

Mount Isa State Special School



'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 17th September 2015

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

Last Day of Term 3 - 18th

OCTOBER

First day term 4 - 6th

P&C Meeting - 12th

Student Free Day - 19th

NOVEMBER

P & C Meeting - TBA

DECEMBER

Year 12 Graduation - 3rd

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



Congratulations to all of the hard working students and staff for a fantastic term 3. The last 10 weeks have been filled with lots of enjoyment and students engaged in high quality curriculum and learning activities. I have thoroughly enjoyed being back working with the staff and students and am extremely excited to announce that I will continue to be apart of this great school community during term 4. Mr Reno has extended his leave into term 4. I look forward to continue the tremendous work Mr Reno and your wonder teachers and teacher aides have established this year, and hope to ensure the school continues to develop, grow and move beyond expectations. Our school was extremely fortunate to have some well-known and inspiring visitors last week. Mr and Mrs Morcombe chose to visit our school to spread their knowledge and experience about keeping safe. Our students welcomed them very warmly and openly. This made the visit an extremely worthwhile and rewarding one. We were also lucky to have our local Mayor Mr Tony McGrady visit and support the Morcombes whilst they were in our great town. A big thankyou to the Mr and Mrs Morcombe and Mayor Tony McGrady for supporting our school. A special thank you from the students for handing out our school awards and attendance certificates. A personal highlight for me as the Principal occurred this week, when I was the lucky participant in student chosen rewards for 5 days of attendance. The students had a choice between selecting toys or games but instead chose to have lunch with the principal. It was great to sit down with Kayzha, Reece and Alex to not only enjoy their company but also partake in a tasty burger and chips. On behalf of the school, we hope everyone has a very restful but more importantly safe two week holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all on TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER the first Monday is a public holiday.

Geoff Miller
Acting Principal



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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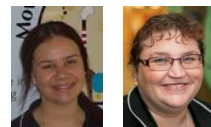
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JUNIOR CLASS



What an exciting term everyone in Junior class has had. It only feels like yesterday was the start of term 1 and now we are nearing the end of the year. Throughout the year we have seen new faces join the Mount Isa Special School community and enter Junior class. Each and every student has worked tirelessly towards their individual social and personal learning goals. There has been so much progress made this term that I could easily fill an entire newsletter, but I as I can't here is a snapshot of some of our student progress. Joyce has worked so hard to attend school on a more regular basis. Joyce can now independently match and identify the letters from her first name. Tyerys has made such huge improvements in his alphabet recognition and can now independently match the letters of his first name. Ziva can now independently use a big mac switch at mealtime to indicate that she would like 'more' food, this is a huge achievement for Ziva. With regular practice Xavier is now able to sit in his posture chair for longer periods of time throughout the day. We have seen such a vast improvement in Zyethan's alphabet and number recognition skills, well done Zyethan. Lilly has been working hard to independently recognise and sequence numbers up to 30, only requiring minimal support to do this task.

Also another thankyou to our wonderful junior class teacher aides
Miss Georgie and Miss Kandice.

Have an enjoyable and restful holidays. See you next term.
Thanks,
Mrs Alex Miller, Miss Georgie and Miss Kandice

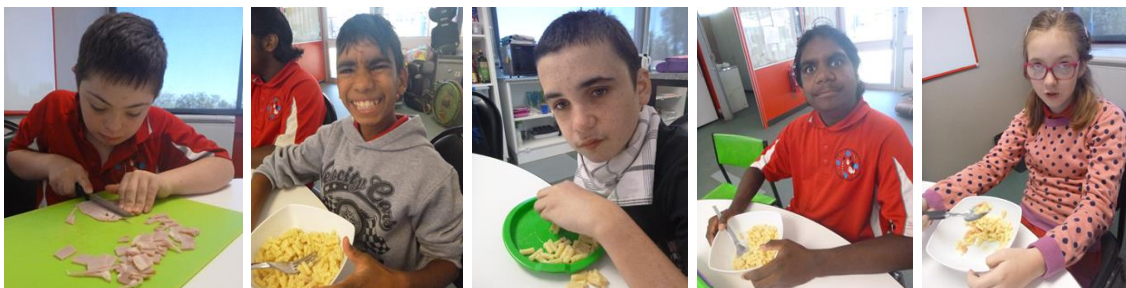


JUNIOR SECONDARY 1



We have had a fun few weeks at school. A fortnight ago we made bread and butter pudding for cooking. Last week we cooked macaroni and cheese. The students are increasing their independence in the kitchen and are enjoying helping by following the recipe. My reading group have all done well this term. The students have all made improvements with decoding the words. They are working on retelling the story afterwards. This week in maths we have started looking at fractions including half, quarters and eighths. The country we are researching this week is Africa where we are looking at African dance and cooking an African banana coconut cake.

