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Great state. Great opportunity.
From the Principal

It’s hard to believe that we are already at the start of August and the fourth week of Term 3. Where have the days disappeared to? Last Friday we had 10 of our Merinda athletes compete at the Bowen Sub-District Athletics Carnival held at Bowen State High School. It was a great day for Merinda with four students progressing to the next level. Congratulations to Chelsea, Bohdi, Teeal and Ethan M who will be competing at the Whitsunday trials on Tuesday 9th August at Bowen State High School. We wish you all the best.

This week we have the ‘Ghana Beat My Drum’ performance first thing Wednesday morning as well as ‘Jeans for Genes’ free dress day this Friday with a gold coin donation to raise money to help fight childhood disease. The following week we have the ‘Fizz’ performance on Monday. Plus we have school photos as well as parent-teacher interviews on the Tuesday, don’t forget to book your interview time with your child’s teacher through the office.

The ‘Merinda Cup’ was won by our Prep/1 class in week 2 with an attendance of 95% and our Year 2/3 class in week 3 with an attendance of 95.61%. The overall school attendance for week 2 was 94.14% but we saw a drop in student attendance in week 3 with only 90.99%. Every day is vital for student success and we need to ensure that our Merinda students are attending to get the most out of their schooling journey to set them up for a successful future.

Quote of the Week

“What you do today can improve all your tomorrows” Ralph Marston.

P&C News

P&C are still seeking assistance with Tuckshop on Tuesdays and Sunday Markets. Please contact the school if you are able to assist.

P/1 Super Stars News

We had an amazing NAIDOC day last Tuesday where all the students really enjoyed themselves. We were so lucky to have some traditional dancing from our very own Prior family and try different bush tucker in the library. All the kids were fascinated with the kangaroo meat! It was an awesome day where everyone came together with such respect and learnt a lot about our Indigenous culture. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so successful.

We are running low on fruit for fruit break and I would like to put a shout out to anyone who is able to bring in a piece of fruit or veg to share, prep one really appreciate their brain break food!

I would also love everyone to be bringing their duck level word booklets every day as I will be going through to highlight all the words the students like. This way when it comes to homework, you will know what words your child needs to practice.
2/3 Super News!
We are getting close to the middle of term and it has gone SUPER fast! We have been learning about different lifecycles. During maths time we have been applying different addition and subtraction strategies and measuring capacity, length and area of items. We will soon be doing History and learning how to create a factual text for English lessons. We are creating our own very own “Grandma” recipe during English this part of the term and it has been loads of fun! Don’t forget to book your parent interview times as I would love to discuss your child’s progress with you. Keep up the fantastic reading everyone! Mrs H

A Blast from 3/4 Class!
3/4 would like to congratulate our sports stars with Ethan McClintock moving on to Whitsunday Trials for athletics and Hemi Maher competing in The Challenge Games in Townsville. Your classmates are super proud of your achievements. In class we are learning all about erosion and weathering in Science. Students are making links to their own community and how we as a school can help the environment. Students are also able to earn money (play) in class for working hard. Students are learning the importance of hard work and the value of money. If students can follow the class rules and complete their work they can earn up to $50.00 which will buy them a night off homework. If they break the classroom rules money is deducted. Please remember to book at parent teacher meeting time to discuss your child’s progress so far.

What’s Happening in 5/6
The 5/6 class would like to send out a huge thank you to Cynthia Beck for printing all of our bullying posters. Come in a have a look at them, they are hanging all over the school to promote Anti-Bullying. Merinda State School is a Bully FREE Zone! The students have been working super hard on their assessment this term and I am proud of all the work they have been putting in. Please don’t forget to the call the office to book a Parent Teacher meeting time; I would love to speak with you about your student’s progress so far.

Guidance News
Sometimes doing your best work or trying your hardest at something is difficult. It may have to do with homework for a subject that is not your favourite or is not your best. It may have to do with rugby league, soccer or netball training or a game. It may have to do with being the best classmate and friend. As Hunter S. Thompson once said “anything worth doing, is worth doing right”. Developing the H A B I T of trying your hardest and doing your best work is something that will help you SUCCEED throughout your life. “Do your best when no one is looking. If you do that, then you can be successful at anything you put your mind to” DO YOU TRY YOUR BEST? The choice is yours. Mrs Upkett (Guidance Officer)

Challenge Games 2016
Hemi Maher competed in the Challenge Games all the way in Townsville. He represented his school wonderfully and we are super proud of his amazing effort. Hemi is photographed here with his certificate and trophy for participation.
NAIDOC Celebrations at Merinda State School

Top to Bottom Left to Right –

Makenzie, Trixie-Grace, Julie and Indi finding Indigenous images on our scavenger hunt.

Gideon, Juru, Trixie-Grace and Zion performing a traditional Indigenous dance.

Trixie-Grace, Miss Pawson and Jayden with their traditional Indigenous face painting.

Isaac, Teeal, Zion, Makayla, Isabel, Bonny, Makenzie and Maxie enjoying the taste of bush tucker. Yummy!

Mrs Pott, Juru and Trixie-Grace having fun doing scratch art in the library.
Team Up is a fantastic, FUN program which we are currently running with the Year 5’s at Merinda State School. We laughed and laughed as we completed each activity which focused on being great leaders! Great Leaders need to listen to others, have confidence, direct others, have empathy for others, lead by example, think on the spot, brainstorm, handle disappointment and frustration and regather and move forward! We were IMPRESSED by how Merinda State School worked together and engaged in each activity!!!!

What a wonderful 2nd week of Team Up with Merinda State School. This week we spoke about different personality traits and what it takes to be a successful person. Sharks put their own needs first and take out anyone who gets in their way, often winning at everyone else’s expense. Turtles hide away and often become victims, the Teddy Bear will be easily lead and seeks to be loved...we want to strive to become the wise owl. The owl is assertive and stands up for themselves whilst remaining fair. To reinforce this lesson, we ended the day with ‘Greedy Ball’. Once again lots of laughs and fun!!!
Queens Beach Community Kindergarten
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An exciting evening of

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At 200 South (upstairs at the Grand View Hotel)
Friday 19th August, 2016
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Tickets available from:
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(Limited seats available so BOOK NOW)

$10 per person (6 people per team)

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GUMLU STATE SCHOOL PRESENTS

GUMLU CAR SHOW
Saturday 17th September 2016
9am-2pm Presentations at 1pm
Raising money for our Aussie Farmers
$10 car plus driver BBQ AND RAFFLES
$5 spectators. Nominations by 9am please
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