

Mount Isa State Special School

Moving Beyond Expectations

Newsletter 06th June 2014



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Students' reports will be sent to families on Wednesday 25 June. In these reports, parents/carers will be able to read of their child's progress from the last six months of schooling. The three main areas of the report are English, Maths and Science. The opportunity for an interview between yourself and the class teacher is also available.



Art Program:

It is with pleasure that we announce that our P and C President Mrs Maria Luff has agreed to be our Volunteer Art Teacher. There are three beautiful paintings completed by Maria that add a wonderful tone of respect to the Indigenous culture throughout our school. We are certain that Maria's talent and skills will greatly assist our students to enjoy the many forms of art. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30-2.30pm will be our art lessons with Maria.

Challenge Games:

This year is the 20th Year of the Challenge Games conducted in Townsville and our school is participating. The main focus of the Games is participation with activities such as Frisbee throw, running competitions and team event events such as tunnel ball. The dates for the games are from 27 July to 01 August that includes visiting the Museum and Reef HQ in Townsville and a visit to our 'friends' in Magnetic Island State School. Our school bus will be used for transport and the Townsville Community Learning Centre Special School have kindly agreed to provide free accommodation. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Sue McBride in securing sponsorship for student shirts and hats and assistance with arrangements in Townsville.

P and C Meeting:

Our next P and C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12 June 3-4pm following the 'My Future My Life' Presentation. Please note that the President is Mrs Maria Luff, Treasurer Ms Lisa Hensler and Secretary Mrs Sue

McBride. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. There is to be a short presentation also on cyber safety.

\$50 Coles Card Winner:

Thank you to all parents/carers who support school attendance. Your efforts are greatly appreciated in getting your child ready for school each day. When your child attends school for the week, your child receives a certificate and also a chance to select a prize from the Prize Box. In addition, the parent/carer name goes into a monthly draw for a \$50 Cole gift card. Congratulations to Mrs Erena Hope on winning this last month's \$50 Coles card.

In the photo are principal Reno Tieppo, P and C President Maria Luff and teacher Jess Reader conducting the \$50 Coles card draw.



My Life My Future Presentation:

Next Thursday afternoon is scheduled for the My Life My Future Presentation 2-3pm. This is the opportunity for all parents to understand what are the options for funding after your child has completed schooling. Before the presentation, we are hosting a free BBQ 1.30 to 2.00pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Chaplain Commissioning:

Our School Chaplain Corlia Pienaar is to have her official ceremony in the role. We are conducting a free BBQ on Thursday 26 June 1-2pm and welcome all parents/carers to this function.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 47450888.

Reno Tieppo

Principal



THE SENIOR CLASS

The senior class has been working flat out since the last newsletter. They have all been working really hard on their Math, English, Science and Reading goals. Emma and Rowena have displayed really impressive skills around the concept of subtracting double digit numbers requiring regrouping (a very difficult concept to learn). So well done girls, they are also our joint students of the week for this hard work. Other students who have excelled this week are Jack and Kayzha during their English class. Jack and Kayzha have tried really hard to transition to reading groups with Miss Jess and then back to English with Mr Geoff every day this week. During both sessions they have worked very well and displayed excellent on task behaviour. It has been exciting to see Raquel attending school more regularly. She is enjoying her time in the classroom And is trying really hard to do all of her work. Well done Raquel! Keep up the great effort. Another senior superstar is of course John. John has been super chatty this week, but more impressive is his effort using his walking frame. He is already showing improvement with his strength and movement around the classroom. So as you can see week 7 was a cracking week of hard work and great achievement from all of the senior students. They must know its report time so they are out to impress. Keep up the fantastic effort seniors.



GEOFF MILLER
TEACHER

Mr Geoff & Miss Andrea

THE MIDDLE CLASS

We have been doing great in Middle Class. We have been learning more about our bodies and all students have shown interest and improvement. In particular Cortnee has been inquisitive by asking a lot of questions which has helped us learn even more.



JESSICA READER
TEACHER

This week we enjoyed a fun session of Indigenous art with Miss Dianne and we made beautiful paper collages of emus and echidnas from the dreamtime stories we read. Travis was very interested in learning more about these stories and Lionel

shared his own stories with us as well.

We have also been doing a lot of social skills, including being nice to friends, using nice words encouraging others and playing team games. Kyle has been a great model during these lessons as he constantly displays nice behaviours and helps out his friends.

Only 3 more weeks of term and I hope they are as successful and fun filled as the rest of the term has been. We hope to see all the students still coming to school and trying their best.

Miss Jess & Miss Jodie

THE PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

It has been a busy couple of weeks at school. We have been collecting lots of records on the student's new goals in the class. Xavier has been doing great with his standing and posture chair. James has been working hard with Pecs and intensive interaction. Georgina has been enjoying the classroom music and interactions. Hakarsha been doing well with her new walker and getting used to it again. It is so pleasing to see them all trying their best and improving. This week Hakarsha received the student of the week for participating and enjoying classroom routines. The student's who received the star award for 5 days attendance this week are Georgina and James. Well done!



ALICIA SCOTT
TEACHER

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





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News from the Chaplain

Every day at Mount Isa Special School is a wonderful blessing. The pleasure of getting to know the students, parents and staff fills me with great joy. I love our little chats as well as the long and intensive conversations. Please remember that I am there to support you and help you. If you want to contact me, you are welcome to call me on my mobile phone or make an appointment by calling the school.

Our school are supporting the 'My Time' group, which are running every fortnight on a Monday. The 'My Time' program is a program that supports parents of children with disabilities. How can 'My Time' help you?

To meet parents in similar circumstances

To meet grandparents who are primary carers of children

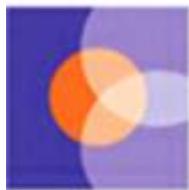
Making time for yourself and your needs

Each group has a play helper who leads children and siblings in activities, so parents and carers can spend time focusing on catching up with others.

All parents and carers are welcome to come along for a chat, a cuppa and some morning tea.

'My Time' is from 9am-11am on a Monday (every fortnight) at Mount Isa Special School in the old staff room. Next meeting date is Monday 16 June.

For more information about My Time, please contact Melanie Lyon at Ph: 0402667883 or on email: mystique_2205@hotmail.com



MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*



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