



Mossman State School News

Equity & Excellence

Principal's Message

Term 1, Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were privileged to have had a visit from our adopt-a-cop, Officer Mikaylah Mathew to talk to our Year 3-6 students about cybersafety and protecting themselves online. It was a very interesting presentation and very eye opening with the number of our students already using social media. Please continue to have conversations with students about the information and images they share online and who they share this with. As Officer Mathew reminded us, 'what goes online, stays online forever'. We have attached some useful information about this in our newsletter. Please ensure that your child has their social media settings set to 'private' not 'public' as a number of students in these sessions seemed unaware of how to do this. A big thank you to Mrs McLeod for organising this information session.

Also this week, we had the privilege of having Chris and Bill from AFL Cairns with our Prep to Year 3 students providing a basic 'getting to know AFL Auskick' session to promote their 8-week course in Port Douglas starting this week. The Auskick course is open to 5 to 12 year olds and anyone interested can pick up a flyer from our school office. Our younger students had a fabulous time running through a variety of different drills and skills associated with the sport and we've already had a few more AFL balls being kicked around at lunch time than usual. Thanks to Miss Noli for organising these sessions for our students.

Next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting a practice test for their NAPLAN assessments. These are simply to give our students an opportunity to practise this type of test. A reminder to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns around NAPLAN. You are able to withdraw your child from NAPLAN assessments if you do have concerns.

Last week we were notified by the Education Department that our school has been selected as one of 3 schools in Queensland to showcase exemplary teaching and learning to inform the Australian Government's Quality Initial Teacher Education Review in order to develop a series of vignettes to be used for teacher professional development in 3 areas – classroom management, explicit teaching and phonics education. This is a credit to the outstanding efforts of our teachers and staff, so please join me in congratulating them all once again. We are truly blessed to have the teachers of the incredible calibre that we do at our school. They are constantly improving their craft and striving for greater outcomes for our students.

This week, we are very proud to announce that Miss Jenna Kerswell has been employed at our school as a Student Counsellor under the Education Department's Student Well-being Package. Miss Jenna will work on Mondays through to Wednesdays.

Sadly for us, our Year 5 teacher aide, Ms Wanitta had her last day at our school today. Ms Wanitta is moving on to bigger and better things and she will be greatly missed at our school. Thank you, Ms Wanitta for everything you have done for our students, our staff, our school and our community.

Have a wonderful weekend together.

Yours sincerely,

Randal



Our 2024 Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA)

1. Continue to implement agreed whole-school approach to the teaching of reading in the Junior School.
2. Collaboratively develop contextualised Science units aligned to Version 9 Australian Curriculum with aligned 4Cs marking guides and refine other learning areas.
3. Continue to refine pedagogical practices, including Inquiry approaches in Science and the explicit teaching of vocabulary.
4. Collaboratively develop staff wellbeing framework to identify and enact agreed school-based protocols to support work/life balance.



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Year 6 Fundraiser
Frozen Cups
 for
Sale
\$1.00
 Every Thursday 1st Lunch

Important Dates to Remember

- 1st March**
Pennants Assembly
- 11th March**
Year 5 Excursion to Cooya Beach
- 13th March**
NAPLAN starts
- 21st March**
P & C AGM
- 28th March**
MSS Cross Country
Last Day of Term 1
- 15th April**
1st Day of Term 2
- 25th April**
ANZAC Day

Wellbeing Focus

Self-Regulation

What is it?
 It means there is space between what you FEEL and what you DO. You are in control of your emotions and not the other way around. It means you can tell your Guard Dog to remain calm while you chat to your Wise Owl and Elephant who Tries to Remember so that you can make the best choice. If you are growing self-regulation you might make your own traffic light that you can refer to easily.

What does it look like in our school?

- We can be a traffic light when we notice we are upset, frustrated or angry
- Feelings and thoughts come and go and we know to control what we do with them
- When someone upsets us we can walk away or get help
- When we notice we are angry we can take big breaths

PBL FOCUS

I am SAFE
 I can play by the rules



Student of the Week 5

Prep- Leslie for being a role model to his peers in making strong choices and being a fabulous learner.

Prep- Saisha for an incredible job with our morning phonics. She has shown a growing understanding of her letters and sounds, outstanding effort!

Prep- Ava-Lee for being a great friend and helping her peers.

Prep- Texas for working so hard to complete all his set tasks in class.

Year 1- Leroy for improving his work ethic and striving to be the best he can be!

Year 1- Rambo for ALWAYS being so helpful and kind. You are a legend!

Year 1- Julie-May for working SO hard to improve her reading. You are amazing!

Year 1- Jayvahanii for being a funny and kind classmate who gives everything a go and grows in confidence every day.

Year 1- Mylie for demonstrating strength this week. She fills the day with kindness even when not feeling her best.

Year 2- Noah for carefully selecting and checking rhyming words when recreating his poem.

