

# Mount Isa State Special School



*'Moving Beyond Expectations'*

Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Important Dates

### MARCH

Swimming – 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
School Leaders Ceremony  
- 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tuckshop – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Presentation from Police  
Officer – 17<sup>th</sup>

### APRIL

Tuckshop – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Student Immunisation  
Year 8 & Year 10 - 1<sup>st</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



We are very excited about our forthcoming event on 11 March, our School Leaders Ceremony to be held at the school commencing at 9.30am. This is to be followed by a morning tea in our home economics room. Our school captains are Jean Sam and Inez De Satge with vice captains Georgina McPherson and Kai Williams.

Our invited guests include Ms Betty Hanley who was a teacher with this school for sixteen years and five students from Good Shepherd College. We hope to see you at this very important ceremony.

This week has been another fruitful learning week for our students and also our hardworking teachers and teacher aides. Our Master Teacher Ella Ailmore from Townsville has been observing our classroom learning activities and learnt a great deal about what we teach, how we teach and how we know we are doing a great job of teaching our students. Ella has been leading and participating in many professional conversations with our staff members regarding how she can assist our school to create better student outcomes. We are excited with what is possible with our school Reading Program and how we can plan to improve students' reading skills.

Please remember that swimming will be this Friday and that students will require togs, towel and money if not already paid.

School Attendance:

It is with pleasure that we announce that February's winner of the \$50 Coles Card is Allita O'Keefe. Bradley attended school for every day of a week and Allitta's name was placed in the monthly draw. One of our school goals is that every child attending this school attends school every day of the week and parents/carers are important partners in helping this school to achieve this goal. At Friday morning assemblies, students who have attended school for the week are able to select a prize from the prize box. Prizes include tennis balls, toys, books, toy cars and lots of other fun things. I ask once again that families contact the school on 47450888 should your child be unable to attend school.

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

Reno Tieppo  
Principal

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## Junior Class

Hello, my name is Maria Metu and I am the teacher in the classroom from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March while Alex Miller is away. I am helping the children with their numeracy and counting to ten. They are also learning about the letters J, K and L.

Tuesday was a special day because the children had their school photograph taken. They were very excited about having their photo taken.

Thanks to Miss Megan and Miss Kandice who have been so helpful during my stay in the Junior Classroom.

Thanks

Ms Metu, Miss Megan & Miss Kandice

What a busy and productive fortnight Junior class has had. Everyone has been trying their absolute best with their learning. We all have been very happy to welcome James back to school after having broken his arm. Students have enjoyed our class cooking sessions that we completed over the last few weeks. We have been working closely with students to increase their independence around basic sandwich making skills. Thank you again to parents who check and sign communication books daily. Tomorrow we are off again to the pool for our swimming lesson. It is great to see the confidence growing in each of the students every time we go to the pool.

Thanks

Mrs Alex Miller & Miss Megan

## Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a busy couple of weeks at school. The students are doing well in their streaming classes for English, Reading and Maths.

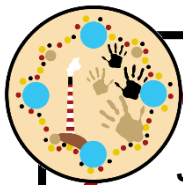
Last Friday we made tomato and basil pizza. The students ate a lot and enjoyed the taste. Friday is another swimming day. The students are all doing really well and it is good to see them trying their best with floating and different strokes. As you can see from the photos shown below we had lots of fun. Please have togs and towels ready for Friday.

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

Thanks

Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





## Junior Secondary 2 Class

We have had a great couple of weeks at school. Everyone is working really hard in English, Maths and Reading and it is great to see.

We had cooking and gardening on Friday. The students made basil pizza and planted their own planter boxes for our garden. Each student was able to select a vegetable or herb that they would like to grow. It will be great to be able to watch our seeds grow!

We have swimming this Friday so please remember to pack togs and a towel!

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri



## Senior Class

This week the senior class enjoyed a music lesson with Miss Corlia. It was great to see each of the students engaged in the lesson, especially John and Inez who showed us that they could imitate their beat perfectly on the sticks. Kai followed his instructions well and hit the symbol once; loudly when instructed. All students even used their singing voices.

We also smiled well for the camera on photo day, showing what a happy gorgeous bunch we are.

Everyone is currently working hard on new goals to earn their school dollars and also by wearing their school uniform every day. Keep it up!

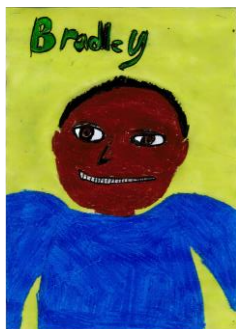
The school PBS shop will be open next Friday.

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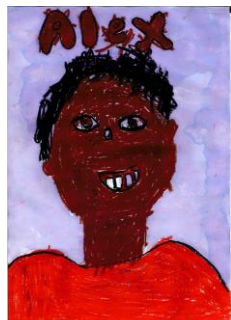
Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni & Miss Kandice



## Showcasing Student's Work



Self Portrait by Bradley O'Keefe



Self Portrait by Alex George

## Message from the P&C President

Afternoon Everyone,  
Week 6 already, wow has this term flown or what? We have been very busy learning all sorts of new things at school that Term 1 is nearly over.

Just a quick reminder that tuckshop is on every second Thursday & orders need to be in by Wednesday. On another positive note Breakfast club has been a real hit with the students.

Have a great Weekend

Sue McBride  
P & C President



## Message from the school Chaplain

Chappy Chat....

The Junior class students and I had a lovely time singing, dancing and catching bubbles. Singing is a natural way for children to express their innate creativity and growing a sense of rhythm and melody. The children loved exploring and playing the musical instruments.

In the Junior Secondary 1 class we had fun learning about music vocabulary called Presto and Largo. These are Italian words used to describe the tempo (speed or pace) of music. Whether music is presto (fast) or largo (slow) can help determine the mood of a given piece. The kids enjoyed moving to presto and largo music.

News about the Bridge Program....

Our 4 students: Emma, Rowena, Anthony and Kayzha are very excited about finishing the Bridge Program and moving on to the Duke of Edinburgh Award program next term. We've discussed some of the activities that they would like to do next term and they came up with golf, fishing, canoeing, ten-pin bowling and horse riding.

Jess' husband, Clinton, accepted an invitation to come and talk to our students about the police service in Mount Isa on 17 March from 1:30-2:30pm. Our students are very eager to learn about the services that are available to us in our community. This will be part of the volunteer section of the Bridge Award Program. Have a great weekend

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