

Mount Isa State Special School

Moving Beyond Expectations



Newsletter 14th November 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With only four weeks of school remaining for this year, it is pleasing to observe that families and students are making their best effort to continue to attend school every day of the week.

Our staff are excited and have a strong sense of pride when your son or daughter is invited at Friday's assembly to select a prize from the prize box for attending school for the week. Each class selects a student to also receive the class certificate for demonstrating a particular attribute or skill or learning for that week. Every day of attendance counts. Please remember to contact us on 4745 0888 if your son or daughter is unable to attend for the day.

On Tuesday, we were very fortunate to have therapist from the Cerebral Palsy League based in Townsville visit our school. The consultations and

recommendations provided by these very skilled and dedicated professionals greatly assists our staff members to further develop and implement

programs and practices to help students better access the curriculum. Pictured in the photo are Kyle Harms (Regional Development Manager), Juliet Milne (Occupational Therapist), Alisha Austin (Speech and Language Pathologist) and Prue Clarke (Physiotherapist).

Yours sincerely

Reno Tieppo

Principal



P&C Report:

Our Next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November, starting at 3pm and concluding at 4pm. All families are welcome to attend.

CHAPPIES CORNER

I want to thank everyone for the kind welcome I have received in returning to school. The last few weeks I have spent time getting to know the staff and students. I am at school on Thursday and Fridays and am here to support families and staff at the school.

If you have anything that you would like to talk to me about, please do not hesitate to call. You can contact me by the school office on 4745 0888 or on my mobile 0468 420 062.



UP COMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

21st November — P&C meeting—3.00pm-4.00pm

29th November—Senior graduation—6.30pm—10.00pm

6th December—Last day of school

28th January 2014—first day of Term 1.



PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

All students have been doing a great job in the pre-intentional class. In English we have been studying music from different countries. It is great to see their reactions from the students. They seem to enjoy the music by listening and being alert. We know that they are enjoying these sessions when they all start to vocalise along with music. The music we have looked at is Australian, Aboriginal music, American and Irish. This week is Asian music. Next week is Spanish and then we will look at Christmas music. These countries are also linked to our science program including cooking.

We are enjoying using the Multi-Sensory Room in the mornings. The first thing we do in the Multi-Sensory Room is relaxation. The class is set up with the solar projector connected to a cloud machine, disco ball lights that having colour ring attached, relaxing orchestra music and aroma diffuser. All the students love the lights circulating the room and massagers. It is such a nice way to start the day. After that all students then work on individualised goals in the room. We have exciting weeks ahead with senior graduation for Locklan, Latisha and David. The Christmas concert is almost here. Just a reminder we do have swimming this Friday. These sessions are going really well. Please have togs and towels ready for Friday.

Thanks Ms Alicia Scott, Ms Suni and Ms Veronica



ALICIA SCOTT
TEACHER

Georgina participating in an artwork on the Amazon rainforest.

MIDDLE CLASS

This fortnight we have been learning about the country China. We have listened to Chinese songs, read Chinese stories, and learnt about Chinese animals and landmarks. We are excited to cook an Chinese cuisine in cooking on Friday. We have also been learning about our bodies and how each of us are different. This week we also celebrated Remembrance Day by making some posters with finger print poppies. All students really enjoyed making these and they look fantastic.

We have still enjoyed our swimming lessons. Kai has worked really hard to follow the rules in the pool and do the activities with the other students safely. Inez's swimming is improving and she really enjoys the diving games at the end of the session. Congratulations to Kyle for getting our student of the week last week for his neat handwriting and taking care with the presentation of his work. Also John has been doing a fantastic job doing his writing and following instructions. Keep it up John!

Miss Jess & Miss Jodie



JESSICA READER
TEACHER

SENIOR CLASS

The Senior class is very busy enjoying my company while Mr Geoff is absent. We have enjoyed participating in some cultural activities with Aunty Joan, Miss Marie and Miss Dianne. We had a great time cooking and eating Johnny cakes, beading and painting. We also say a big Happy 18th Birthday to Lockie on Thursday, also looking forward to another Friday at swimming lessons. I am very pleased to be able to share these wonderful things with the Senior class this week.



Miss Robyn & Miss Andrea