Year 2- Indie for amazing questioning and reasoning when discussing the different planets in the Solar System.

Year 2- Dustin for his excellent effort and attitude to learning.

Year 2- Annie for her application and enthusiasm for learning in all subjects!

Year 3- Liam for awesome effort.

Year 3- Beau for awesome effort

Year 3 – Riley for awesome learning behaviours in class. Keep it up, Riley!

Year 4- Jase for the marvellous use of weekly vocabulary words in his Daily Writing. Awesome job!

Year 4- Shaona for actively participating in class and showing a keen interest in all subjects. Well done!

Year 4- Jordan for having a passion to learn and a positive attitude towards every part of school life.

Year 4- Lyric for being an engaged learner in all subject areas. Keep up the good work.

Year 5- Adele for her sensational use of a variety of sentence starters in Daily Writing.

Year 5- Tsehai for trying her absolute best in all learning activities, asking for feedback and extending herself.

Year 5- Emily for trying her absolute best in all learning activities, asking for feedback and extending herself.

Year 6- Tana for always putting in 100% effort. Showing respect to others, and the environment.

Year 6- Ava P for her efforts in all subjects, well done!





Behaviour Award Attendance Award



I-Spy Awards





In **grade 3**, we have been busy learning about the lifecycles of plants and animals.

We were lucky enough to participate in AFL Auskick and had an awesome time doing it!

We learnt about cyber-safety with our Adopt-a-Cop, Officer Micky.

We are writing our persuasive letters to Mr Smith. Stay tuned for the fun things we are going to persuade him to do!



Munchbox Mayi Musings

I love a good system. We have the solar system (personal fave), nervous system, Dewey Decimal System, weather systems – I could go on and on. A good system can help streamline processes and provide procedures for how work can be done. This leads to greater efficiency and productivity, reducing the effort it takes to get particular tasks completed.

I'm going to admit I can be a tad hypocritical when it comes to the systems we put in place at Munchbox Mayi. This is particularly the case when that system requires me to say the word 'no'. It is great to give you all what you ask for and be a panacea for all things tuckshop. Unfortunately, when I try to please too many of you who fall outside of the system, the majority tend to suffer. It is now my goal to be strong (with a smile, of course) and follow the systems we have put in place, with great thought and experimentation, in order to avoid chaos.

The system I want to focus on today is our ordering system. Many of you have embraced the QKR app, with around seventy-five percent of our sales now being made this way. There will always be others who wish to order with cash in the good, old fashioned over-the-counter way. No problem, we love to see you all. We open the doors between 8.30 and 8.50am on tuckshop days for these orders. The usual menu is available each day, however most of our daily specials and weekly pop-ups are only available via the QKR app. This means we can monitor sales and have time to prepare – this is where my 'no' problem is rearing it's ugly head. It is with a heavy heart I have to admit it has become unsustainable to do it any other way.

I used to work for a man who loved all things motivational. Seminars, books, podcasts, mission statements and aphorisms. We would say "Systemise the routine and humanise the exception". We follow this premise at MM. Some people can't access or download the app and we are happy to cater for this. Just come and see us and of course we will try our best to accommodate you. If there are any other concerns we are open to adjusting the system for those few. That is part of our system! (Are you still with me???)

Anyway, so much more to say but have run out of time and room. I'll give you some more QKR info next week.

Chao, Sally and Tracey



FUTURE STUDENTS OPEN EVENING

MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

12TH MARCH 2024

DOORS OPEN FROM 4:45PM @ INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

5:00PM TO 6:30PM

LOOKING TO ENROL.....

- SCHOOL TOUR ✓
- MEET THE STAFF ✓
- ENROLMENT INFORMATION ✓

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LET'S GET TO IT

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE COMPETITION

We are going to kick off a 2024 Recycling Competition with prizes up for grabs

Starting WEEK 3
Winners will be announced Week 10

If you have a white bag from last year, grab it out and simply update your class, if you need a white bag see your teacher for one

Items must be 10c eligible items as per Containers for Change scheme





CORAL COAST
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JUDO CLUB



COME AND TRY

WHAT The Olympic sport of Judo was founded in Japan in 1882. Now practised in most countries of the world, Judo is a grappling rather than striking sport. It is the largest combat sport in the world with over 31,000 participants in Australia and over 50 million worldwide. Current and former members of our club have represented Australia at the World Championships and regularly compete at Regional, State and National level competitions. Other players enjoy the fun of the sport without competing and the friendships built within the club. All levels and ages are catered for.]

WHEN Monday and Wednesday, 6pm - 7pm (School nights only)

WHERE Victor Creeves Pavilion, Mossman Showgrounds

HOW We offer a variety of programs:

Juniors (5-14yrs) *Seniors* (+14yrs) *Masters* (+35yrs)

First Nations Sport and Recreation Program (delivering a fully government subsidised judo program to Indigenous youth)

"Mums on the Mat" (open to all mothers to train with juniors)

WHY Judo builds strength and fitness, confidence, self respect and self control. Coral Coast Judo Club is one the largest and most successful and competitive clubs in Qld.

