

Mount Isa State Special School



'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 22nd July 2015

Important Dates

Term 3

JULY

Term 3 Starts 13th
P&C Meeting 27th

August

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

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our hard working students and staff. I hope that you all enjoyed your well earned two week break. On a personal note, I am extremely excited about being back working at your wonderful school for the next 10 weeks while Mr Reno is away Acting Principal at Kuraby Special School. I have spoken with Mr Reno several times and he is already missing everyone, and hopes that you all are back at work doing your best.

I have been impressed with how all of the students have returned to school for term 3 ready to start off from where they finished in term 2. I have already had the privilege of walking through all of our classrooms during instructional learning time. I am very happy to report that the learning that I have seen so far has been of a very high level. The individual curriculum and support that each and every student is receiving at Mount Isa Special School is of a high quality that is relevant, challenging and is at an age appropriate level.

On Wednesday 23rd of July, our school took part in a NAIDOC celebration. As a school we were able to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. As a school I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following people and organisations that came along to help organise and support our NAIDOC celebrations:

Aunty Joan, Aunty Di, Angeline Marshall,
MOB FM, Injilinj Youth & Mark Craigie

Our attendance for the start of term 3 has been pleasing with most of our classes full most days, however we can always aim for higher expectations. Our first two weeks of term 3 have gone so fast, so it is important that all families and students remember to attend school every day, so that we can maximise the learning opportunities for all of our students.

I hope everyone has a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing all of our students return for week 3 ready to keep working hard.



Geoff Miller
Acting Principal

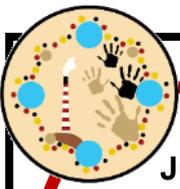
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Junior Class

What a great start everyone to term 3 everyone has had in Junior class. Last week we welcomed Joyce, who is a new student to our class. Last week our Student of the Week Award went to Joyce, for working hard and attempting all her learning this week, well done Joyce! All students have settled in well after the holiday break and are working hard towards their learning goals. If you have not have a chance to see your child's literacy and numeracy goals on the data wall pop in and have a look. Students enjoy seeing their photo on the data wall and the progression that they are making.

Thanks
Mrs Alex Miller & Miss Kandice



Joyce



Gorgie & Junior Students



Miss Alex & Lily



Miss Corlia

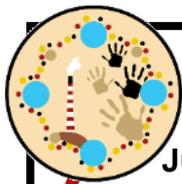
Celebrating NAIDOC at school

Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a busy start to the Term 3. Yesterday we celebrated NAIDOC day 2015. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day. They participated in beading, face painting, sand art and storytelling/ Bush toys. Last Friday we made Damper in the oven. This term we are cooking from different countries from around the world. We are also researching these countries in geography. This week we have shifted into a new classroom. The students were a lot of help with the moving. We also have a new student in the class called James. He is settling in well. If there are any queries don't hesitate to contact me via phone or written note.

Thanks Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





Junior Secondary 2 Class

Junior Secondary 2 have had a great first two weeks back at school, everyone has been working hard in streaming groups which is great to see. Last week the students went on an excursion to Lake Moondarra and Peacock Park, we talked about activities we can do at the Lake and the park and what the different places would look like on a map. This week the students participated in NAIDOC week, everyone had a fantastic time participating in face painting, beading, sand art and listening to stories. Everyone agreed the Johnny Cakes cooked by Miss Di were delicious! We are off to Coles Shopping Centre tomorrow to continue our shopping program!

Miss Rhi and Miss Jodie.



Senior Class

Students in the senior class continue to work towards achieving their individualised QCIA goals, attending Work Experience and participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program. Last term Year 12 student Anthony Lucas was presented with his Bridge Award Certificate and Kai was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Australian Workers Union for assisting Mr David throughout the term. A big thank you needs to go to Mr David for providing Kai with the opportunity to participate in the schools Work Experience Program.



On the last day of term 2 the Joey's came to the school for a visit. Everyone love, love, loved them and we can't wait for them to visit again.



Best Wishes Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn and Ms Suni

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS



Aunty Joan Talking to the students.



Tyerys having his face painted



Mr Geoff & Tyerys

Message from the P & C President

Back for term 3 already, where has the year gone?

Jean & I have been very busy getting everything ready for your Tuck Shop orders. Book Club order has arrived and will be given out to students by Friday.

Issue 5 will be distributed to students on - Monday 27th July and orders are due in by Friday 7th August.

Tuck Shop is every second Thursday with lists going home on the Monday or Tuesday and orders & money are to be in by 2:30pm Wednesday's.

I look forward to another lovely term with you all. Next P & C Meeting is on Monday 27th July @ 3pm in the Staffroom, all welcome, hope to see you there.

Sue McBride
P & C President

Message from the School Chaplain

Welcome back to term 3. I hope everyone had a good holiday. We are starting our Friends 4 Life and Fun Friends programs this week. The Friends for Life program is based on the concept that the majority of children will feel pressure at some stage in their life and it is important to provide all children with effective coping skills needed to 'bounce back' in those situations. Participation in the program will teach students skills to help them be happy and resilient no matter what challenges life throws their way.

This week we are talking about "introducing yourself and being brave." This concept can be reinforced at home through games and making it clear that punching and fighting is not being brave.

I want to encourage families to practice 'being brave' at home this week. Being brave includes:

- Giving thing a go even when you are scared
- Trying new 'hard' things
- Trying new games
- Sharing things you really want just for yourself with others (e.g. sharing your toys or colouring pencils)

If you have any prayer requests, please send me a text message on 0435 600875. I would love to pray for you.



Corlia Pienaar
School Chaplain

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