



Mount Isa State Special School

Moving Beyond Expectations

Newsletter 3rd April 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an exciting and highly rewarding period of learning this term has proven to be. Our school has now developed the curriculum for our students for the next two years of schooling and this curriculum is being delivered to our students in a very



professional and successful manner. Our day of learning begins with reading and writing skill development for all students and our streaming arrangement ensures that all students are able to access and engage with their learning to his or her potential.

There are some exciting additions to what we teach next term. Our Science curriculum will again be our focus for one whole day of the week with activities that include our Stephanie Alexander Garden and Kitchen Project that builds enthusiasm and high rate of excitement with students. Our new library recently opened at our 40th Anniversary will be utilised by students to gain more information from around the world through books and computers. Community based instruction will also commence in Term 2 with classes accessing the community in places such as supermarkets, city library and the city centre to develop specific goals from students' Individual Learning Plans. What an exciting term to look forward to!

Please note that due to a double booking this Friday, there will be no swimming as our students will be involved in a Puppet Show from 9 to 11 am.

Swimming will re-continue in Term 4 this year when the weather again warms up.

Our 40th Anniversary celebrations last Saturday was very successful. Well over 100 people enjoyed the formalities of the opening of the library, cutting of the birthday cakes and fun of the student Drumbeat presentation. I have included some photos from the event for your viewing in this newsletter.

School concludes for a two week break this Friday and recommences on Tuesday 22 April.

Could I ask that all parents and carers notify the school on 47450888 when your son/daughter is absent for the day. If absences are due to illnesses and you visit a doctor, we require a doctor's certificate to explain the reason for absence.

Head lice continues to be a problem. Could I ask that all families make a concerted effort in washing their children's hair with head lice shampoo and also wash bed sheets and pillow covers? If you have any questions on this request, please feel free to contact me on 47450888 for further assistance.

Our new school Chaplain has been appointed. Her name is Corlia Pienaar and she will commence with our school on Thursday 01 May. In future newsletters, Corlia will be providing information on her role with our school. A photo of Corlia is with this newsletter. Next Parents and Citizens' Association meeting is now scheduled for Thursday 01 May 3-4 pm in our staffroom. All parents and carers are most welcome to join in for tea/coffee.

Our winner for the beautiful painting by Maria Luff was Cindy Wooldridge with ticket B21. Thank you for your support with this raffle. Please find attached to this newsletter two flyers for your information. The Easter in the Park and the My Time Association. The 'My Time' Association will now be based in our school

Reno Tieppo
Principal



Corlia Pienaar School Chaplain



Drumbeat
Miss Jo,
Travis,
Kayzha,
Kyle,
Jack,
Rowena,
Cortnee,
Hakarsha.



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SENIOR CLASS

Well that wraps up term 1 of 2014. The last 10 weeks have disappeared so quickly, despite this the senior class has worked so hard and completed some great work. All of the seniors have 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. The students have really enjoyed the opportunity to work with the different teachers and teachers aides during our Reading, English and Math rotation groups. The seniors have recently started doing school based jobs every afternoon. So far they have collected and washed classroom laundry items, collected and composted vegetable and fruit scraps. and maintained our new plants in the playground. While doing these jobs, many students have been successful in completing the tasks with a high level of independence. All in all, it has been a great term with lots of personal achievement and development for all students and we are looking forward to starting term 2 off just as positively as term 1. From everyone in the senior class we hope you all have a safe 2 week break at Easter.

Cheers Mr Geoff & Miss Andrea

Up coming Events:

Friday 4th April Puppet show.
No Swimming on Friday.

School Holidays: Last day at school
Friday 4th April . School resumes
Tuesday 22nd April

P&C meeting Thursday 01 May 3-4 pm in the staffroom.



Geoff Miller
TEACHER



Reno, Merle, Andrea, Rose, Maria, and student Rowena cutting the 40th anniversary cake.



Reno, Rowena holding New Flags for the school and Raffle Painting. Completed by Maria Luff



Opening of the new Library at the 40th anniversary



Robbie Katter giving speeches at 40th anniversary with Reno Tieppo