

# Mount Isa State Special School



## 'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### Important Dates

#### OCTOBER

P&C Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup>

Book Club Orders Due 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuckshop 22<sup>nd</sup>

Student Free Day - 19<sup>th</sup>

#### NOVEMBER

Tuckshop 5<sup>th</sup>

P & C Meeting – TBA

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#### DECEMBER

Year 12 Graduation - 3<sup>rd</sup>

### School Hours

Breakfast club  
8.00 – 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 back to all of our students, families and staff. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable 2 week break. It was extremely exciting to see students and staff return to school looking refreshed and ready to tackle the last 9 weeks of school for 2015.

The whole school community has had fantastic 3 terms to date with lots of exciting, challenging and rewarding learning opportunities and celebrations along the way.

Although this term is relatively short, being only 9 weeks, and week 1 is already nearing completion, there are many exciting events happening. During term 4 we will be:

- Showcasing our students amazing art work at the Mount Isa State Special School Art Exhibition;
- We will commence swimming in weeks 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8;
- Our Duke of Edinburgh student will travel to Richmond in week 3 for camp;
- School Christmas concert;
- Grand finale – We will be celebrating the graduation of 2 of our year 12 students;

With term 4 being a shorter period, can I remind all families of the importance of attending school every day. Each day your child misses at school is lost opportunities for valuable learning experiences that the class teachers have planned to assist each and every individual student reach their personal learning goals. Can I also remind all families of the importance of letting the school know if your child will be away from school for any reason such as illness, family reasons etc.

It is with great sadness that our school community wishes to pass on our deepest sympathy and condolences to one of our families. Our thoughts are with Joseph May and his family as they grieve the unexpected passing of their loved one.

Geoff Miller  
Acting Principal

**Please note a small change to Newsletters from now on, you will only be seeing 3 newsletters per term. Week 1, Week 5 and Week 9.**

We acknowledge the Kalkadoon people, the Traditional Owners of the land where our school is built and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years. May their strength and wisdom be with us today.



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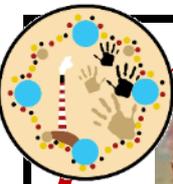
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## JUNIOR CLASS



It is fantastic to see all of the children in junior class, refreshed and ready to learn, as we have a busy 9 week term in front of us. This term in English we are continuing to work on our alphabet recognition skills. We are also doing Jolly Phonics each morning to further assist in sound and letter relationships. During So Safe we are starting to learn the names of our body parts. As a part of our Social Skills lessons we will be heavily focusing on various life skills such as: washing our hands, brushing our teeth, correct use of polite language and learning about basic emotions. In our math sessions we are working on identifying and counting up to 10 and teaching 1:1 correspondence when counting. Starting from week 4, the students will be going to the town pool each Friday for 4 weeks. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Thanks  
Mrs Alex Miller, Miss Kandice and Miss Georgie



## JUNIOR SECONDARY 1



The first week back of Term 4 has been exciting in our classroom. We began the week with an NRL visitor, Laurie, who read us the story, 'It's A Try!' and took us out on the oval for ball handling practice. Lionel was the lucky student who won a ball for his efforts.

In the classroom we have done individual reading with Miss Lyn and various word activities. In Writing we are gathering information for an Information Report on China – the food they eat and the clothes they wear. In Geography we are researching interesting facts about India and we are going to cook an Indian Curry on Friday. In Maths we have been Practising halves, quarters and eights. Students have been enjoying doing butterfly paintings in Art.

I hope students have enjoyed their time with Miss Lyn this week and Miss Scott will be back on Monday.

Thank you for the lovely week Mount Isa State Special School.  
Regards Miss Lyn, Miss Andrea, Miss Suzi and Miss Megan.



## JUNIOR SECONDARY 2



Welcome back to Term 4!

We have an exciting term ahead with lots of fun activities planned. In week 3 a few of the students from our class, who have been participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Program, will be heading off to Richmond for 3 days to complete their adventurous journey. The students have worked hard planning their trip and are looking forward to it. We will be swimming this term on Fridays, commencing in week 4, notes will go home in the near future. We look forward to a great term and look forward to seeing lots of hard work from all our students! In the photos below the students are looking at different ways of moving on our school equipment.

Miss Rhi, Miss Jodie and Miss Georgie



## SENIOR CLASS



### The School Holidays by Jean Sam

During the second week of the school holidays I went to a camp with the Salvation Army at Seaforth, near Mackay. On Thursday we drove to Townsville and stayed there overnight. The next day we drove the rest of the way to the camp. We arrived late in the afternoon. After we'd unpacked our bags we went to the dining room for dinner, then we had a shower and went to bed. The next day we went to the beach for a BBQ and we went again on Sunday and played beach cricket. When it was my turn to bat I hit the ball into the water. I scored a lot of runs for my team. In the afternoon we walked back to camp and got dressed for an Aussie themed disco. I wore my Deadly Choices t-shirt and everyone had a great time. After the disco was finished we showered and went to bed. On Sunday we had a football themed day because the NRL Grand Final was being played that night. We played football and talked about whom we thought would win. We watched the game and the Cowboys won by one point. The next day we packed our bags and drove to Townsville. Early the next morning we drove all the way back to Mt Isa. I had a great time at camp and loved going to the beach. I hope I can go again during the summer holidays.



Jean with the draft copy of her recount.

Miss Jacquelyn, Miss Robyn, Miss Suni, Miss Suzi and Miss Megan

### Message from the School Chaplain

Duke Students will be going on Camp to Richmond in week 3, with them will be Mr Geoff and Miss Rhi, Sue McBride and Pam Oltvanji. They have been very busy planning this camp and I hope very much that they enjoy it. A finale letter will go home soon to confirm details and a list of what to pack.

This camp will cover the adventurous journey that they have to do to attain the next Duke certificate. Unfortunately I will not be attending with them, but I'm sure they will have a great time.

I love receiving letter from the students, staff and parents and if you have any prayer's you wish for me to say for you please let me know, I still have my mailbox in the main office or you can send me a text on 0435 600875.

Corlia Pienaar  
School Chaplain

### Message from the P & C President

Welcome back to term 4. What a year we have had. I hope everyone had a great break and is well rested for term 4. Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> in the staffroom @ 3pm.

Tuckshop will be changing weeks and will now be on the odd weeks of term. This so we can have something exciting on the even weeks.

Book Club should be here early next week and will be distributed by the end of the week. Issue 7 will be sent home with Students on Monday and orders are due back in on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Depending on how busy we get we .0-may run out of time for issue 8. But there is always next year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful break. It is beautiful seeing all the children's faces back at school for Term 4.

Sue McBride  
P & C President

### Showcasing Students Work



By Bradley



By Cortnee

### HOC High 5 with Jessica Reader

Next week our school is fortunate enough to be involved in an excellent program co-ordinated by Family Planning QLD. They will be working with our student s for 2 days ~ Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
~ Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

They will also be running a free parent workshop on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm till 4pm. Please notify the school on 07) 4745 0888 if you are interested in attending this workshop.

