

# Mount Isa State Special School



## *'Moving Beyond Expectations'*

Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Important Dates

#### JUNE

P&C Meeting 15<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



#### School Attendance:

As this term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support in helping us achieve an average student attendance of 85%. This is a great improvement from this time last year.

We now have more students attending school most of the time. We acknowledge that hospital time and illnesses reduce our attendance rate and greatly appreciate when parents/carers contact the school to inform us with the reason that his or her child is not attending school.

#### Mid-Year Reports:

We will be sending home with students the Mid-Year Reports. I've read the reports and I am very pleased with the progress students have achieved with reading goals, numeracy skills and work with Science. This year we are focusing on improving reading levels of ALL students and achievements to date are fantastic.

#### Art Program:

Our art program delivered by Chris Doyle and Di Marshall is very successful. Our students are highly engaged with the activities and producing great works of art.

#### Bridge Award Ceremony:

On Wednesday 24 June, we are celebrating our Bridge Award Ceremony. These particular students have achieved an incredible feat by participating in a range of activities that have challenged and rewarded them and extended their skills and capabilities. The ceremony will commence at 10.15am and is followed with a morning tea for all students, families and visitors.

#### AFL:

On Monday 15 June and Monday 22 June, an AFL coach will be conducting football skills at our school with students interested in learning new skills such as catching, kicking and passing the ball. There is no cost involved to the school or families for this great activity.

Please remember that if you would like to discuss any issue, please call the school on 4745 0888 to arrange an appointment.

A reminder that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June is the Mount Isa Show Holiday.

Regards,  
Reno Tieppo  
Principal

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## Junior Class

Everyone in Junior class has been working extremely hard over the last fortnight. We have recently commenced art sessions with a local Aboriginal artist Chris Doyle. Our sessions have focused mostly around learning about different styles about Aboriginal painting. It is has been fantastic to see all students engaged in our art sessions and creating art work.

Last week our Student of the Week Award went to Tyerys for working hard and trying his best during our literacy sessions. This week we celebrated 3 birthdays in Junior class, Lilly, Zyethan and Ziva have all had birthdays this week. We hope you all had a great birthday.

Thanks  
Miss Alex & Miss Megan



## Junior Secondary 1 Class

We have had a great few weeks at school. On Friday in the kitchen we made Chinese Greens Stir-fry with Soy Sauce and Ginger. Most of students enjoyed the taste and finished their serving. On Wednesday Chris (aboriginal painter) and Di implemented an art lesson with our class. The students worked with clay by drawing animals on the clay or making animals with the clay. They enjoyed this a lot and it was great lesson.

This term is going quickly and soon it will be finishing. We have a few fun activities happening across the school for the next two weeks including AFL coaching and some joey kangaroos that will be visiting the school in the last week before holiday's.

Thanks  
Ms Alicia Scott and Ms Andrea





## Junior Secondary 2 Class

Junior Secondary 2 have had a great couple of weeks. All of the students have worked hard to complete their assessment pieces so that their report cards can be completed. On Friday we visited Mount Isa Library where the students had a great time browsing all of the different books and all enjoyed selecting a book to borrow.

We have also been learning how to do sign language, We have been practising a song and will be presenting our song on assembly this week! We are visiting the police station this week and are all looking forward to a great day!

Regards

Miss Rhi, Ms Jodie and Ms Geri



## Senior Class

Each Wednesday, the Senior and Junior classes join together with resident artist Chris and Aunty Di to create art reminiscent of traditional Aboriginal art works. Last Wednesday the class used spray bottles to create beautiful hand pictures and this week the students used clay to make rock carvings. All the students look forward to the art session and participate with enthusiasm.

Kind Regards,

Miss Jacquelyn, Ms Robyn, Ms Suni and MS Kandice



## Message from the School Chaplain

Our students who participated in the "Bridge Awards" program have received their certificates. We want to honour our students with a special Rewards Ceremony on 24 June, 10:15am. We would like to invite all our parents to attend this special ceremony and join us for morning tea afterwards.

We want to extend a special invitation to the parents of our participants:  
Emma, Rowena, Anthony and Kayzha



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

## Message from the P & C President

Term 2 is nearly over. Only 2 weeks left of term 2. It's wonderful to see so many of the students learning and attending school every day.

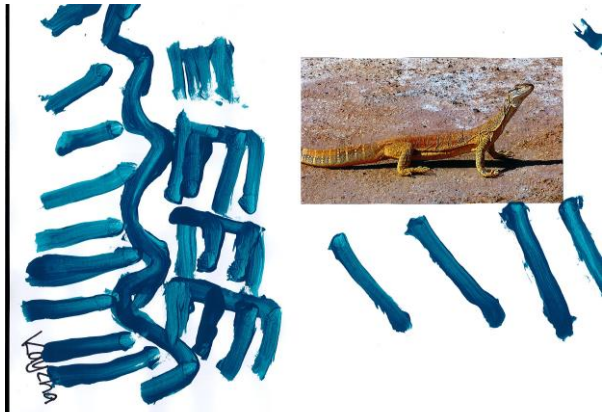
TuckShop is going great. It is lovely working with Jean preparing all the meals for everyone's orders.

Book Club issue 4 has been handed out and orders with money are due in on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Wishing everyone a great weekend  
Sue McBride  
P & C President



## Students Artwork



Kayzha's interpretation of Goanna Footprints



Hakarsha's interpretation of Goanna Footprints



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