Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Thank you to all of the students and parents who participated in our school float at the Cairns Festival Parade on Saturday – it looked fantastic! A special thanks must go to Mel and her helpers who worked very hard to organise our school entry.

Last week our school and P&C made a decision to not send any formal homework home anymore.

This decision was made due to a variety of reasons, one of them being that many students weren’t completing it so were spending all of their playtime in class doing their homework. This in turn resulted in teachers missing out on lunchbreaks too.

We feel that it is important for our students to have time to play and socialise with their friends at lunchtimes. We also feel that it is important for our students to spend their afternoons and evenings playing and enjoying time with their families rather than spending it completing homework.

We do however, expect students to read with a parent every night. Readers will continue to be sent home daily and we strongly encourage parents to not only listen to their child read, but to in turn, read to their child. Home reading logs will no longer need to be completed. Sight words will continue to be sent home with students in the P/1 class for parents to practise with their child if they wish to do so.

Please don’t forget to ‘like’ our new school Facebook page so that you can keep up to date with school news and events!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 31st August, 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 15th September

DATES TO REMEMBER

September Friday 2nd
Teacher Aides Appreciation Day

September Friday 9th
Movie Night

September Sunday 11th
P&C Car Wash

September Thursday 15th
Future Leaders Eco Challenge

September Friday 16th
Last day of Term 3

PIZZA ORDERS!

Pizza orders for our Pizza/Movie night must be returned to school with the money by next Friday!

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin
Yr P/1 News – Miss Vallis

Welcome to week 8! This is the third last week of term 3, so we’re getting busy doing some assessments. In Geography, we’re examining, drawing and modelling a familiar room and a familiar place. The children are identifying the location of things in these places. During Science, they are examining materials, and naming the properties of these and identifying the sense they use to name these.

In Math, the preps are examining data, sorting items by features and measurement of length and capacity. The year ones are telling time by the half hour, explaining time durations, measuring and comparing capacity, counting in series of numbers and recognising the value of Australian coins. Many of these assessments need to be conducted one on one, so it is great if your child attends every day.

Great reading practice at home by some of the children is giving great results with improvement in their sight words and reading levels.

Yr 2/3/4 – Miss Carvill

Wow, how this term has flown by! Can you believe it is already week 8? As always at this point in the term students are busy completing assessment tasks. This week we are focusing on our science assessment which requires students to design an investigation question and use the data from their experiment to answer the question. The students will need to record their data in tables so that it can be analysed. For this investigation students will be working in groups to correctly follow all the steps of the investigation. I look forward to seeing them work together for a common goal.

In other news many students have been spending up big! Their Dojo Dollars that is. For each Dojo point that a student receives they get 1 Dojo dollar. Students can also receive extra Dollars for being at school on time every day or for showing stand out behaviours. These dollars can then be exchanged for rewards. The most popular choices at the moment are a day at the teachers desk for 25 Dojo Dollars and a frozie for 125 Dojo Dollars. Last week Skyla spent 200 Dojo Dollars on a free tuck shop lunch in the staffroom! She enjoyed a delicious toastie, 4 cheesy twists, a flavoured milk and joined the staff in devouring a delicious rainbow cake! Well done Skyla!

Students of the Week

Matthias - for getting to school every day and putting a great effort into all tasks he completes.

Jaspah - for his amazing effort in English poetry. Well done Jaspah!
Yr 4/5/6 – Miss Roe

Week 7 was an amazing week! Here’s why! Not only have year 4,5,6 worked tremendously hard nearly finishing all assessments, we’ve reached 100 marbles on our class marble jar challenge. Students work together in class by helping each other, trying their best and working hard individually to gain marbles. It has taken us 8 weeks to achieve this, so well done class! Our reward for reaching 100 marbles is a class party. Another thing I’m proud to announce is that reading levels across the class are improving, which I put down to all the reading being done at home and school alike, keep it up! Now what have been doing in class apart from reading and completing assessments? Year 6 have been enjoying learning and revising area, volume and capacity in Maths. We enjoyed constructing a cubic metre made of newspaper rolls and calculating how many cubic centimetres fill up this one giant cube. If you’re wondering, it is 1 million cubic centimetres, which in capacity equals 1 whole kilolitre. Well done with your calculations Year 6! In Year 4 and 5, we learnt about patterns in particular with sequences including fractions. Although it has been challenging, students have somewhat understood the concept which is a joy to see when they achieve success. However, we still require a lot more practice to really grasp the concept and I’m confident in the students abilities. Have a great week 8 everybody!

The World’s Future

By Jaspah

In the future, the world will be made of machines
Where there is peace and life, and the world will be green.
In the future, the world will have no war
No more stealing or poverty, the people will have no desire to kill anymore.
In the future, everybody will feel happy and full of joy
We will look after each other and not break the world like a toy.
    So we should make amends
    So we can make this future true
    We should care for this land
    Because it is all for us too.

$5 CAR WASH!

Machans Beach SS P&C association is holding a Car Wash on

Sunday 11th September from 9am to 12pm

at the Holloways Beach IGA.

Parent and student volunteers are urgently needed!

Please register your interest at the office or phone Paul on 40557864.
Last week was very busy at OSHC!

We did an experiment with milk, food dye and dishwashing liquid, which resulted in some very awesome swirly patterns!

We did mono prints which was very popular. We also took the fence down from the garden out the back - we’re going to pretty the garden up with bird and butterfly attracting plants.

Our ‘Tinker Table’ always gets a good work out, last week Trent made an ‘A’ out of wood!