Wednesday, 25 January 2017

Dates to remember
26th of January Australia Day public holiday
3rd of February Leadership Conductions
8th of February Leadership Camp at Tinaroo

Principal News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year and a special welcome to all of our new families. We trust you all enjoyed a relaxing, enjoyable and family-focused fun holiday. The realities of a new school year await us all and with that comes change and constant readjusting to changing circumstances. We have had a large growth in our enrolments this year which will see us having to create a tenth class at our school. It’s been a number of years since we have this many classes and we look forward to our growing numbers and isn’t it great to see that our school has become a school of choice in our cluster. This is a credit to our school improvement agenda and our highly skilled teachers, teacher aides and support staff. It also comes down to our children who continue to offer friendship, loyalty, honesty, personality and a warm feel to our school that captures the essence of what we all about at Mossman State School. The creation of a tenth class will necessitate the movement of some students between classes, specifically in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. We will be sending letters out to families shortly about this, if movements are necessary. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this process. These decisions are not made lightly but with careful consideration and due diligence, based on the needs of each individual student. Please keep in mind that Day 8, Thursday 2nd February, is the official day for download of Education Queensland enrolment data. Final staffing for the 2017 school year will be based on the enrolment data of that day. As a result of that, the tenth class will be created at the beginning of Week 3 and students moved accordingly.

We did have our Meet and Greet evening scheduled for next Wednesday but we will need to put this on hold until we get our new teacher. I will include information about this in next week’s newsletter. We will hold our first assembly this Friday at 9am in the Resource Centre, where are first class pennants will be awarded for the classes with the highest attendance, best bookwork and best conduct. All families are welcome to attend. Next Friday, 3rd February, our school will be holding our School and House Captain Induction Ceremony at our regular assembly and again we look forward to your attendance.

A big welcome to all our new Preppies, currently we have 25 new little faces in our Prep class and we look forward to getting to know you all. Melissa Akmentins, the Partnerships and Innovation Officer for the Far North Queensland Region, Early Childhood Education, will be visiting our Prep parents before and after school next Wednesday, 1st February and getting some feedback around how they found transition, orientation and enrolment at our school. Melissa would also like to come up the following Tuesday, 7th February for the same purpose. We welcome your honest feedback on this process as we are currently reviewing the enrolment procedures.

Our religion classes for all students will begin in Week 3 on Wednesdays from 2pm to 2:30pm. If you do not wish your child to attend these sessions, please send a letter to request your child’s exemption prior to Wednesday 8th February.

Our attendance improvement over the last two years has been exceptional and last year we almost finished ‘in the green’ for the first time ever. Our final attendance for the year was 89.6% which is just 0.4% under the 90% which would have kept us in the green. So close! We want all of our students at school learning everyday, attendance really does matter. Thank you to those families who continue to support regular student attendance at our school, it makes all the difference.

Please remember that tomorrow is a public holiday but school resumes on Friday. We will be celebrating our first week with pizza and watermelon at lunch on Friday for all students.

Thank you everybody for a fantastic first week.
Welcome to 2017 to all our parents & carers!

We hope you’re all as excited as we are, to be part of the amazing, supportive & encouraging Mossman State School community.

The P & C is the voice of the parents. Important decisions that may affect your child at school are made at our monthly meetings. Our fundraising helps toward extra resources and equipment, for example the gazebos used on sports days. Our P & C has the responsibility of operating the tuckshop and selling uniforms which includes the ordering/stock control.

We encourage you to be a part of our P & C in any capacity, whether in a committee position, attending meetings or assisting with fundraising or in the Tuck Shop. Any assistance is appreciated but more importantly, it is a rewarding experience for you and has great benefits to your children.

As much as we would love to meet and personally invite you to our P & C meetings it is very difficult as both Anthea (current President), and Rachael (current Treasurer), work full time, not to mention our wonderful Mrs Case (vice President), and our secretary Michelle has moved back to NT!

Therefore we can only encourage you to come along to our first meeting Thursday 16th February, 3.30pm in the RIC. Please don’t be shy, come and meet fellow parents & carers!

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://mossmans.eq.edu.au or download the QSchools app to keep up to date with everything happening in our school.

Contact details

- There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on (07) 40999333 or mnult0@eq.edu.au so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

Absence notification process

- Please remember to call the school on (07) 40999333 or email at mnult0@eq.edu.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly.

Same day notification

- Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling (07) 40999333 or emailing mnult0@eq.edu.au to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.
FREE SUPER SESSION

WHO: All boys and girls aged 7-11 (who haven’t played club before)

WHAT: Free skills, drills and games with Taipans, Marlins & Dolphins!
       Signup information for club basketball will be available as well

WHEN: Saturday, 28 January 2017
       12:00pm to 2:00pm

WHERE: Early Settler Stadium (Cairns Basketball Inc)
       289 Aumuller Street, Manunda Q 4870

PLEASE EMAIL COMMUNITY@TAIPANS.COM TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!