



MOSSMAN HIGH NEWS

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Principal's Message....

As we commence Term 4 it is important to remember that the weeks will pass by very quickly. This means it is important for every student to engage very quickly with learning in each of their classrooms.

Our Year 12 students will commence their final exams on Wednesday 11th November, with their final day of school on Friday 20th November. We wish them all the very best in the completion of their senior studies.

Year 10 and Year 11 students complete their studies for this year a week later on Friday 27th November. They will certainly be very busy completing classwork and assessment over the next six weeks.

Year 7, 8 & 9 students will complete their studies on Friday 11th December. It is most important that every student in every year level attends school every day up to and including their final day.

Please encourage your young person to engage in all opportunities made available to them this term. It is important that we remind them that each day every learning opportunity is unique.

We are recognising and celebrating our student's achievements at our Presentation night on Thursday 29th October. This is a very special night and I encourage all students and parents to attend. It is always inspiring to see what our students have achieved in a range of endeavours.

As we work through this term, we will also be planning for 2016. This involves timetabling of classes and staffing as well as developing plans to progress priorities for the year.

I look forward to providing further information about our planning for 2016 with you over the coming weeks. The reports from our Full School Review, Internal Review and School Opinion Survey will be used to inform this process.

We have had some staffing changes since the end of Term 3 and we have endeavoured to minimise disruption to students' timetables. Mrs Stollery is the Acting Deputy Principal as Mr Anderson has returned to Brisbane. Ms Allery is the Acting Head of Department Mathematics and Ms Uhlik has added Senior Schooling to her Head of Department role.

We welcome Ms Kerry Gordon, replacing Ms Kirsty Watts in Legal Studies, SOSE and Mathematics, Mr David Carr, replacing Ms Katie Clancy in Year 8 and Health & Physical Education and Ms Keone Clinton replacing Ms Nicole Carnaby in Year 8 and Drama. Mr Yugi Nair is currently on leave and Mr Kim McCarthy has been replacing him for these first two weeks. We anticipate that teachers to replace Mr Nair and Ms Allery will be appointed by next week.

I look forward to having the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students with each of you at Presentation Night on Thursday 29th October.

Kind regards
Deborah Kachel

Principal



We acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people, and in particular the Kubirri Werra 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.

Year 12

Farewell Dinner

WHERE: The Glade Pavilion
Sheraton Mirage

WHEN: Friday, 20th Nov
6:00pm – 11:00pm

COST: \$85 inc GST

Please make sure you have booked your table and purchased tickets by 3:00pm Friday, 13th November from the School Office.

Mossman State High School

wishes to invite

Students, Parents, Guardians, Family & Friends

to our

Annual Presentation Evening 2015

To recognise and celebrate student academic, cultural and sporting achievements.

When - Thursday 29th October

Where - Indoor Sports Centre

Time - 7.00 pm



DATE CLAIMER

Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday 19th October

Presentation Night

Thursday 29th October

Starting at 7pm in the Indoor Sports Centre

Year 11 Cert II Gold Coast Camp

Saturday 7th November - Wednesday 11th November

Year 12 Farewell Dinner Tickets Deadline

3PM Tuesday 13th November
NO EXCEPTIONS

Champion House Day

Wednesday 18th November

Last Day for Year 12 Students

Friday 20th November

Year 12 Farewell Dinner at Sheraton

Friday 20th November
Photos from 6PM

Year 12 Reports Sent Home

Friday 27th November

Last Day for Year 10/11

Friday 27th November

Year 6 Day & Junior School Disco

Tuesday 1st December

Year 10/11 Reports Sent Home

Friday 4th December

Last Day for Year 7/8/9 - Reports Posted Home

Friday 11th December



'From the Sports Desk'



With the latest happenings in the world of sport at Mossman High:

Swimming Carnival:

The Annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival was finally held on Friday October 9th after a wash-out earlier on this year. The weather proved fruitful this time allowing for a well-oiled carnival to run smoothly with plenty of colour, dress-ups and excitement.

