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Principal's Message...

Term 2 is well underway and a number of our students have demonstrated amazing leadership skills through their participation in our Pre-ANZAC Day Ceremony and the ANZAC Ceremonies in our community. Students in our Concert Band performed at these ceremonies and were outstanding. Our Year 11 Hospitality students catered for our Pre-ANZAC Day Ceremony and the food was awesome and all students who attended this ceremony conducted themselves in a very respectful manner. It is always amazing to see our students involved in these events and I congratulate them on their outstanding effort and conduct.

'Club 95' Certificates and awards are being presented to students this week and next week and I congratulate them on their dedication to their studies. I encourage all students to aim for 95% attendance this term. A number of students missed out on 'Club 95' membership last term as they had an unexplained absences and/or late arrivals. It is most important that all absences and late arrivals or early departures are explained. If your student needs to check if they have any unexplained absences they should see their Form Teacher or Kim at the school office.

In our last newsletter I highlighted the need for all students to demonstrate positive behaviour for learning (PB4L). While the majority of young people demonstrate our values of being safe, being respectful and being a learner, some students are displaying behaviours and attitudes that are not safe or respectful and interfere with the learning of others.

Staff have been addressing behaviours that are disrespectful, unsafe and/or interfering with the learning of others as a matter of priority and the Deputy Principals and myself are meeting with parents and students to discuss the need for behaviour and attitude changes. This involves the development of an Improvement Plan to assist the young person in understanding the behaviours that are inappropriate, the expected behaviours, staff members who can assist them to make changes and the consequences if they continue to be disrespectful, unsafe and interfere with the learning of others.

Many young people respond very well to their Individual Behaviour Improvement Plan and are willing to engage with those staff who can support them to make these changes. Those students who continue to use inappropriate language, make inappropriate comments, refuse to follow instruction or re-direction of a teacher, bully or harass others and not engage in classroom activities have found that alternate arrangements are being made for their learning. While they are then given the opportunity to correct their behaviours and this process is repeated for a period of time, it may result in an extended or permanent engagement in alternative learning arrangements.

We expect all young people to uphold our values of being safe, being respectful and being a learner. The challenge for us as parents and school staff (as well as many other agencies) is that young people witness extremely inappropriate behaviours in films, computer games, news broadcasts and other media. The use of obscene and abusive language, violence and extremely disrespectful behaviours has escalated out of control in society generally and young people can begin to display these anti-social behaviours believing that they are acceptable.

It is important that we work together to support our young people to develop safe and respect behaviours and engage in meaningful learning. As adults we need to have an open dialogue with one another to ensure our young people understand that as supporting adults are working together toward the same goal - Everyone feels safe, is respected and has the opportunity to engage in learning.

Kind regards,
Deborah Kachel

We acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people, and in particular the Kuboni Werna Clan, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.

Junior School News

It has been a great start to Term 2 for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The Year 8 camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all students, regardless of the 60kms we walked in 4 days.

Students are well and truly back into the swing of their studies and many students will have exams / assessment that will be coming up as mid-term nears.

A big thank you to all the parents that are writing notes for the students (when out of uniform) as this really helps in the managing of this.

Many of our classes are still in the 90% range for their class attendance rates and we really look and review each student's attendance every Friday during Form lessons. If you would like to have a look at your students' attendance rate, please contact either their form class teacher or myself.

I am currently looking into Study Skills and Drugs and Alcohol presentations that will be delivered to students during Term 2 and 3. There are options in the packages to provide parent sessions as well. Please let me know if you are interested in attending either of these two sessions on the form below or email me on tbutl59@eq.edu.au.

Parent Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Session interested in (please circle one or both):

Study Skills

Drugs and Alcohol

Please return to the school office by Friday 20th May 2016.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Mossman State High School? All you need is your child's school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and

NQ School Photography

On Wednesday 27th April, all Staff and Students had their School Photos captured by NQ School Photography.

If you wish to order extra photos of your child or are yet to place an order you can still do so by ordering online. To order your photos online type in www.nqsp.com.au and use this code CYHU2BKF. All package prices are advertised on NQ School Photography's website.

DATE CLAIMER

Year 11 RYDA Course

Tuesday 24th May

P & C Meeting

7:00pm 9th June

Staff Common Room

Year 11/12 Block Exams

Monday 13th June - Friday 17th June

School Athletics Carnival

Thursday 23rd June 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Friday 24th June 8.45am - 3.00pm

Reports Posted and Last Day of Term 2

Friday 24th June

First Day of Term 3

Monday 11th July

Course Outlines

Parents - Follow your student's studies in each subject

Course Outlines for Term 2 (Junior Secondary - Years 7, 8 & 9) and Semester 1 (Senior Secondary - Years 10, 11 & 12) are available on the Mossman State High School Website. You can access the course outlines by following the link below:

[mossmanshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/teaching and learning](http://mossmanshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/teaching%20and%20learning) - then select the relevant year level and subject required.

