

Mount Isa State Special School

Moving Beyond Expectations

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THE PRINCIPAL

Variety Club Bash Visit:

This week was one of the most exciting weeks for our school. The Variety Club Bash cars and their wonderful volunteers came to our school for lunch put on by the school Parents and Citizen's Association. There were many types of cars with crocodiles on the roof, cowboys and indians and a bug car which frightened most of us. The volunteers were treated to a wonderful BBQ lunch. Mr Tony McGrady welcomed the volunteers to Mount Isa and Cortnee, Emma and Rowena welcomed the volunteers to our school. Some of the volunteers sat with some of our students for a photo to record the visit. The purpose of the Variety Club in Australia is to support many organisations that help in the community. We are very fortunate that the Variety Club has given our school funds to purchase a shadehouse for our gardening and Science program. This project is possible thanks to the wonderful efforts of our school's Parents and Citizen's Association President Sue McBride who coordinated the day's activity. Thanks also to Stacey Portch, Lisa Hensler and family and friends for their fantastic support.



Curriculum:

This week has been an important week for teacher Alicia Scott who is in Brisbane at Southport Special School studying how that school implements the strategy of Intensive Interaction. Our goal is to deliver a first class curriculum for all students and this training opportunity will strengthen our curriculum planning and delivery for our students.

Junior Secondary Training:

Please note that I will be in Townsville this Friday for planning around Junior Secondary. In my absence, Alicia Scott will act as Teacher in Charge of the school and will contact me if needed.

Absent from School:

Please note that it is a requirement that parents/carers should contact the school on 47450888 to advise if your son/daughter is absent from school.

School Open day:

Please see the attached flyer advertising our Open day scheduled for Thursday 18 September. The Open Day is part of Disability Action Week and a great opportunity for our school to showcase everyday learning within the school.

Regards,
Reno Tieppo
Principal

THE SENIOR CLASS

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of term 3. Despite this, senior class has worked beautifully and have some completed some fantastic work. Students in senior class have tried their hardest to follow directions and lead a positive example for other students in the school. It has been presently surprising to see the attendance rate in senior class raise this term. It is fantastic to see so many senior students regularly receiving prizes from the attendance prize box to celebrate 100% attendance at school each week. It has also been pleasing to see some of the senior students becoming more independent in the classroom at both work and at eating times. Senior class is also very excited about our visit to the Mount Isa Mines Show of La Boheme next week, as we have been learning about opera in music. We look forward to sharing some photos from our visit.



Miss Alex & Miss Andrea



THE MIDDLE CLASS

We have all continued to do a lot of learning in Middle Class. We have been focusing on following instructions and have practiced through gross motor games and classroom jobs. Cortnee has done a great job at learning to listen to adults and follow directions. Keep it up Cortnee!



JESSICA READER
TEACHER

We have also enjoyed looking after our school garden. We harvested some vegetables including tomato, peas, beetroot, carrot and rocket lettuce. They were yummy!

Miss Jess and Miss Jodie

THE PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

My name is Lyn Makkai, or Miss Lyn as the students call me. I have visited your school as a supply teacher on quite a number of occasions in recent times so I now know many of the children well and I also enjoy working with your valuable staff members.

This week I have been with the Pre-Intentional Group for three days while Miss Scott has been absent. We have had a great week! On Monday the Variety Bash Cars came and how exciting this was for everyone! Georgina enjoyed the happy atmosphere the huge crowd of visitors brought to our special lunch gathering and James took a walk around all the amazing/outrageous cars on the oval. As the horns tooted and motors revved when they left, James was there at the rails giving a wave.

On Tuesday, we were joined by Hakarsha who really exerted herself at the standing frame and on the walker. Her smile of pleasure said it all as she moved around the room.

Reading and writing sessions with other students have been a pleasure, too. It is so wonderful to see the progress the children have made over the past weeks and months.

Many thanks to all staff members for their ongoing support and to the students who are so special. I look forward to coming back soon.

Sincerely
Lyn Makkai.

Georgina is happy having a massage

Xavier is relaxing in the classroom

Hakarsha is smiling in the Multi Sensory room



THE P&C PRESIDENT

Well we have had a great month, the P & C has been very busy organising for the Variety Bash NT BBQ. Variety NT came and had lunch with our students on Monday, and a fantastic time was had by all. I would like to thank the helpers that made the Variety NT BBQ lunch go so smoothly "Stacey on salads, Lisa on salads, Stacey's Dad and Brother on cutting of steak, Tyson on BBQ, Adrian on BBQ, Shawn on BBQ, Mr David (Groundsman) on set-up, Rosie (Cleaner) on set-up, Mr Reno on set-up, Mount Isa City Council for donating the tables and chairs, David for donating use of esky's, supplying the ice and drop off and pick up of BBQ's and all our Students and Staff for having a great time with the Variety NT Bashers."

By hosting Variety NT for lunch on Monday we were able to apply for a grant for the glass house in our veggio garden which has been purchased and built and is now ready to be filled. We were informed on Monday when Variety NT spoke that we are now going to receive some more money to fill the glass house, so in total Variety NT have granted us \$1000.00 to purchase the glass house, shelves, pots, seed raising mix, mulch and seeds. So our students will soon be able to see how vegetables are grown from seed and will eventually be able cook and eat what they harvest. Our August meeting is Thursday 28th Aug, at 3pm - 4pm where we will be discussing our open day on 18th Sep and the raffle ticket sales at Buffs Club on 10th Oct.

Sue McBride P & C President.