Thanks Ms Alicia Scott, Ms Andrea, Miss Megan and Miss Suzi



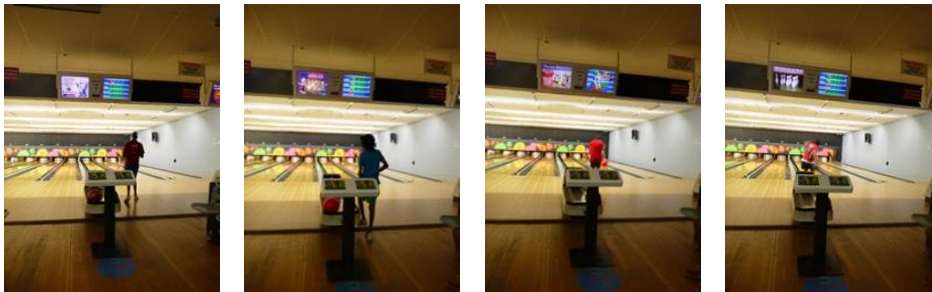


JUNIOR SECONDARY 2



What a great term we have had! All of the students have worked really hard leading up to the school holidays. All of the students have tried their best at learning time and have all worked really well towards achieving their individual goals which has been very pleasing to see. We have continued our art lessons with Chris Doyle and Aunty Di and the students have worked hard on their individual and our class canvases which they are all excited about showing at the art show next term. We went bowling last Friday, it was great to see how far the DUKE students have come over the term practising bowling every week. The students made rocky road on Friday and all enjoyed tasting the chocolate and peanuts. This week we are going to the Tram Stop Café for lunch to celebrate the end of the term. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to term 4!

Miss Rhi, Miss Jodie and Miss Georgie



SENIOR CLASS



Term 3 has come and gone and it has been a busy and successful time for the senior class. Four of our students continue to participate in the school's work experience program in addition to working towards achieving their individual learning goals. Two of our students have also been attending bowling each week with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards program and will attend camp in Term 4. All the students have thoroughly enjoyed art classes with Mr Chris.

We hope everyone has a fun holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

And now an important message from Kai:



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

Message from the School Chaplain

NOTICE

Please take note that the Tenpin Bowling, catch-up lessons for 24 September 2015 has been cancelled.

Please save the date for Duke of Ed camp meeting:

7 October @ 2:30 pm

Hope everyone has a safe and happy break. See you all next term.

Corlia Pienaar
School Chaplain

Message from the P & C President

End of Term 3 already. 2015 is nearly over, where has the year gone? P & C has been very quiet this term.

Tuckshop is running very well & is slowly building the P & C account. All of the profit from Tuckshop goes direct to the P & C which in turn goes back to the school.

You are most welcome to come and join us for our meetings, they are held monthly in the staffroom. Our next one is planned for Monday 12th October 2015 @ 3pm

Book Club orders are slowly building. Don't forget Issue 6 orders are due in tomorrow, Friday 18th September and will be handed out in Term 4. Each item purchased from Book Club earns the school credits to spend with Scholastic thus building our school Library.

Have a great holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Sue McBride
P & C President

Showcasing Students Work

This Newsletter's art is provided by Senior Class with 2 mosaic pictures done by students needing support.



Kai with support



John with support

HOC High 5 with Jessica Reader

This fortnight I would like to give two 'HOC High 5s'. My first one goes to Lilly Van Aswegen. Lilly has made tremendous improvement with her alphabet and numbers this year. Lilly is now able to identify all letters of the alphabet. She is also able to count to, and order numbers to 30. Great job Lilly!

My second 'HOC High 5' goes to Miss Rhi. This year Miss Rhi has worked extremely hard to ensure that all her students are accessing challenging and appropriate curriculum. She is continuously improving her teaching practice and making resources so all of her students are not only achieving success but are engaged in their learning. One strategy Miss Rhi has adopted into her classroom is the use of a 'Learning Wall' so all students can see and reflect on their learning journey. I can't wait to see your next great teaching strategy Miss Rhi!

Keep up the excellent learning everyone,
Miss Jess

