Week 8 Term 1 Thursday 16th March 2017

Next P & C meeting: AGM 22/03/17 6.30pm in the Resource Centre followed by the General meeting.

School improvement focus:
Maths-Problem Solving, Writing-Vocabulary, Reading- inferential comprehension, Teacher capability development

Principal News:
Schools are aware of the potential harmful effects of bullying, including online bullying (cyberbullying) on young people and take reports of bullying seriously.

While all Australian school communities are different and each student's circumstances are individual, there are some general actions schools take to address bullying.

The primary aim of the school’s response is to restore a positive learning environment for all students.

Positive responses are based on the understanding that children and young people are in the process of learning how to be a member of the school and wider community.

To support anti Bullying week we invited the Arts Council performance called Too Cool for Bullies to visit our school and educate our students using puppets.

Our school Fun Run/Cross Country is Friday 24th March. Please note the tuckshop order forms had the incorrect day on them but the correct date.

The Julatten Cross Country is in the first week back after the Easter holidays on Thursday 20th April.

Important Dates to Remember...
- 24th March 2017 FRIDAY – Cross Country Fun Run @ Wonga School
- 31st March 2017 – Last day of Term 1
- 20th April Thursday Term 2/week 1 Julatten Cross Country
- Tues 6th – Fri 9th June year 5 and 6 students camp @ Tinaroo EEC

Have you returned your:
- Cross Country /Fun Run Tuckshop form
- Senior Shirt money
- 2017 Levies
- Instrumental Music Levy

Wonga Beach State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Kuku Yalanji, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.
Student of the Week

PREP - Rihanna for amazing reading work
Maya S for sensational reading progress

1/2/3/4 – Cassidy for an excellent effort during reading groups
Shikara for her excellent reading
Edie for her excellent reading

3/4/5 – Tikania for her improved class behavior and great sight words practice
Harper for always working quietly and conscientiously
Byron for always helping out and going above and beyond

5/6 – Hunta for great work in Maths
Will for fantastic vocab
Jack D for being a wonderful helper in computer lab on Wednesdays

Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week winners – Cooper, Annabelle, Mikaela, Nial and Seth

Congratulations to this week’s Sight word awards recipients.

Congratulations to our 4 student leaders who received their certificate on parade today from the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre
Bluelight Disco
24th of March 2017

ENTRY: $6 (INC SAUSAGE ON BREAD)

TIME: 6:30PM - 9PM
PLACE: MOSSMAN BOWLS CLUB HALL

LOTS OF GAMES, FUN, FOOD AND MORE...

OPEN TO SCHOOL GRADES 1-10

MUSIC BY: PORT DOUGLAS MOBILE DISCO

MOSSMAN/PORT DOUGLAS BLUELIGHT ASSOC, ORGANISED/RUN BY POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS. ALL HOLD BLUE CARDS.

ENQUIRIES PH: 40982177/40871999

FREE BUS SERVICE
WONGA SERVO – 5.30PM
MIALLO SERVO – 5.45PM
COOYA SHOPS – 6.00PM
BOWLS CLUB – 6.15PM
MOSSMAN GORGE – 6.20PM

MOSSMAN GORGE – 9.00PM
BOWLS CLUB – 9.15PM
COOYA SHOPS – 9.25PM
MIALLO SERVO – 9.40PM
WONGA SERVO – 10.00PM
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
This year we will again be holding our annual Mother’s day stall where the students can purchase a gift for their mother and we can raise money for resources for the lower school. Last year’s stall proved a success and the kids got such a kick out of independently selecting and purchasing a gift for their mother. But we need your help!!! If you would like to see this fabulous stall make a difference to our wonderful school community please drop donations off to Mel in the office.
If you have any questions or information about business owners in the community who might be interested in making donations, please see Brooke or Veronica or contact us via email. Suggestions for donations include soaps, diaries, tea towels, candles, diffusers, key chains, fridge magnets, coffee mugs, photo frames.
Please help make this stall a success.

Too Cool for Bullies…..

On Tuesday afternoon we had Stef from School performance tours visit our students in the library to perform her show ‘Too cool for bullies’ with her friend ‘Jeans’.
The children loved it!
DONATIONS:
The P&C are asking for any donations for future raffles and in particular the Easter raffle. Come to the office and see what you can win so far.
Bullying

How parents and carers can respond
Children and young people need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and that their issue will be investigated respectfully. Bullying should be taken seriously.

Listen calmly and get the full story
Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when.

Your first response when a child tells you of a concern can make a difference to the outcome.
Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

Reassure your child they are not to blame
Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse.
You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do
A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem.
While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

Learn some strategies to talk about with your child
These pages provide tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
If your child is being bullied
If your child is bullying others
If your child has seen bullying

Watch the Quick Tips for Parents videos by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg for more ideas.

Contact the school
Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.
Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety. Read more about Parents and schools working together.

Check in regularly with your child
Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Here is a good website to visit for further suggestions/information and includes the links this document states: https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/Parents
WBSS P&C’S

EASTER RAFFLE

5 prizes
$2 per ticket  Drawn 24/03/17
Tickets available at the school office
Anyone able to sell tickets please call 0429697213

thank you & we appreciate your support