcome to come along.

This year we have introduced a monthly pennant award system. Pennants will be awarded on assembly at the end of each calendar month. There are 3 pennants to be awarded each month.

Highest Class Attendance – for the class with the highest attendance at the end of each calendar month.
Class Conduct Award – for the class with the most commendable behaviour for the month.
Highest Quality Bookwork Award – for the class with the most consistently commendable bookwork for the month.

Classes will be able to keep their pennants for the year and display them in their classroom. The pennants will be displayed in the assembly room shortly.

Once again welcome to Mossman State School and thanks for making our school ‘a good place to be’.
P.S. Please have patience and understanding around the Day 8 staffing process.

QSchools
Have you got the QSchools app for your mobile device yet? If you don’t have a mobile device, you can always check out our website. The QSchools app and the website link give you access to our calendar dates, parent/guardian documents, newsletters, news items and photos.
Please access our school website on https://mossmanss.eq.edu.au or download the QSchools app to keep up to date with everything happening in our school.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Prep Charlie – Settling into his Prep class and being a good listener.

Prep1 Ty – Demonstrating the 5 L’s.
Margaret – Excellent listening and following directions. You are an excellent role model.

1/2 Indiana – Settling well into her new class and building friendships

2/3 Jermaine – Working quietly, following directions quickly and quietly. Being a great role model.

3/4 Melika – A fantastic start to the year by demonstrating respectful behaviour.

4/5 Aytavia – Being a helpful student to her peers.

Yr 5 Year 5 - A great start to the year.

Yr 6 Kalyah – Showing leadership and helping new students.

SEP Kodi – Settling into a new routine with a positive attitude. We love having you with us this year.

Principals Award
Beryl – for being honest and trustworthy and returning lost money.

Welcome to our new Preppies and our new Preppie families.
Our Preppies have had a fantastic first week - check out their brand new desks and chairs which arrived this week. They look fabulous!
MOSSMAN STATE SCHOOL
TO HOST
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Dates: Monday, 22 February - Friday, 26 February
Shopping Hours: 11.00am – 11.30am each day
and at:

Family Open night on Tuesday, 23 February
5.00pm – 6.30pm. Free Sausage Sizzle

Location: Resource Information Centre, Mossman State School

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Our Scholastic Book Fair (with the theme of Monster Book Fair—reading is so much fun, you'll get goosebumps) surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun-filled, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve. Also please remember that for every book you purchase our school receives a commission which enables us to choose books to place on the library shelves.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Families and community members are also invited to attend this enjoyable reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kay Pike
Book Fair Co-ordinator
Mossman State School

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