Like more information: call in at the Dojo on training nights or phone 0427586314(Jeff)



**Douglas United
Football Club**

2024 JUNIOR COMP SEASON

6-16years Mixed Girls & Boys
Training/Come 'n' Try

Tuesday 13th/20th/27th February

4.30pm-6pm
Cassowary Grounds, Mossman

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!
PM DUFC fb page

Website: www.prostatemywell.com

HELP ME BE A SUPER SWIM HERO FOR SICK KIDS



Scan the QR code below to donate to this great cause and support Lisa Armbrust swim 5 km and achieve her goal of \$1000 this month for terminally ill and sick kids.

February 1st to 29th

Starlight
**SUPER
Swim**
POWERED BY speedo



**Receive up to
\$500 from ANZ for
your 2025 back to
school costs**

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.

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- DOUGLAS HOCKEY SIGN ON
- SATURDAY 24TH 9AM TILL 12PM
- HOCKEY CLUB AT SHOWGROUNDS
- FAIRPLAY VOUCHER ACCEPTED
- LOW YEARLY FEES
- ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

WE WANT YOU TO PLAY



ALL ENQUIRIES CALL KEITH
0407 495 335

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FILMS
THE SPACE RACE
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE FIRST BLACK ASTRONAUTS

Y-Block Amphitheatre
6pm 29th February

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Date: Thursday 29th, February

Time: 6pm

Place: Y-Block Amphitheatre, Trinity Bay State High School, Cairns

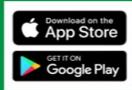
Registration: Please register your attendance



INTRODUCING YOU TO
QKR!



STEP 1
DOWNLOAD THE APP
Visit your app store.
Free to download



STEP 2
CREATE AN ACCOUNT
Sign up and create a FREE account - add Mossman State School



STEP 3
PLACE YOUR ORDER
Select the "shop" you want i.e. uniform or tuckshop. Select the child you are ordering for, the day you are ordering for, and scroll through the menu options - add to cart and then head to the checkout for payment options



PLEASE NOTE
Tuckshop orders must be placed before 8:50am if ordering for that day.

EMAIL US ANYTIME
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CALL SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFO
4099 9333

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Queensland
Schools
Road Services
Great Anyway!

Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children

✓ Generous casual pay-rate starting at \$33.27 per hour

✓ Long-service leave entitlements

✓ Queensland Government superannuation

To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer on 1300 360 135 or visit tmr.qld.gov.au/SafeSchoolTravel.





WEEKLY P&C UPDATE

MUNCHBOX MAY!

Did you know there is specials on offer at the tuckshop - check the newsletter for posts and Qkr! for details. Specials are only available to be ordered thru your Qkr! account - let us know if you need help registering.

THANK YOU to those parents who have been bolstering the crew in the tuckshop! We love our tuckshop! We love our volunteers! Thank you for making it all possible

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE COMPETITION

Are you in the race? Collect 10c eligible items, send them to school in the white bag and we tally up the highest student and class.

Winners announced WEEK 10

TERM 1 FUNDRAISING

We're laying low this term and supporting the Grade 6's in their fundraising efforts so stay tuned and get behind their initiatives (for this term and during the year... raffle, bbq, footy doubles)

THANK YOU FOR THE GOLD COIN DONATIONS

We love Arts Council and providing this for the kids, your gold coin goes towards this and ensuring all our students can attend.. thank you very much!



P&C MEETING

3:30PM 21ST MARCH

READING ROOM OF SCHOOL LIBRARY

EVERYONE WELCOME



EMAIL US ANYTIME
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Helping your family stay safe online

Children can learn, explore, play and make friends online. But there can be risks.

Your child might accidentally see upsetting content, be contacted by strangers or experience bullying. They might also miss out on important things like spending time outside.

Here are some easy things you can do to help keep children safe online.

Talk about online safety as a family

Let your child know they can always come to you if something happens online that makes them feel scared or upset.

You can ask your child to show you the games and apps they use. Use eSafety's [conversation starters](#) to help you get started.

Set up family rules together

As a family, you can choose some easy rules to help keep everyone safe online. You can include things like where devices can be used, what games and apps your children can use, and how much time can be spent online. Most devices and apps have features to set limits on how they are used. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about parental controls and settings.

Know where to get help

If you need help with an online issue and you are not sure what to do, talk about it with someone you trust, like a friend or a teacher at your child's school. You can also speak to someone at [Parentline](#) for help with parenting challenges. The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) helps to keep all Australian families safe online. The [eSafety website](#) has more information about [reporting online abuse](#) and staying safe online.



For more information about how to keep your family safe online, search for [eSafety Parents](#) on our website.