Being the first Swimming Carnival for the year 7's, every 12 year old student who won a race also set a new record. But for the existing records, two were broken this year by up and coming surf life savers. Che Innes-Collins set a new 100m Freestyle record of 1:13.44, beating year 12 student Jack Dickson's record by 13.5 seconds. Kalani Revell also set a new 100m Freestyle record of 1:27.00, beating year 10 student Sophie O'Gorman-Petrack's record by 7.72 seconds. It is great to know that we'll be safe at the beaches for the next decade or so.

There was stiff competition this year for the best swimmer in each age group, but only one can prevail. This years Swimming Age Champions are:

	12 Years	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years	16 Years	Open
Boys	Harry O'Gorman-Petrack	Jai Hackett	Che Innes-Collins	Mitchell Knight	Keel Sorensen	Jayden McLean
Girls	Jorja Harvey	Kate Padovan	Kalani Revell	Sophie O'Gorman-Petrack	Abby Day	Jessica Eagle-Rowe

A big congratulation must go to all of the age champions for 2015!!

To the overall champion house, there was clear space between each house, with the overall champions house dominating proceedings throughout the day. The final placings were:

4th: Bilngkumu 233, 3rd: Yawu, 263, 2nd: Jalbil 354 and in first place Kurrunji on 456. Top effort Kurrunji.

Mossman 7's Rugby League and Netball Carnival:

As this edition goes to print, the annual Mossman 7's Carnival is being played. We have reduced the amount of schools playing this year, but included girls Rugby League for the first time in the carnival's history. We know all the kids are pumped but none more so than the girls league team. Go well everyone, we hope you do Mossman proud. The winners will be announced next newsletter as well as thanking the major sponsors.



Representative Sport:

The last round of Peninsula team trials occurs in the next 6 weeks.

Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th October sees the teams from the four districts (TCN, TCN, Tablelands, Innisfail) compete against each other and vie for a place in the Under 15 Peninsula team. We have Vincent Killeen and Nathan Deuble representing Mossman in the TCN Team, so play hard boys.

The Under 19 Peninsula Trials are on in 16th November, with the TCN selection happening on Wednesday 11th November. More details on this as they come to hand.

The Peninsula Triathlon Team nominations for 12 year olds are due Friday 16th October, and the 13 - 19 year olds having until Friday 23rd October to nominate. The Peninsula Carnival will be held at TAS (White Rock) on **Sunday 8th November**. Please ensure you see the HPE staff to nominate for these teams.

Until next time, keep moving.

Ben Vickionkorpi



Operation Christmas Child

Each year our junior classes participate in "Operation Christmas Child". This is a program run by the "Samaritan's Purse". Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organisation that collects small gifts that are organised into a shoe box. These shoe boxes are then distributed to children in underdeveloped parts of the world in time for Christmas. Last term, our year seven classes participated in Operation Christmas Child. Each class was split into groups of 4 or 5 students, and each student was given the gender and age of a child to buy for. We then sent letters home asking for parents to purchase a suitable item to be donated. Each box contained approximately six items, and each item was to be from the following categories:

- Something to love
- Something for school
- Something to wear
- Something to play with
- Something for personal hygiene
- Something special



Participation was not compulsory, and we had set a target of around 12 boxes for grade 7, which was equal to approximately 72 donations. By the last week of the term, we had collected enough gifts and donations to produce an amazing 28 boxes! Each box was packed with a photograph of the class who had put it together, and a personal message written by a class member. This way whoever receives the box has some idea of where it originated. Thank you to the families that participated. The students really enjoyed being involved in this activity, with many of them putting a great deal of thought into what they would buy, and how their gift would impact on the child who would receive it. It was wonderful to see our students being so generous and thoughtful...and it was also really cute to see the 'children' re-emerge as they responded to and played with the toys that were destined for much younger children J

Thank you again to the students and their families who participated in this worthwhile program and thank you also to the teachers for co-ordinating the program within their classrooms and allowing time in their busy programs for it become successful.

