

# Mount Isa State Special School



## 'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

### Important Dates

#### JUNE

P&C Meeting 1<sup>st</sup>  
Public Holiday 8<sup>th</sup>  
TuckShop 11<sup>th</sup>  
Show Holiday 19<sup>th</sup>  
TuckShop 25<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of Term 26<sup>th</sup>

#### JULY

Term 3 Starts 13<sup>th</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



We are now into the second half of this term and preparing for Mid-Year student reports. This is an important part of our reporting cycle in which we describe progress made by your child for this semester. Please remember that if you would like a meeting with your teacher or myself, please contact the school on 4745 0888 to arrange an interview. Our school is very keen to involve our school community and build an inclusive community, especially in regard to cultural diversity. Every Wednesday, we have a session devoted to learning more about Aboriginal painting styles and methods. Students have been learning about the use of different colours, shape and form. We are very fortunate to have Chris Doyle, Di Marshall and recently discovered artist in our school Miss Matilda to help us achieve this goal. Our students have thrived in the activity of painting designs with a variety of Australian animals and no doubt this part of our curriculum will prove to be very popular with our students. This week teachers have issued students in the Junior Secondary 1, Junior Secondary 2 and Senior Class with Student Identification Cards. These cards can be used for opening up bank accounts and for other student identification purposes.

#### Monthly Winner:

It was with great pleasure that we conducted our monthly attendance prize draw for our parents and carers. When your child attends school for one whole week in the month, the name of the parent or carer is placed into a draw conducted at the end of the month for a \$50 Coles card. This month's winner drawn by our P and C president was Allitta O'Keefe. Thank you for all of your support with this very important goal for all of our students.

Please note that this week I will be in conference in Brisbane from Wednesday to Friday and Alicia Scott will be Teacher in charge.

Note also that next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the Queens' Birthday holiday and school resumes on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Reno Tieppo  
Principal



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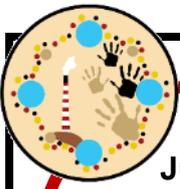
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## Junior Class

It's hard to believe that the end of term is fast approaching us. Each child in Junior class has various reading goals displayed on our data wall. I welcome parents to come and have a look and see what their child's reading goal is. It has been so fantastic to see children making progress on the data wall. We have also incorporated teeth brushing into our daily routine, which the children just love. We also planted some more herbs and vegetables into our garden beds.

Junior class have had such a jam packed fortnight. On top of all of our learning we have been doing some assessment tasks for the upcoming moderation. Report cards will be sent out later this term. If you would like to discuss your child's report card please make a time with the office.

Last week our Student of the Week Award went to Lilly for attempting and completing all of her learning.

Thanks,  
Mrs Alex Miller & Miss Megan



Tyerys helping plant some of our new herbs.



Lilly practising her alphabet skills

## Junior Secondary 1 Class

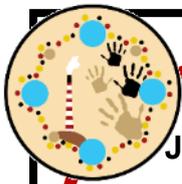
We have had a busy few weeks at school. Recently we went to the Mining Expo. The students really enjoyed the day. We participated in a few activities such as mining for rocks, putting out fires, looking at mining equipment, patting joeys and watching a cooking presentation for Butter Chicken.

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June I participated in professional development on Positive Partnerships supporting school aged students with Autism. It was a very valuable course and Jessica and I were glad we were able to attend. In my absence Maria Metu was the relief teacher. They were very busy with the normal program including making rain-sticks and cooking. The students made Johnny cakes with syrup and jam and they loved them.

We are still implementing student's assessments for reports. The students are all doing really well and trying hard.

Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





## Junior Secondary 2 Class

We have had a great couple of weeks at school. All the students have been working hard on their assessment and streaming groups.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> we went shopping at Coles for our community based instruction program. The students did a great job preparing their shopping list and purchasing these items at Coles. We also made Butter Chicken with most of the students enjoying this.

We are continuing to have art with Chris and students have been learning about different animal footprints and what they look like. The students have been painting the footprints and they painted an emu, goanna and kangaroo. We are looking forward to painting again with Chris.

Last Friday we went to Mount Isa Library and learnt how to borrow books. We are looking forward to our next visit.

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri



## Senior Class

All the students in the Senior class have been busy working towards achieving their QCIA goals. Each student has individualised goals that compliment their strengths. As you can see from the pictures below there is a wide range of goals which include literacy, numeracy, technology, leisure, living and work skills. Keep up the great job!

All the best

Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni and Miss Kandice



## Showcasing Student's Work



Peacock by Lilly



Self Portrait by Tyerys

## Message from the P & C President

What a busy term we have had. It is hard to keep up with all that is happening. All our beautiful students have been participating in lots of activities, far too many to list.

As the P & C have been keeping busy with Tuckshop, helping organising outings for students, writing grant applications for various projects around our school, bringing My Time meetings back to our school & bringing our schools Book Club back to life.

Our next issue of book club will be handed out on 9<sup>th</sup> June and orders are due back 22<sup>nd</sup> July. I am expecting issue 3 order back very soon in the post.

Wishing everyone a great weekend

Sue McBride

P & C President



Drawing out the \$50 Coles Gift Card

## Message from the School Chaplain

Students from the Duke of Edinburgh Awards program started their Physical Recreation activity on Wednesday, 13 May. All the participants picked Ten-Pin Bowling for this part of their Award. Three students attended our first session of Ten Pin Bowling and they've learned some strategies on how to get a 'strike', a 'spare' and also how the scoring is calculated. Kayzha had a few 'split legs' as well. We will be going on this excursion every second Wednesday. Students are encouraged to compete against themselves and not compare themselves to others. We all had heaps of fun and are looking forward to the next session.

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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