Annual Cross Country

The annual school cross country was held on Tuesday 19th April at the Mossman showgrounds on new courses for all students. Students eagerly dressed in their school house colours and were pumped for the annual event.



Congratulations to the following students who won their events.

GIRLS		BOYS	
12 year olds	Shakara Gore	12 year olds	Ryan Hawking
13 year olds	Jorja Harvey	13 year olds	Scott Cooper
14 year olds	Unity Beitzel	14 year olds	Bronson Ryan
15 year olds	Kalani Revell	15 year olds	River Howson
16 year olds	Addy Dahlberg	16 year olds	Daniel Plumbe
18 year olds	Abby Day	18 year olds	Conrad Hinz

Congratulations to our Champion school house for the day - JALBIL. Congratulations and it just goes to show how important participation is.



A small group of students were selected to represent Mossman State High School at the Douglas District Cross Country (12 year olds) at Port Douglas 4 Mile Beach or TCN District Cross Country (13 - 18 year olds) at Aeroglen Touch Fields. Both events were held on Friday 6th May 2016.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in their representative district teams and will compete at the Peninsula Cross Country on Friday 20th May 2016.

Douglas District	Ryan Hawking, Sharkira Gore, Fallon Spantan, Tali Hoye
TCN District	Daniel Plumbe, Unity Beitzel

From the Sports Desk...

Cowboys Challenge Rugby League

The boys have started training and have had their first game postponed due to the weather. This year, Mossman SHS has entered an Under 15 and 18 team into the Cowboys Challenge competition.

I have included the draw so that we can generate as much support as possible for the boys at our home games, which are being held at the showgrounds.

The levy that students have been invoiced cover the cost of these games only. When the students make the semi- final rounds, a new invoice will be issued and will need to be paid at short notice.

All students competing must participate in school sport shorts, long black socks (both can be purchased at the school office) and jerseys will be supplied.

DATE	DRAW	LOCATION	KICK OFF TIME	RETURNING TIME TO MOSSMAN SHS
04/05/16	U15 - Mossman SHS v Peace Lutheran College	Mossman Showgrounds	5:00pm	N / A
	U18 - Mossman SHS v Peace Lutheran College		5:00pm	
09/05/16	U15 - St Andrews v Mossman SHS	St Andrews	4:00pm	8:00pm (1/2 hr stop at McDonalds)
	U18 - St Andrews v Mossman SHS	St Andrews	5:00pm	
11/05/16	U15 - Smithfield SHS vs Mossman SHS	Smithfield SHS	4:00pm	7:00pm
	U18 - Smithfield SHS vs Mossman SHS	Smithfield SHS	5:00pm	
18/05/16	U15 - BYE	Mossman Showgrounds	5:00pm	N / A
	U18 - Mossman SHS vs Redlynch College			
25/05/15	U15 - Mossman SHS v St Mary's College	Mossman Showgrounds	5:00pm	N / A
	U18 - Mossman SHS v St Mary's College		5:00pm	

Vicki Wilson Netball

The girls netball training is due to start Tuesday and Friday lunch times for the girls who have signed up to play in the Vicki Wilson carnival. We are in the process of sorting bus quotes, organising letters and levies. This carnival will be played on Thursday 23rd June (last Thursday of the term) at the Martyn street courts in Cairns. If there are any parents who would like to referee on the day, please contact me via email: tbutl59@eq.edu.au.

Boys AFL

AFL Queensland has introduced a new State-wide competition. The junior competition is open to students in Year 7, 8 and 9 and will be played on Watsons Oval, Manunda on Wednesday 1st June 9:00am - 3:00pm. The senior competition is open to students in Year 10, 11 and 12 and will be played on Monday 6th June at Watsons oval, Manunda from 12pm - 6pm.

Students have already been asked to register their interest and the paperwork will commence being organised soon.

Tracy Butland
H.O.D. H.P.E., Dance and
Junior Secondary Student Services

Science

Our senior science classes have been very hands-on this term, with the 10 Chemistry-Physics prep classes investigating rollercoasters, and the Year 11 and 12 Chemistry classes performing their own investigations, or EEIs as you have heard them called! This is all made possible by the tireless work of our Lab Technician, Julie Norman, who ensures each group has the materials they need when they need them!

Our Year 11 Biology class have begun dissection work, leading up to a full squid dissection later in the term. Our thanks to the Mossman Butchering Company who kindly donated the hearts.

Julia Toft



ANZAC DAY 2016

Mossman State High School students were involved in the Pre-ANZAC Day Ceremony at Mossman State High School on Friday 22ndth April as well as representing our school at the ANZAC Dawn Service in Mossman and the ANZAC Ceremony in Port Douglas on Saturday 25th April.