Belinda Guthrie

Garden Program

Our transition students from Mossman Primary School along with two of our current students, Coen and Tom, have been working hard weeding and digging up the soil in our garden. Our tomatoes and rosellas are now ready for picking. This week we will be making our first pot of Rosella Jam. If you have any clean glass jars with metal lids we would really appreciate them. You can drop them off to K Block or the Common room at the school between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Cassie Morris



Tom Pougeard-Dulimbert & Coen Gammie-Johnston



Year 12 Cert II in Tourism

Gold Coast Camp

Twenty Year 12 students took off to the Gold Coast to work on the practical component of their Certificate II in Tourism last term.



Throughout the week we stayed at Runaway Bay Sport Centre just north of Surfers Paradise, and had a whirlwind tour of some of the tourist attractions in the area.

These ranged from beach activities (stand-up paddle boarding and surfing), sporting recreational activities (archery, laser tag, boxing, Zumba, ice-skating) and the more familiar tourist parks, Dreamworld and



Movie World.

The students developed excellent teamwork, learned how attitude and procedures can work to promote tourism positively, and even had a little fun along the way!

It was our pleasure to accompany these young adults in their final camp of Year 12. Thanks to Delma Smith from CTIA (Career Training Institute of Australia) for organising the activities as part of the students Certificate II course. Congratulations to the 20 students who all achieved this certificate.

Julia Toft and Julie Norman



Mentors in Violence Prevention

MVP is a leadership program focusing on violence prevention and education. In Term 2 the MVP program was brought to our local Mossman Community by; Rotary and Jawunkarra Indigenous Family Support Service. 24 year 10 and 11 students and 3 teachers and 4 support staff from Mossman SHS participated in 3 days of training.

Griffith University created the program and trains community members to help address the issue of violence against women. Its goals are to raise awareness about the level of violence in our culture, to challenge our thinking by countering mainstream messages about gender, sex and violence, to create a safe environment for all to share their opinions and experiences about these volatile issues and to inspire leadership by empowering participants with concrete options to confront and interrupt violent situations. Discussion topics included healthy relationships, assault, gender roles, sexual harassment, alcohol and sexual consent, and bullying.

The focus of the training is leadership, and it is hoped that participants will be inspired to be leaders with in our school community for challenging the issue of violence against women.

White Ribbon Day is the 25th of November and Mossman SHS will run an awareness campaign in the week leading up to this.

Written by Nurse Wendy



Gym Equipment for Tender

Tenders are invited for the following 2 pieces of gym equipment situated in the School Gym at Mossman State High School.

- ◆ 1 x Lat pull down, with some accessories
- ◆ 1 x bench press, with some accessories

Both pieces are in fair condition and are for tender 'as is'.

For more details or to arrange an inspection, phone Tracy Butland, 4084 1336

Tenders close 23rd October 2015 and should be addressed:-

Gym Equipment
Attn. Tracy Butland
Mossman State High School
PO Box 178
Mossman QLD 4873





Year 11 Camp Canberra & Sydney



Mr Vikionkorpi, Miss Pickford, Mr Nair, Ms Stollery and Ms Bennett departed Mossman State High School at 3am on Tuesday 8th September along with 43 year 11 students to travel to Canberra, Perisher in the Snowy Mountains and Sydney.

The first destination for the group was Canberra. After a long day of travel, the group were collected from the airport by the amazing bus driver and tour guide, Allen. Everyone was very tired, but enthusiastically rugged up for a visit to the National Gallery. Ms Bennett and some of the art students really enjoyed seeing famous artworks by painters such as Monet. Students were given time to explore the sculpture gardens and the café for some coffee. Following the National Gallery, the group travelled to Old Parliament House where they learnt about the history of Australian democracy via an interactive museum. They also had the opportunity to debate conscription in the original House of Representative Chamber where Mr Nair had the privilege of acting as Speaker. The students also went to Questacon in the afternoon where they learnt about Science, and for some, braved the seven metre drop. Following Questacon, the group travelled to Capital Country Holiday Park for dinner and a much appreciated sleep.



