

Mount Isa State Special School



'Moving Beyond Expectations'

Newsletter 6th August 2015

Important Dates

AUGUST

Tuck Shop 6th
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



Wow, how quickly have the last two weeks gone? The students of Mt Isa Special School deserve to be acknowledged for all of the hard work they have been busy completing. It has been fantastic visiting the classes and seeing everyone trying hard to follow the classroom routines and school rules. As well as acknowledging the great work our students have been doing, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff at the school. The teachers and teacher aides are always busy providing quality learning opportunities for all of their students.

We welcomed Mr Matthew Johnson the Assistant Regional Director for Special Schools to our school this week. Mr Johnson was extremely excited to see all of our students trying their best and making progress with their learning goals. Mr Johnson spent time with our teachers discussing how we can continue to develop our schools best practices and continue to provide a wonderful, safe and challenging learning environment for all of our students.

We also welcomed some famous guests to our school on Wednesday. We were lucky enough for the Rodeo Queens, Big Al, Chainsaw and Blondie come and join our students during our morning tea break. The Rodeo queens handed out some prizes and gifts for our students who all took part in a colouring competition. It is safe to say that some teachers were very jealous of the McDonalds vouchers that were handed out to all of the students.

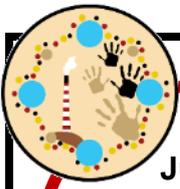
By the time we send out the next newsletter, we will be well and truly past half way in term 3. So it is very important that we all continue to strive for the great attendance that has been happening recently. It is a great feeling for staff when they see the taxis arrive at school and they are full of their students. So thank you families for your great effort to date, and I encourage everyone to continue effort for the rest of the term. I hope everyone has a great Rodeo weekend, and I hope I see some familiar faces at the Mardi Gras on Friday night.

Geoff Miller
Acting Principal

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Junior Class

This semester in Geography we are learning about different places of interest in Mount Isa. As a part of this unit of work students in Junior class will be visiting various places and venues over the coming semester. Our first place of interest we have been learning about is Lake Moondarra. Last Friday Junior class went on an outing to Lake Moondarra and Peacock Park. We have been watching videos and looking at photographs of the lake, students loved seeing the lake in person. For some it was their first time visiting the lake. We had a picnic lunch and played in the playground at Peacock Park.

Thanks
Mrs Alex & Miss Kandice



Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a busy few weeks at school. Yesterday we had visitors from the Mount Isa Rodeo. The children were thrilled to see them all. We did a colouring competition and Bradley was voted the best in the class. Well done Bradley.

Last Friday we made Anzac biscuits in the oven. This term we are cooking from different countries from around the world. This week is the last week for Australian cooking and we are making cheese and vegemite scrolls. In Geography we have been looking at different cities around Australia. Students are trying really hard with streaming in Reading, English and Maths. It is great to see the progress since the beginning of the year. 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

Over the past two weeks Junior Secondary 2 have been working hard settling into routine for term 3. We have commenced painting again with Chris Doyle and Aunty Di and the students are having a great time creating various different art pieces.

We have continued our outings each week and the students have visited Woolworths Shopping Centre on two occasions now and have done a great job finding their items and working out how much money they will need to pay for their shopping.

We had a visit from the Mount Isa Rodeo Queens along with Chainsaw and some of his friends, the students had a great time and Kayzha was announced as the boy winner of the colouring in competition!

Miss Rhi and Miss Jodie



Senior Class

The senior class had a fantastic time celebrating Naidoc Week 2015 here at school. All the students got involved and really enjoyed the activities, especially the beading and face painting. A big thank you must go to Aunty Di and all the other people that came along to create such a fantastic celebration for all the students.



On Wednesday the school had a visit from the 2015 Mt Isa Rodeo Queens as well as Chainsaw and his friends. The students were very excited about the visit and loved having the whole gang here. Whilst here, the Rodeo Queens judged the rodeo themed colouring-in competition and our very own Miss Inez was a winner. Miss Jean also received a special mention for her efforts. Congratulations girls!



Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni and Miss Megan

Message from the School Chaplain

We've started our Fun Friends and Friends for Life programs at our school last week and I just want to share the importance of children's friendships.

At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children's friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

Blessings
Corlia Pienaar

Message from the P & C President

July P & C Meeting was over very quick as we didn't have a lot to discuss. If you would like to come and join us for the next one, it's on Monday 31st August in the Staffroom @ 3pm.

We are always looking for fundraising ideas so don't hesitate to let us know yours. Tuck Shop always welcomes more helpers also. Tuck Shop is every second Thursday only, order sheets go home on the Monday or Tuesday and Orders must be in by Wednesday 2:30pm, so shopping can be done.

Book Club orders are due in tomorrow, and total order will be placed with Scholastic on Monday. Every time your student orders something from Book Club our School Library gets a credit to buy more books, so by purchasing book club you are helping our school build its Library.

Have a great weekend everyone.
Sue McBride
P & C President

Our Students having fun with our Rodeo Visitors



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