

Mount Isa State Special School



'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 20th August 2015

Important Dates

AUGUST

P&C Meeting 31st

SEPTEMBER

Last Day of Term 18th

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



The end of term is fast approaching, after this week we only have ten more days to maximise our learning opportunities. It has been very pleasing to see attendance to begin to rise again after the Rodeo bug had swept around town. Thank you to all of our families for supporting the school during this time by keeping sick children home or coming to school to pick up an ill child. Your support is much appreciated. Your child's classroom teachers and teacher aides continue to shine each and every week doing an amazing job supporting each and every individual student enrolled at Mount Isa State Special School. The class teachers are constantly working with our school's Head of Curriculum in order to provide all of our students a rich, challenging and rewarding curriculum. It is always exciting and pleasing to walk into classrooms and see students actively engaged in the Australian curriculum.

From admin, I wish to thank the teachers and teacher aides for all of their hard work (which more than often goes unnoticed).

The last two weeks of school are going to be busy and as a result the days will disappear fast, can I encourage all families to try hard to assist their child to come to school each and every day. We are also pleased to announce that Bruce and Denise Morcombe will be visiting our school next Friday (11/09) to meet our students and to talk to our students about child safety.

Finally and most importantly, on behalf of our wonderful school I want to say:

A big thankyou to our amazing Teacher Aides, as we celebrate International Teacher Aide Day (4/09/15). Thank you for your hard work support assisting our students and teachers. We all hope you enjoy your day of celebration.

Geoff Miller
Acting Principal

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Junior Class



It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of term 3. Every single student in junior class has progressed such a long a way this year, both socially and academically. Last week our Student of the Week Award went to Tyerys. Every day Tyerys is continually trying his hardest to independently match the letters of his first name, well done Tyerys. This week our Student of the Week Award went to Lilly. Lilly has worked so hard this term to learn the names of staff and other students, which she now uses on a daily basis. Lilly has also been independently using her manners when talking to staff and peers, well done Lilly. Last week on our outing we visited the Mount Isa Airport. We were luckily enough to see the Virgin Blue flight taxi down the runway and take off. Zyethan and Tyerys also spotted out some helicopters. Everyone have a great time.

Thanks,

Thanks

Mrs Alex, Miss Kandice & Miss Georgie.



JUNIOR SECONDARY 1



We have had a busy few weeks at school. A fortnight ago we made Pavlova for cooking. Below are some of the photographs of the students using the mixer while beating the Pavlova. The students loved this desert, we put apricots and cream on top. Last week we cooked chicken teriyaki noodles. The class enjoyed this dish as well and most of them ate a big serving which included lots of vegetables, celery, capsicum, onion, baby corn and peanuts. My reading group has all made progress with PM readers which is great to see. In English we are currently looking at advertising and next term looking at different countries and writing information reports. In maths at the moment we are still learning addition and subtraction strategies as well as learning measurement including length, capacity and area. The country we are studying this week is England where we are looking at English country dancing and cooking bread and butter pudding.

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





JUNIOR SECONDARY 2



We have had a super busy two weeks in Junior Secondary 2! Everyone has been putting in a great effort with their learning leading up to holidays which has been great to see. We have continued our art sessions with Chris Doyle and Aunty Di, we have finished our individual canvases and are working hard on our class piece. This week the students also had the opportunity to play with kinetic sand, they all had a great time! We had our visit to the fire station two weeks ago and the students had a great time, we will be heading out to the shops this week, the students will continue to practice their money skills and locating items in the shops. Have a great weekend!

Miss Rhi, Miss Jodie and Miss Georgie.



SENIOR CLASS



In this week's art lesson with Mr Chris and Aunty Di, the students used kinetic sand to make animal prints and Play-Doh to make animals. They really enjoyed all aspects of this lesson and tried really hard to make realistic looking animals. They did a fantastic job.

Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni, Ms Megan, Ms Suzi



Message from the School Chaplain

We are going to have a prayer meeting at the school to pray for the school and the community. It is going to be held on Saturday 12th September @ 10am at the school.

You are welcome to email or text me prayer requests if you are unable to attend.

You can send them to corliap@chappy.org.au or 0435 600 875

Corlia Pienaar
School Chaplain

Message from the P & C President

Hope everyone has been great, I have been away a little lately, enjoying tripping around Queensland by plane. I'm back now and straight back into the swing of things with Tuckshop yesterday, Book Club waiting for me to sort orders and distribute, and Issue 6 Catalogues ready to be handed out to students.

August P & C meeting had to be postponed due to not meeting quorum, it has been rescheduled for Monday 7th September @ 3pm in the Staffroom.

Please help us meet quorum, come and enjoy a fun and proactive meeting about helping our school.

Have a great weekend
Sue McBride
P & C President

Teacher Aide Day 2015



Thank you Teacher Aides

HOC High 5

My name is Jess and I am the Head of Curriculum (HOC) at the school. I help plan and organise the curriculum and learning experiences throughout the school and ensure that all students have access to the Australian Curriculum on an individualised level. I am going to use this space to acknowledge staff and students who have shown dedication and excellence in their work.

I am awarding my first ever 'HOC High 5' to Bradley O'Keefe. Bradley has reached his reading goal to identify all of the orange sight words. He has worked hard in reading groups and consistently tries his best in all reading activities, and his hard work has paid off. Congratulations Bradley!

Keep up the excellent learning everyone,
Miss Jess

