Merinda State School

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Principal News
Welcome to Week 6! First of all I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Williams for doing such a great job as acting principal whilst I was on long service leave and wish him all the best for the remainder of the year. It was great to know that the school was being looked after so well and this allowed me to have a fantastic break. The remainder of the term is looking incredibly busy and I am sure that the time left will disappear very fast. I am looking forward to having the Planet Rhythm drum workshop here at school next Tuesday which should be a great experience for the children. Don’t forget that next week will be our last Prep for Prep session for the year. If you haven’t had a chance to bring your child along to one of these sessions, please take advantage of this.

P/1/2 News
Welcome to week 6 everyone! We will be busy making Christmas decorations, greeting cards and learning about different families this week. Thank you to all parents that have helped their children bring in Christmas craft. We are excited about performing ‘The Night Before Christmas’ for you all at our end of year concert on the 4th of December. There was a note home about the performance earlier in the week. If you have any questions in regards to costumes, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Hubbert or Miss Florence. The school had a visit from the Cowboys this week which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and there were prizes given out to students. Well done to all students for creating wonderful toys and musical instruments last week!

3/4 News
We can’t believe two weeks have passed already! Year 3/4 are getting very excited about their overnight camp at Reef HQ. Please return the forms and money as soon as possible so we can confirm our booking. Our garden is growing nicely and this is an activity the students really enjoy. Assessment continues for math, English, history and drama. The students are working on our act for Presentation night...watch out Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman! Remember the camp notes please! Mrs S

5/6 News
Our student of the week for week four was Lily Horspool and Marcus Windridge and for week five were Makayla Beck and Haley Lammon. Congratulations on your awesome work! 🌟 Our year six students attended their transition evening at the high school and are enjoying the transition program, led by the energetic Mr Murray. We have concluded the 2015 Global Read Aloud Project. We were thrilled to be a part of this, as we connected and shared our learning with a range of students from around the world. To view some of responses follow the link on the blog or go to http://globalreaders.edublogs.au
Position Vacant
Permanent Teacher Aide T/A004 Merinda State School

Merinda State School is looking for an energetic and motivated individual to join our teaching team.

The successful applicant will:

• Need to be able to work in a team environment, working closely with teachers, students and the community.
• Have excellent communication skills and ability to work appropriately with all age groups across the school community.
• Support productive working relationships.
• Support strategic direction to achieve academic results.
• Be energetic, reliable and organised.
• Set a positive example for the school within the wider community.

This position is 25 hours per week. A full role description can be requested from the Merinda State School office. Please call 07 4785 2193 for further information. Applications Close at 4pm Wednesday 18th November 2015. Application can be emailed to principal@merindass.eq.edu.au or posted to Merinda State School, Bergl Street Merinda Qld 4805.
Girls Group

On Tuesday 27 October the Year 6 girls had a party to celebrate an awesome term of Girls Group. Throughout Term 3 and into Term 4 the girls worked with the Guidance Officer on the ‘Girls with a Purpose Program’. We played a lot of team building games and learned about lots of important things including self-worth, skills and solutions for conflict, speaking with love and forgiveness, honesty and respect, gossip, teasing and bulling. We all had a great time.
**My Favourite Place in Queensland Photography Competition**

The Museum of Tropical Queensland, based in Townsville and part of the Queensland Museum Network, is running the *My Favourite Place in Queensland Photography Competition* to encourage photographers of all ages to snap and share the best of the Sunshine State and win over $5,000 in prizes.

There are **three age categories**: primary school (Years 1 to 6), secondary school (Years 7 to 12) and an open category (18 years of age and over).

For all the details, visit our website [www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au](http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au), complete the online entry form and submit your photograph **before 5pm on Monday 30 November 2015**.

Importantly again this year, we **don’t ask for** the copyright for the photos submitted.

Entries will be featured regularly on our Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/museumoftropicalqueensland](https://www.facebook.com/museumoftropicalqueensland) and the winning and highly commended photographers will be announced in early 2016.

If you have any questions about the competition, call 4726 0603.

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**The TUH ‘Big Thank You’ Giveaway**

Just by saying a 'Big Thank You' to our teachers, you can help our school win one of 5 x $1000 education resource bursaries.

Your child can also win one of 100 x $50 gift vouchers just by entering.

All you have to do is visit bigthankyou.com.au and say in 50 words or less how your teacher helps to inspire a love of reading (parents can help younger students with their entry).

The ‘Big Thank You’ Giveaway is proudly sponsored by TUH, a health fund that was founded in Queensland 43 years ago to serve the education community.

TUH was also the proud principal sponsor of the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
Merinda Super Heroes

Left: Anna Woodhouse, Christy Allen, Mary – Anne Cowan and Stephen Cowan.
Right: Anna and Lily Woodhouse.

Left: Lily Horspool and Mary-anne Cowan.
Right: Jessica and Christy Allen.

Here are some of our super hero parents. A big thank you to all our parents who help out with all the events Merinda State School participates in. We can’t do what we do without your support.

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