New Parliament House - Canberra

The next morning everyone was up bright and early for their visit to the Australian Institute of Sport. The group was guided through the facility by an AIS rugby player and an AIS cricket player. Mr Vikionkorpi, Miss Pickford and many of the students were pretty excited about the visit and the students participated in tests of strength and athletic prowess before a productive visit to the gift shop. Everyone was particularly thrilled to fill their drink bottles with the 'special athlete water'. Following the visit to the AIS, the group travelled to Parliament House where they first got a 'selfie' with the parliament guards, then observed politicians giving speeches in both the House and the Senate. They again got to role play as members of the Senate, with Caleb Winspear acting as Speaker, this time debating a bill for free Wi-fi on public transport. This gave everyone more insight on how the Australian government works. Following the role play, students were visited by their local member for Leichardt, Warren



Perisher - Snowy Mountains

Entsch, MP. The group then ate a pizza lunch at the 'Ladies Rose Garden' and travelled to the Australian War Memorial. They undertook a self-guided tour of the museum in memorial to the members of its armed forces and supporting organisations who have died or participated in wars involving the Commonwealth of Australia. The students observed the Last Post Ceremony where Sheena Langley and Bryce Lomas laid a wreath on behalf of Mossman State High School. That evening students (and teachers) ice skated, and for many it was their first time. There were lots of crashes and falls, many involving Kieren Toft, and everyone was sad to leave at the end of the night.

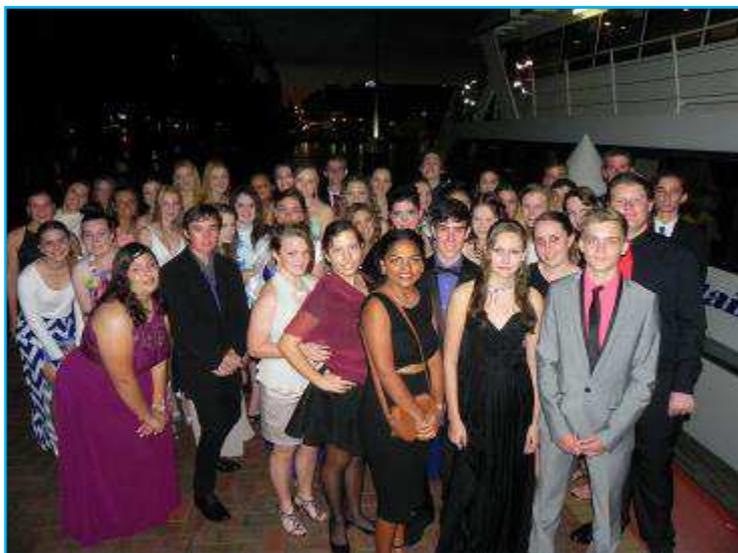
The following morning students were up early to travel to Perisher in the Snowy Mountains. On the way they stopped at the Snowy Mountains Hydro Centre to learn about hydropower and Lake Jindabyne. They travelled onwards to collect their toboggans and snow clothes- then straight on to the snow at Perisher. For many students, and for Mr Nair, it was their very first time at the snow, and riding a toboggan down the hill. Many also had the opportunity to build snow men, have snowball fights, and of course, who could leave the snow without making a giant ice sculpture (after being inspired by the art at the National Gallery). The students then returned to the Holiday Park for dinner and to catch up on sleep. The next morning, students travelled to Mount Ainsley for views over Canberra and the Parliamentary Triangle. Then they travelled to the National Zoo and Aquarium. At the zoo, the students were taken on a guided tour with a zoo keeper. They were allowed to feed the white lion, the emu and pat a reptile and the dingos. They really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with rare or unique wildlife at the zoo. Following the zoo, it was back on the bus for a 4 hour journey to Sydney and the accommodation at the Wool Brokers Hotel in Pyrmont.



