



# Mount Isa State Special School

## Moving Beyond Expectations

Newsletter 24th March, 2014

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Our School Curriculum:

As we approach the end of this term, we can easily say that our learning programs are very successful in engaging students with the curriculum. In addition, it is with pleasure that we announce that through several planning meetings involving all staff, our school has completed our school curriculum plan to be taught to our students for this year and for 2015 in English, Maths and Science. Should you open our school website- <https://mtisaspecs.eq.edu.au> you will find this plan which is eleven pages in length. A key feature of the plan is page three which provides an overview of the document. We welcome any feedback from families on this plan.

School Camp in July:

Please be aware that in late July of this year, we are hoping to conduct a school camp to Townsville. The approximate dates for this camp are 21 to 25 July and the approximate cost at this stage is \$100 per student. This will cover all transport, accommodation, meals and activities undertaken on the trip. Further information will become available closer to this time.

#### School Anniversary:

We are hopeful that you will be able to attend our school anniversary on Saturday 29 March 12.00 to 4.00pm. A flyer with the program is attached to our newsletter for your information. We are very excited about the students' part of the program with the Drumbeat Presentation with Jo Elliott from the PCYC. Our students will be the Stars and you will see what great achievements our students are very capable of given the opportunity.

#### Assembly Awards:

Our assembly last Friday was highly successful for many reasons. Students received Class Awards and Attendance Awards. Those students who achieve full attendance for the week are able to choose a prize from the Prize Box and have their parents' names entered in the \$50 Cole Card competition for the month. Enjoy the photos from our assembly.

Reno Tieppo

Principal



### PRE-INTENTIONAL CLASS

It has been a busy couple of weeks at school. At the moment teachers are organising path meetings with all students and updating goals. It is really nice to meet with you all. This week also is our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here at school on Saturday from noon. It will be good to see as many parents and students as possible. There is a jumpy castle, sausage sizzles, face painting and raffles. Should be a fun afternoon.

I'm am going to an International Intensive Interaction Conference in Melbourne from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and get back Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of March. Most students in my class have an intensive interaction goal and this should give me more experience and expertise in this area which hopefully I can pass on to staff and students.



ALICIA SCOTT  
TEACHER

Xavier smiling and relaxing with music

Georgina smiling and laughing  
Listening to her iPod music





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## MIDDLE CLASS

In Middle Class we have been having lots of fun. All students are continuing to do a great job in their streamed English and Maths groups, and we are definitely seeing progress. We have also continued with So Safe and our Social Skills programs. Students are learning to identify the emotions of other people in order to develop empathy. The highlight for most of the class has been cooking each week. We loved making macaroni and cheese and loved eating it even more. For art we have practiced our fine motor skills through several fun crafts including painting using different implements, making foam cars and sewing puppets.



JESSICA READER  
TEACHER

Congratulations to Kai and Cortnee for getting our student of the week awards this fortnight. They have been trying their best every day at school and this is showing in their work.

Only 2 more weeks of school until our busy term is over. We hope to see all students well and at school every day until then.

Miss Jess & Miss Jodie

## SENIOR CLASS

Only two weeks to go until the Easter school holidays. The school term is disappearing so quickly. A big thank you to all of my families who have participated in their child's PATH and Individual Learning Plan meetings this week. These meetings are a valuable process that clearly maps out the educational and social development of your child as they progress through the next stages of their schooling life.



GEOFF MILLER  
TEACHER

Some exciting news for the senior class, is that we welcomed a new student last week: Emma Zevenhoven. Welcome to the seniors and welcome to the school. Emma is lovely young lady who has quickly settled into our class and school community easily. She has already made some great friends with students in her class and other classes.

All of the senior students have been working really hard and are looking forward to their holidays—they have certainly earned it. They have all been doing fantastic work during the reading, English and Mathematics streamed rotational groups.

The senior students are busily preparing for and getting excited about the upcoming school 40th anniversary on the 29th March. I'm not sure what they are most excited about—the drum beat performance or the BBQ.

Cheers from Mr Geoff & Miss Andrea

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS MARCH 2014







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### Mount Isa Athletics Club

2014 Sign-on Day

Sunday 30th March, 2014

Sunset Oval

10:00am—1:00pm

Birth Certificate will need to be sighted  
for all new members

Form and information available at  
[www.mountisaathletics.com.au](http://www.mountisaathletics.com.au)

Or contact David Scott on  
0402 219 039

Ages 4years to 100years

Assistant Coaches & Volunteers also  
welcome

First Club Day will be Saturday the 26th  
April, 2014 commencing at 2:00pm