

# Mount Isa State Special School



## *'Moving Beyond Expectations'*

Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### Important Dates

#### MARCH

Tuckshop – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Swimming – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Friday night Buffs Raffle – 27<sup>th</sup>

#### APRIL

Student Immunisation  
Year 8 & Year 10 - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuckshop – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
School holidays start 3<sup>rd</sup>  
School Sports day – 29<sup>th</sup>

### School Hours

Breakfast club  
7.30 – 8.30am

School begins  
8:30am

Morning Tea  
10:30

First Recess  
10:45– 11:15

Lunch  
12:30

Second Recess  
1:00– 1:30

School finishes  
2:30pm

### Message from the Principal



Today and tomorrow we host the Special Schools Assistant Regional Director Matthew Johnson from Brisbane. The purpose of his visit is to gain a clear understanding of our school community and to meet the staff and students of our school. Matthew has extensive experience as a special school Principal from New South Wales and is very keen to visit regional centres such as Mount Isa.

As this term comes closer to Easter holidays, I would like to thank parents in assisting our school with our goal of full attendance to our school. We understand that your child may become ill and is unable to attend school and we appreciate you contacting our school on 4745 0888 to advise us of this.

Please keep in mind our Inter House Sports Day scheduled for Wednesday 6 May. We have two 'houses' for that event. We have decided that an annual trophy for our sports day will be named in honour of past President of the Parents and Citizens Association – Maria Luff. Maria made many significant contributions to our school not only as President of the Parents and Citizens Association, but also for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year. A list of the two sporting houses is provided for you in this newsletter.

This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of ANZAC Day which falls on Saturday 25 April. On Friday 24 April, our school, like many schools throughout Australia, will be conducting an ANZA DAY Ceremony. We will have in our school near our flagpole an ANZAC plaque set into a granite block. On behalf of our school, I would like to thank our Parents and Citizens Association for purchase of the granite block and McBride Transport for delivery of the granite block from Townsville to Mount Isa.

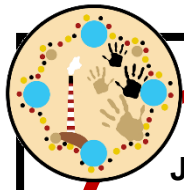
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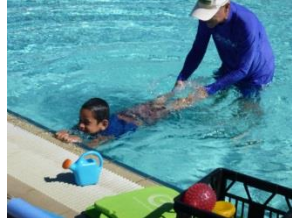


## Junior Class

As always Junior class has had a busy and very productive fortnight, with each student making gains towards their individual learning goals. This Friday marks our last visit to the pool for Term 1. Over the course of the term students have learnt essential pool safety skills and have increased their confidence when being around water. This Monday saw the implementation of the initial phase of the Picture Exchange Communication System for various students in Junior class. It was very pleasing to see this initial progress made by the students involved. In this very initial stage where PECS is a new concept for students, we are scheduling time throughout the day to explicitly teach them this skill 1:1.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to please send students to school in school uniform daily. This makes identifying students easier when we are out in the community. Each student in Junior class has made tremendous gains in Term 1 and we look forward to seeing what they will each achieve in Term 2.  
Thanks

Mrs Alex Miller, Miss Megan & Miss Kandice



## Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a fun couple of weeks at school. In gardening on science day, each student has their own planting box and have planted vegetables. They have been watering them every day and they have started to grow.

Last Friday we made sweet potato pizzas in the kitchen. The students enjoyed the taste and finished off four pizzas. They are also learning different household chores after the cooking including dishes, wiping down tables and sweeping the floors.

Friday is our last swimming day for the term. The students are all doing well learning new strokes and practising survival techniques. Please have togs and towels ready for Friday.

If there are any queries don't hesitate to contact me via phone or written note.

Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





## Junior Secondary 2 Class

We have had a great two weeks in Junior Secondary 2. The students have been working hard in our streaming groups and learning about our families in history.

The students are all working really hard to get our school garden up and running and we have been watering our plants every day and learning about different ways to plant and look after seeds. We are excited to watch them grow!

We have swimming this Friday so please remember to bring togs, towel and money for entry to the pool (if not already paid).

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri



## Senior Class

On Wednesday 11 March the school held their annual Leadership Badge Ceremony. The Ceremony was set up and catered for by the senior class.

The ceremony included family members and guests from Good Shepherd Catholic College, the Parents and Citizens Committee and the community.

Georgina McPherson received her Vice Captain badge. Kai Williams is also a Vice Captain but he was absent on the day. Jean Sam and Inez DeSatge received their Captains badges. They all pledged to act as role models for other students whilst at school and in the community.

Everyone had an enjoyable morning.



Kind Regards

Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni and Miss Kandice



## Showcasing Student's Work



Artwork by Anthony Lucas



Artwork by Inez DeSatge

## Message from the P&C President

Only 2 weeks left of term 1. Has this term just flown by or what? It is great to see all the tuckshop orders we have been getting. Our P & C is having a great time making all the orders. We also have 2 students from senior class that help get the Tuckshop orders ready each fortnight.

We are just waiting on the audit to have our AGM for 2015.

Have a great Weekend  
Sue McBride  
P & C President

## Message from the school Chaplain

### Music Program

#### *Junior Class*

We've already had two music lessons in Miss Alex's class this term. In our music lessons your child will try a whole new set of songs and skills, not to mention stretching their imaginations in all kinds of pretend play. With repeated activities, stories, songs and movements, they will get just the right balance of new and old.

#### *Junior Secondary 1*

Our theme for the next few lessons is Giggles. In our music lessons your child will have barrels of opportunities to laugh. Silly songs, funny movements, and some tried-and-true knock-knock jokes are sure to get a giggle. Humour promotes wellness, both physically and emotionally. Laughter has been shown to boost the immune system and reduce pain and it's also a great tool to reduce stress.

#### *Junior Secondary 2 and Senior*

Your child will be exploring the fundamentals of playing a simple wind instrument. We do not expect them to become experts, but we believe they will learn some important concepts about playing a wind instrument. We will work with the recorder for short periods during many of our classes.

### *Bridge Program*

Our students are working on their design for their Pole Painting activity next week. Keep an eye on this space for some photos of our pole.

If you have any prayer requests, please send me a text message on 0435 600875. I would love to pray for you.

Corlia Pienaar

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