



Mount Isa State Special School

Moving Beyond Expectations

Newsletter 2nd May 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Learning:

Welcome back to this term.

Whilst last week only had three days, it was a very busy week for both students and staff who completed medical training procedures for our students.

The nurse educator from Townsville led the staff through many sessions and assisted the staff to gain certification in the procedures. This week, learning programs recommenced with strong focus on developing the learning how to how skills, commencing and completing tasks with every effort to do the best and achieve the best result. As mentioned previously, our school curriculum plan for the next two years is up on our school website for parents and carers to view.

Students' Individual Learning Plans are currently being finalised and copies sent home for parents and carers.

Staff:

Congratulations to Alicia Scott, Geoff Miller and Kylie De Calmer who got married over the Easter break.

Mining Expo:

Please find attached to this newsletter the request for your permission for your child to attend the Mining Expo next Thursday 8 May from 9am to 11am. It is important that you return this permission form signed to the school.

School Photos:

Monday 12 May has been set aside for school photos. Roslyn Budd did a fantastic job last year that we have requested her to take our school photos again this year. Envelopes are also attached for payment of photos. It is important that families return the envelope with payment to receive the photo.

P and C:

Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12 June 3 to 4 pm. All parents and carers are welcome. Fundraising activities to take place over the coming months include the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on a Saturday morning and selling tickets at the Buffs Club on a Wednesday night. Please remember that funds raised by the P and C are re-directed back to our students.

Reno Tieppo



THE CHAPLAIN

Hi everyone and welcome back for this term. In the last newsletter, I briefly mentioned myself and just a summary of my role as school chaplain. My goal as our school chaplain is to build and establish relationships with parents, students and the community. While I'm still new to the school, I'm looking forward to meeting parents and carers for a cup of coffee and to have a 'chat'. My scheduled days with the school are all day Mondays and all day Thursdays. On the other days of the week, I work at Spinifex State College in the STEPS program. It would be a pleasure to meet with you just for a chat of any parent or carer would like this. Please arrange for an appointment at 4745088 for Mondays or Thursdays.

As a way of getting to know the students of this school, we are going to have 'pancake day' next Monday at second break in our covered area. Students will engage in the making of the pancakes and also in the cooking. This will generate the opportunity for students to ask me questions about myself, why I am at this school and how I can help them perform better results at school. In the next newsletter, I will provide you with some feedback on how successful this activity was for the students and how well the students understood who I am and how I can help them.

Corlia Pienaar
School Chaplain





THE SENIOR CLASS

What a fantastic start of term 2 in the senior class. Firstly we welcome back John Norman who had been away from school for most of term 1. It is great to see his smiling face back in the classroom. The senior students have all expressed how great the holidays were and how much fun they had. To their credit they have also all started very positively with their class work and social interactions with each other and the staff. Term 2 is a very important term for our senior students, as they will begin working towards their new Individual learning goals for the next 6 months. A big thankyou to all of the families for participating in our recent parent teacher meetings to discuss the learning goals. Parent copies of the Individual Learning Goals will be sent home in the coming weeks. This week's student of the week is awarded to Rowena Webb. She showed initiative during her cooking class by washing up the class dishes without being asked to. All of the senior students need to be acknowledged for the daily efforts, as they have all been fantastic during the first 2 weeks of the term.



GEOFF MILLER
TEACHER

Miss Andrea & Mr Geoff

THE MIDDLE CLASS

We have had a great start to the term with most students attending everyday. All students have done really well to adjust back into the school routine and do their best work. A special congratulation to those students who have gone up a level since last term. You have worked really hard and it is showing. This term we are continuing with our Reading, English and Maths groups as we are all finding this very effective and fun. Science day will be starting again every second Friday starting next week. On these days students will learn science concepts such as living and non living things, the needs of living things and our 5 senses. We will be doing lots of gardening and cooking which will be very exciting. We are very excited to see what the students learn and do over the next 8 weeks of term.



JESSICA READER
TEACHER

Miss Jess & Miss Jodie

THE PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

We have had a good start back at school for Term 2. Been great to have all students back, unfortunately some have been unwell this week but will hopefully be back into routines next week. On Monday we have School Photos so would like it if all students can come and looking their best. Next Thursday we are also attending the Mining Expo with all students which are always a highlight for them. Below are photographs of the students making Easter bunnies for Easter last term.



ALICIA SCOTT
TEACHER

Thanks Ms Alicia Scott, Ms Kandice, Ms Suni and Ms Karen

