

Mount Isa State Special School



'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 6th February 2015

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Swimming – 6th & 20th
Tuckshop – 19th
P & C Meeting - 5th- 3-4pm

MARCH

Swimming – 6th & 20th
Tuckshop – 5th & 19th
School photos – 3rd

APRIL

Tuckshop – 2nd
Student Immunisation
Year 8 & Year 10 - 1st
School holidays start 3rd

School Hours

Breakfast club
7.30 – 8.30am

School begins
8:30am

Morning Tea
10:30

First Recess
10:45– 11:15

Lunch
12:30

Second Recess
1:00– 1:30

School finishes
2:30pm

Message from the Principal



Welcome to continuing and new families to our school. We are only a few weeks into our school term and it is pleasing to see that students are engaging with their testing and learning activities. A significant focus is currently on clearly establishing benchmarks or students' levels of capabilities across reading, writing and maths skills. This information is critical in determining how well our students have learnt and applied new skills, knowledge and also how well we as a school have set up student learning routines, resources and engaged your son or daughter in the activities. Some key questions you as a parent/carer could ask when your child arrives home are:

A: What have you learnt today?

B: How did you do?

C: How do you know?

D: Where can you improve?

E: Did you seek help?

Our Parent and Citizen's Committee led by our president Sue McBride has shown fantastic support and commitment in assisting our school throughout last year and already this year. Recently, the P and C were able to assist one of the classes with the purchase of a fridge to help students store their lunches at cool temperature for the two recesses. On behalf of our school community, thank you Sue and please pass our gratitude to the remainder of your fantastic team.

The Breakfast Club led by Sue and Matilda has been a fantastic way to encourage students to come to school, meet up with friends and eat some delicious food before school commences. This is open from 7.45am in the morning and closes at 8.25 am. Our school attendance target this year is 89% across the whole school and we ask ALL FAMILIES to support us in achieving this goal. If you know your child will be absent for the day, please contact the school on 47450888 so 'Explained Absence' can be added to your child's record. This year, we are planning two very important events for our school terms. In week 6 of this term, our school leaders- CAPTAINS and VICE CAPTAINS will be awarded their badges. Early in term 2 we will be conducting our first School Sports Carnival where two team houses will compete for the Maria Luff Memorial Trophy. Further details around these events will be supplied later. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself on 47450888.

Kind Regards

Reno Tieppo
Principal

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Junior Class

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of week two. Junior class has welcomed three new students to our school, Zyethan, Lilly and Joshua. All students are now learning familiar routines and our working well at set tasks. We are all looking forward to our first swimming lesson at the pool on Friday. Pictures will follow next newsletter.

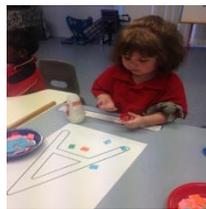
Thank you to the parents who read and sign the communication book daily, as important information and permission notes are often distributed via the communication book.

Thanks

Mrs Alex Miller, Miss Megan & Miss Kandice



Zyethan working hard on his letter craft.



Lilly working on her letter 'A' craft.

Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a great start to Term One and have all the students settling back into school after the holidays. It is great to have three new students in the classroom to get to know. Their names are Alex George, Bradley O'Keefe and Joseph May. They are all doing very well and making some great friends.

We have been very busy with classroom work that mainly involves testing, artwork, and English. Swimming starts on Friday and continuing every second Friday after that. We are very lucky to have a swimming instructor and Alex the Physiotherapist available to help guide these sessions. We can't wait to see improvements and enjoyment from these sessions. Please have togs and towels ready for Friday. On the Fridays we don't have swimming we have Science Day which includes gardening, cooking and theory.

Over the next few weeks, I'll be contacting parents for a meeting about each student and their goals for this year. If there are any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or written note.

Thanks

Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





Junior Secondary 2 Class

We have had a fantastic start to the year and all of the students are doing a great job of settling into school and our school routine. The students have worked hard practising our school rules and are all doing a great job! We have been very busy over the last two weeks with lots of English, Maths, Artwork and getting to know each other.

Swimming will start this Friday. We are very lucky to be able to go swimming every second Friday so please have togs and a towel ready for our first swimming lesson! Each Friday that we are not swimming we will begin Science Days. We will all be participating in gardening, cooking and theory activities.

We will soon begin parent meetings to discuss each student's goals for the year. I will contact each parent to organise a suitable time. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or a note. We are all looking forward to a great year.

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri



Senior Class

Ms Robyn and I are looking forward to working closely with the parents and carers of the schools senior students. The students will be given the opportunity to participate in many varied learning activities at school and in the community. Meetings to complete individual Student Learning Plans will be held throughout Term One and we value your contributions to the development of these plans. Senior students will be provided with a student diary in the coming days. Please check the diary each day for important messages and permission notes.

Please feel free to contact Ms Robyn, myself or the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Kind Regards

Miss Jacquelyn and Ms Robyn

Message from the school Chaplain

It was great to see Mount Isa so green and the Lake so full when we came back from our three week holiday in New Zealand.

I want to welcome everyone back to a new school year. For those of you who are new to the school, my name is Corlia Pienaar and my role is the School Chaplain. My role as School Chaplain is to support and assist students, staff and parents in any manner at school. I will be going into classrooms to help students and teachers with academic, social and emotional support. I will continue to run the Bridge Award Program for Term One. Students will then continue on to Duke of Edinburgh Award Program.

I am really looking forward to this year. May this year be full of excitement, joy, laughter and blessings! Please feel free to contact me if you or anyone you know needs my assistance or if you would be available to volunteer.

Corlia Pienaar

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Message from the P&C President



Welcome back for 2015. P&C has been busy already with our first Tuck Shop for this year. A Tuckshop list will go home on the Monday or Tuesday of Tuckshop Week. All orders need to be in by Wednesday. Tuckshop is on once per fortnight and if you would like to come and help you are more than welcome.

Sue McBride
P & C President

Check out the first P & C purchase for 2015



The brand new fridge for Miss Alicia's Room.

Showcasing Student's Work



Self portrait by Kayzha Hape

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