

# Mount Isa State Special School



## *'Moving Beyond Expectations'*

Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

### Important Dates

#### APRIL

Last day of term – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
School holidays start 3<sup>rd</sup>  
School Resumes 20<sup>th</sup>  
TuckShop 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### MAY

TuckShop 7<sup>th</sup>  
TuckShop 21<sup>st</sup>  
School Sports day – 29<sup>th</sup>

#### JUNE

TuckShop 4<sup>th</sup>  
TuckShop 18<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



As this term comes to a close, I would like to thank all staff members and families for their support in making our school a fantastic learning place. We have seen many students achieve many successes towards their goals. During this term, we conducted an important celebration with our student leaders'

badges, students engaged in the Bridge Program towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and students continue to build their confidence and skills with the swimming program. In the classrooms, academic learning has been delivered with careful planning and expertise by the staff of this school. Our sign outside our school entrance states that "Great teachers at this school produce great results". We are all very proud of our students and we are very excited about what great achievements our students can produce next term. One of our goals for this year is to achieve 89% or better attendance. I am very pleased to announce that there were a good number of days where we achieved over 89% attendance and that shows that your support with our goal is proving effective. As a reward for our students, they are able to choose a prize from our 'Prize Box' and parents/carers could win a \$50 Coles card at the end of the month.

To provide an idea of new exciting learning programs next term, we are focusing on implementing a ten pin bowling program, a shopping program, a horse riding program with the Mount Isa District Pony Club and hopefully an Aboriginal Art painting program. What an exciting term to look forward to!

**Please remember school will resume on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.** Best wishes to all staff and families for a safe and restful Easter break.

Congratulations to our March winner of the \$50 Coles Card, Valmay, who helped Jack attend school every day this month. Every day at school counts, so it's great to see families making a big effort to send their children to school.



Please feel free to contact me on 47450888 if I can be of any further assistance to you.

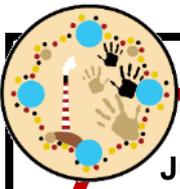
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## Junior Class

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1. For a lot of students in Junior class, this was the start of their Prep year. It has been a fantastic getting to know each of the students in our class, whether they were new students or returning students. This Term we have met with all the parents and carers of Junior class to establish PATH plans and Individual Curriculum Plans.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for their time and input. We hope you and your family have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you back after the holidays.

Thanks

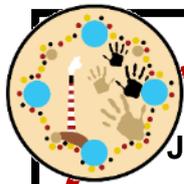
Mrs Alex Miller, Miss Megan and Miss Kandice

## Junior Secondary 1 Class

The last couple of weeks have gone really fast. I was away last Wednesday and Thursday for a conference in Brisbane called Positive Partnerships. It was about students with autism and was a very useful course. I will be returning again May to do the follow up two days. Last Friday in the kitchen we made tomato and garlic pasta. The students enjoyed the process of making the pasta. We are focussing on cutting skills with knives. The students are improving noticeably with these skills. We have an exciting last week at school planned. Yesterday we went ten-pin bowling and had some food at the bowling alley. And today we are having an Easter Break-Up Party with a BBQ lunch and Easter egg hunt. I hope everyone has a fun and safe break. I am looking forward to seeing all the students back after the holidays.

Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





## Junior Secondary 2 Class

We have had a great two weeks in Junior Secondary 2, all of the students have been working hard in their streaming groups leading up to holidays!

On Friday the students participated in cooking where they all cooked tomato and garlic pasta which they all enjoyed very much! We had music with Miss Corlia on Monday. The students had a great time practising singing, dancing and using musical instruments.

We hope everyone has a fantastic break over Easter and we look forward to a great Term 2!

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri

## Senior Class

The senior class has had an interesting fortnight. The whole class went swimming last Friday. Last week Jean and Anthony participated in the painting of a pole in the local community and Jean started Work Experience at Best and Less. This week Anthony started an Automotive Course at TAFE. Yesterday we were lucky enough to go bowling as a class.

We also had two birthdays this week, Anthony's 17<sup>th</sup> and Kai's 16<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated with cake and gifts.

It has been a fantastic term.

We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

See you in Term 2.

Warmest Regards,

Kind Regards

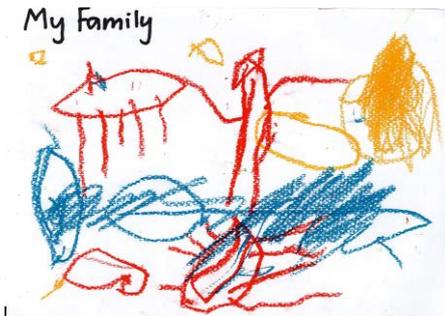
Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni and Miss Kandice



## Showcasing Student's Work



Family Portrait by Lilly in Junior Class



Family Portrait by Zyethan in Junior Class

## Message from the P&C President

What a term we have had, WOW

We have had TuckShop every fortnight.  
We have hosted the Buffs Raffle.  
We have had an Open Day.  
We have had lots of visitors.  
We have had Our School Leaders announced.  
We have had the Play Ground recovered.  
We have been selling our Smencils.  
We have purchased a Brand New Fridge for Miss Alicia's class room.  
We have started a Breakfast Club.

And most of all our beautiful Students have been attending school and learning lots.

Have a great Break everyone & see you all next term.

Sue McBride  
P & C President

**Term 2 starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30am  
with Breakfast Club available from 7:45am**

## Message from the school Chaplain

Well P & C President Sue here, I'm acting Chaplain for the last newsletter this term as Corlia is off enjoying her break already.

Pole Painting:

Students from our Bridge Award Program are using their creative talents and skills to add artistic and colourful designs to poles in the Mount Isa area near the rugby park. Their design of a green turtle set on a red and black base has been added to one of the poles and turns the area into an overall pleasing landscape. Students who participated in this activity are engaged in a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme set up by School Chaplain Corlia. Our students Anthony and Emma are seeking challenges from these types of activities to both give back to the community and extend their range of skills. Mick Brady a Community Environment Project Officer from Southern Gulf Catchments has also been instrumental in engaging students from this school. This program is funded through the Federal Government's National Landcare Program and paint and materials were supplied by Paint & Décor Mount Isa. Senior teacher Jacquelyn observed that the students thoroughly engaged with the work of painting the pole and are very proud of their achievement. Pictured in the photo are students Kayzha and Rowena with Corlia who were very pleased with their accomplishments.

If you have any prayer requests, please send me a text message on 0435 600 875. I would love to pray for you.



Corlia Pienaar  
School Chaplain (0435 600 875)

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