Sydney Harbour Bridge & Sydney City Skyline

The next morning, the group was taken on a driving tour to Bondi Beach, where Evie Shaw managed to get a photograph with one of the Bondi lifeguards and others bought some Bondi Beach coffee. The group then travelled on to 'the Gap' where they looked at the views over the heads, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. The group then walked across the road to the ferry terminal at Watson's Bay and took the ferry to Circular Quay where they did some sightseeing at the Sydney Opera House. The group ate lunch near the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Chocolate Festival before a self-guided tour of the art museum. The final activity for the day was a walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The trip was concluded with a fantastic dinner and dancing cruise on Sydney Harbour. All of the students were dressed to the nines and had a great night out on the water. Caleb Winspear dazzled everyone with his dance moves. The following morning everyone got a little sleep in and began their travels back to Mossman for a 6pm arrival.



Dinner and Dancing Cruise on Sydney Harbour

Thank you to Ms Weber for all the planning and organisation of the trip. She put in long hours to prepare such a great itinerary and a memorable experience. Thank you also to Mr Vikionkorpi, Ms Stollery, Mr Nair, Miss Pickford and Ms Bennett for spending the week away with the students. Ultimately, thank you to the students for representing Mossman State High School and the local community in such a commendable way. It was a trip full of laughs, beautiful scenery and memories that will last well into the future.

Written by Miss Katie Pickford

Year 12 Cert II in Visual Art Project

Paper Mache Dragon



Made by Joshua Ryan

Shower use during Term 4

Throughout Term 4, the showers will be available for student use. The individually screened showers are only cold water, however soap is supplied. Students will need to negotiate with their class teachers in regard to the use of class time for showers.



YEAR 12 STUDENTS ENQUIRE NOW ABOUT TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund can assist with scholarships for those commencing their tertiary studies in 2016.

The scholarship applications are assessed by a "merit and means test" process and are provided to assist youth to achieve goals in their chosen field.

Initial enquiries regarding eligibility can be directed to **Juby Peace** at the Fund's Office on **4051 6590** (9am - 3pm Monday - Friday) or by emailing **fnq.youthassist@iig.com.au**

Applications can be obtained from the Fund's website at **www.fnqyaf.org.au**
Apply section



First year applicants should apply early December.
Applications close 31st December 2015.



www.facebook.com/fnqyaf
Refer to our Facebook page
Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund.

Student Laptop News

The Federal Government computers for students program has come to an end with the vast majority of laptops owned by the school and on loan to students now out of warranty.

These devices can continue to be used by students for the remaining classes this year; however any damage or malfunction can only be dealt with by our school Technician. Software problems can be resolved for students but hardware issues may not be repairable. We may be able to provide an exchange laptop while stocks last.

Next year we are moving to the Bring Your Own Laptop system which requires students to bring a personal laptop to use in classes.

Access to the school filtered internet and work files will be managed by a "token" type system that checks the student device for the following:

- A windows operating system.
- Up to date antivirus (available for students for approximately \$9.00 per year)

Microsoft Office 365 (available to students for free to install on up to 5 personal devices)
When considering the purchase of a laptop for your student some *minimum* specifications would be:-

- ⇒ Processor - i3 or i5
- ⇒ RAM (minimum)- 4Gb
- ⇒ Hard Drive - 500Gb
- ⇒ Wireless Network - Intel Dual Band Wireless-N 7260 802.11 A/B/G/N
- ⇒ Long Life battery 9 - 10 hours minimum (no charging facilities will be provided by the school)
- ⇒ Protective carry case
- ⇒ 4 years warranty (onsite is faster)
- ⇒ 4 years accidental damage cover (Read damage policy insurance carefully as to what IS covered)



Students studying Film and Television, Photography, Graphics will need a more powerful device to make full use of the software used in these subjects.

Further details of how this new system will work will be published as the information becomes available.

Neville Mogg
Computer Network Manager.