



# Mount Isa State Special School

## Moving Beyond Expectations

Newsletter 19th September 2014

### THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to offer my congratulations to all staff, students and families for a fantastic school term of learning. We have seen many students make enormous gains with their individual goals across the curriculum. At the commencement of this term, many of the students' markers on the data wall were low on the wall. Most of the markers have now advanced up which demonstrates the hard work that many teachers, teacher aides and students are providing towards being the best that can be. These achievements are pleasing to see and we are encouraging our students to continue with this growth. Please see the photo provided in this newsletter of the data wall.

As we move towards term four, I would like to advise



you that swimming will commence on Friday 17 October. Permission notes will be sent home seeking your permission and entry costs (\$2.50). We will conduct swimming on Friday and Science on the alternate Friday.

This week, we hosted a visitor from Griffith University. Rhianwen Laws is currently completing her Bachelor of Special Education and is very keen to be part of our school community as a Special Education teacher next year.

There is no doubt that next term promises to be an exciting and interesting term.



Best wishes to you for a safe and restful two week break. Please note that school recommences on Tuesday 07 October.

Yours faithfully,  
Reno

### P AND C ASSOCIATION

#### P & C News

Last week of term 3 already, this term we have had Variety Bash NT come and visit our school, we have had Stacey our Vice President go to the State conference for P & C's Queensland, we had our open day yesterday and our last P & C meeting for this term. So we have been very very busy.

Our balance in the P & C Account is starting to build, with all the fundraising we have been getting done. Our current fundraiser is Smencils \$1.50 each. We also are holding the Ticket Table for Buffs on Friday 10th October.

Our next meeting is flagged for Thursday 16th October 3-4pm in the staff room, hope to see you all there.

Have a great holiday and see you all back here for term 4.

Sue McBride



## THE SENIOR CLASS

It's hard to believe that it is the last day of term 3. The last 10 weeks have disappeared so quickly, despite this the senior class has worked so hard and completed some fantastic work. Everyone in senior class has tried hard to follow directions, stay on task and complete their class work. They have done this by trying hard to display our three school rules everyday. Throughout the term all of the students have received student of the week certificates that celebrated skills and behaviours that they excelled in. It was pleasing to see so many senior students regularly receiving prizes from the attendance prize box to celebrate 100% attendance at school each week. Our student of the week award this week went to Jack Melville. It has been fantastic to see Jack become more independent at preparing food at break times. Keep up the great work Jack.

From everyone in senior class we hope you have a safe break these holidays. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, parents and students for making me feel so welcome throughout my first term at MISS.

Miss Alex & Miss Andrea

## THE MIDDLE CLASS

We've had a great end of term 3 in Middle Class with all students trying their best and coming to school everyday.

Congratulations to our "Student of the Week", Kai Williams for trying his best to use 'gentle hands' all week.

We are looking forward to next term when we start our swimming lessons every fortnight.

We hope you have a safe and happy holidays.

From Miss Jess and Miss Jodie



## THE PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

We have had a busy Term 3. The students are doing really well with their individual programmes. Hakarsha is now more use to using her AFO's regularly in the classroom. She uses them approximately 3 times a day including hosadress, standing frame and walker. She is enjoying being active and is continuing to smile throughout the day with interactions. Hakarsha received student of the week a fortnight ago for active participation in class and wearing her new AFO's regularly. Well done Hakarsha. Georgina has been participating actively with interactions, music and switches. She enjoys her massages and is increasing her vocalisations and smiles in the classroom which is lovely to see. Xavier has been doing so well with switches and using his hands. He has been independently uses his stander in the Multi-Sensory Room and using his posture chair in the classroom. Keep it up Xavier. James has enjoyed being outside developing fitness and watering the plants. He enjoys interactions through the day and knows the routine well. Last week Xavier received the student of the week for increased participation in the classroom program. Keep it up! As well Georgina and James received the star award for 5 days attendance.

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



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