Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 3! We have lots of great learning activities and fun events planned for this term so there is lots for our students to look forward to.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Roe who is taking over our upper class for the remainder of the year. Miss Roe has recently moved up from Townsville and is already proving to be a fantastic addition to our school.

Our annual School Opinion Surveys are being sent home with this week’s newsletter (see attached). This survey gives parents and carers an opportunity to have your say about what your child’s school does well, and how we can improve. This year’s survey is online, and is only available to complete up until the 29th July. We value your feedback so if you could take the time to complete the survey your efforts will be much appreciated!

I am very excited to announce that Nathan from the Bicycle Centre Cairns has very generously offered to donate a free bike to the winning student of our attendance raffle at the end of the year. This means that the winning child will now get to choose the bike of their choice, valued up to $400! We are very grateful to have such fantastic support from this local business – please keep the Bicycle Centre in mind next time you need to purchase anything bike related so that we can support them in return. See page 3 for details about how to increase your child’s chances of winning.

Our school is offering two after school activities this term, Auskick which will run on a Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm, and Soccer, which will run on a Friday afternoon from 3-4pm. In order for your child to attend these sessions you must register – see page 2 for more details on how to register for Soccer. Information about Auskick will be released shortly.

Congratulations to Seraphina Dufil who has recently been selected to represent our school and region in the Peninsula Rugby League and Rugby Union competitions in Brisbane. Seraphina was the only girl chosen to play in the Peninsula Rugby Union boys team. She will also be playing in the Peninsula Rugby League girls team. We wish you all the best Seraphina, you have already made us proud!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 13th July, 2016

School Office hours:
Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

School Watch: 13 17 88

P&C Association Meeting is held once a month at 6:30pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: Thursday 14th July

DATES TO REMEMBER

July Thursday 14th
P&C Meeting

July Friday 15th
NAIDOC Day Celebrations

July Friday 22nd
Cairns Show Holiday

July Thursday 28th
Brain Talk for Kids

August Tuesday 9th
LOTE Speaking & Listening Comp.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open each Wednesday from 8:15 – 8:45am for the purchase of school supplies.

The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child’s home.

William Temple
Students from Prep to Yr 6 will be participating in Auskick sessions during class time over the next 3 weeks. This is a great opportunity for students to try out a new sport and if they like it they can then register to participate in a 7 week after school program that will run from 3-4pm on a Tuesday afternoon. More information will be sent home next week.

Our tuckshop will re-open next Monday 18th July and will run each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the remainder of the term.

Thank you to those parents who returned the expression of interest forms regarding a school lunch program. Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest this program will not start this year, however we will look into its viability again next year.

Congratulations to Phoenix who won the Jump Mania voucher for Term 2.

Every child who attends school between 90 – 100% of the term goes into the draw to win this prize.

To go into the draw for next term’s prize you must ensure that you miss no more than 5 days of school this term.
WIN A BIKE!

At Machans Beach State School we are SERIOUS about ATTENDANCE. To show you just how serious we are, one of our lucky students will be taking home a BRAND NEW BIKE at the end of this year!

EVERYONE can be in the running to win the bike. Here is how it works:

✓ For every full school week that you attend, you get a raffle ticket with your name on it. You must be at school by 9am each morning to be counted, if you are late then you will miss out!

✓ All raffle tickets go into the raffle box which will be drawn at our Awards Night at the end of this year. The student whose name is drawn out of the box will win a bike valued at up to $400.00!

To make sure that you have lots of raffle tickets in the draw you must make sure that you are at school by 9am every day of the week to receive a raffle ticket for that week. If you miss a day or are late that week then you won’t get a ticket for that week.

Good Luck, and may the best attendee win!!

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Our school will be holding NAIDOC Celebrations this Friday 15th July. Activities include:

- Guest speakers
- Aboriginal dot painting
- Basket weaving
- Kup Murri
- Dance Performances

Students are invited to wear traditional dress. Lunch and morning tea will be provided so students are not required to bring lunch that day.
We made our own omelettes.

Making awesome patterns with coloured rice – we can’t keep up with the coloured rice production!

Getting some BINGO practice in before retirement 😊