Forty-one of our students represented soldiers from the Douglas Shire who lost their lives during World War I. They wore commemorative name badges and laid a poppy on the cenotaph to honour them.



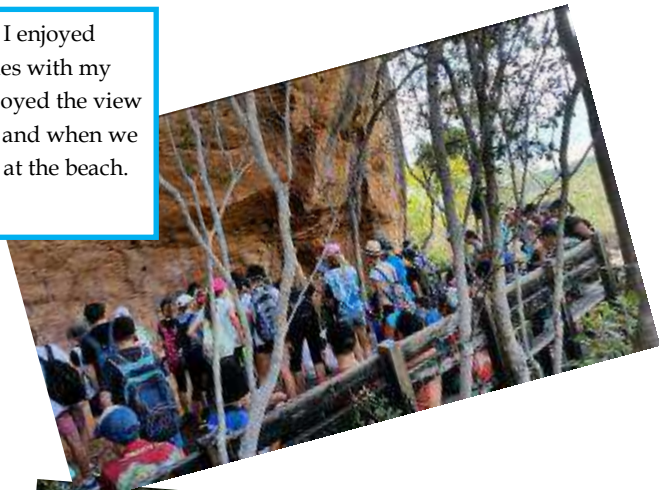
Year 8 Camp - Laura/Cooktown

What a way to start the new term – 4 days with your mates on camp at Cooktown. Yes, there was a lot of walking, NO, it didn't kill us, did we all walk up Grassy Hill, YES and we ate ourselves silly at the Bowls club.

The students had a great time learning about Mary Watson, the Normanby woman, the different areas of the Cooktown cemetery and looking around the James Cook Museum.



On school camp, I enjoyed doing the activities with my friends. I also enjoyed the view on the mountain and when we climbed the rock at the beach.
- *Kate Padovan*



The breakfast was amazing as well as the dinners at the Bowls Club. The place we stayed at was good.
- *Raine Sorenson*



I really had fun having lunch with my friends and going fishing. The walk up Grassy Hill was fun and I really loved the view with the lighthouse. I really had fun with my friends on the beach and we took lots of selfies.
- *La'Keisha Murray*



I liked the camp. The walking was a bit annoying but the views were worth it. The museum was fun and the fishing was cool.
- *Justin Fagg*

I think it was fun and what I enjoyed most was watching movies at night and being able to socialise with people we usually don't see.
- *Brooke Hage*



I enjoyed the museum and the bus trip. I also enjoyed talking to other people that I wouldn't usually talk to.
- *Jordan Scott*



I enjoyed going to the beach because it was fun and the breeze was nice. I also found the museum really interesting and I learnt a lot about the past.
- *Connor White*

Visual Arts 7C

Congratulations to all students in 7C who completed their first term of Visual Art last term with amazing results. The clay and lino tasks were part of a demanding unit of work that required students to develop two artworks consecutively. I know that everyone will agree that the resulting artworks are wonderful. These Crazy Creatures were both based on images that students researched, drew plans for, and then created. The clay task used a two part pinch pot method with surface treatment, and finished using coloured underglazes and a clear glaze coat. Their lino designs were completed using three colours - a reduction printing method that relies on very strong planning and precise cutting techniques that are shown off when the colours are overlaid. My thanks to all of these students for their hard work and results. See you in year 8.

Nada Petrasevic



Regular school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school every day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for :

- Birthdays, shopping , visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, books, school bag
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven't done their homework
- Watching TV
- Have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- It's their birthday

If so, a set routine can help

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every day including their birthday and the last day of term

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

2016 Brahmousin Cattle Handling School Nanango

In February eight students and two parents were invited to attend the annual Cattle Handling and Judging School held at the Nanango Showgrounds. This experience provided everyone who attended with opportunities to learn from experts involved in the cattle industry. Participants attended theoretical and practical workshops on a variety of topics including:

- Caring for cattle and preparation for leading and showing
- Identification of specific features of show cattle
- Comparing breeds of cattle
- Demonstration of and information on artificial insemination (mechanical cow)

Participants were expected to be up at 6am each morning to feed, water, clean stalls and walk and wash cattle. It was an interesting and at times challenging experience requiring participant to extend themselves in areas such as public speaking and identification of quality cattle. Leading the cattle sounds easy but was also quite challenging. I think they gave Mossman participants some of the most difficult cattle because they could see we were up for the challenge! An added bonus on the weekend was free Wi-Fi 24/7 provided by Telstra who sponsored the event. Telstra also provided information during a workshop on Cyber safety and protocols around what we share online. The Rural Olympics obstacle course created laughter and excitement for spectators and participants young and old who attempted to complete some daring and soggy encounters.

We would like to thank Amanda, Steve, Chris and Wendy for all of their hard work and dedication to the program and for their wonderful support in getting Mossman State High School participants to the event. We would also like to thank Warren and Richard for attending the cattle handling school and supporting our students at the event.

Written by Denise Landers

