Merinda Messenger

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Great state. Great opportunity.
From the Principal
Welcome back to Semester 2. It was great to see all the smiling, enthusiastic faces ready to get back into school mode last week. I hope everyone’s winter holidays were relaxing, restful and enjoyable. To our returning and new students and families, I trust you will enjoy all the activities, learning and events that Term 3 has to offer. Merinda will be celebrating NAIDOC Day on Tuesday 26th July and this will be a great day where we get to learn about our local Indigenous culture as well as participate in hands on activities. On Friday 29th July, 12 of our students aged 10 to 12 will be competing at the Bowen Sub-District Athletics Carnival being held at Bowen State High School. We wish our Merinda students all the best for their chosen events and most importantly hope they have fun.

A massive thank you to our P&C who have generously decided to cover the cost for all our students to attend the ‘Ghana Beat My Drum’ performance on Wednesday 3rd August. They have also covered the cost for all our Prep-Year 4s to attend the ‘Hippo Hippo’ performance in Proserpine on Friday 19th August. This is brilliant news for our Merinda students and families as it will allow our students access to some great cultural activities.

On Parade last Friday, the classes were introduced to the ‘Merinda Cup’ the trophy that each class will be vying to win each Friday for the best attendance. The winning class each Friday will not only receive the ‘Merinda Cup’ but will also get to taste the sweet rewards of victory with an icy pole for each child. A reminder that there are now only 19 school weeks left for the year and that every day is a precious day of learning.

Quote of the Week
“I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have” Thomas Jefferson.

P&C News
The P&C are still seeking assistance with the weekend markets and tuckshop. If you are able to assist with either of these please contact either Mary-Anne Cowan on 0408 008 195 or Aleisha Johnson on 0428 434 724.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 9th August 2016 from 3:30pm-6:30pm. In order to secure your interview timeslot you must call Mrs Conway in the office and make a booking. Please be aware that timeslots are 15 minutes each and are filling up quickly.

Position Vacancy
A position for a casual schools officer (grounds person) has become available at Merinda State School. If you think that you would be suitable for this role, please contact Mrs Conway for further details. Role includes mowing, general maintenance and garden beautification. Position is for 4 hours weekly.
**P/1 Super Stars News**

After an epic end to Term 3 with a successful athletics carnival and Matty Bowen an ex Cowboy’s player visiting us, we have had a firework start to Term 3! Reading groups are already running great with every student engaged and excited. We love using our ‘witchy fingers’ to track our reading, something I hope students are practising at home. We’ve been learning about what is fact and fiction and do some excellent writing around this. Miss Smith is away in week 2 and 3 in which Mrs Jameson will be joining our class. We are looking forward to having her with us. A new friend named Bonny in year 1 has joined our class and we are really excited to have her! Everyone is being really kind and making her feel welcomed. My new homework policy has come in to play with homework being handed out now on a Monday-Monday. I really hope this offers families more time to work on the homework. I am hoping to see students complete ALL homework so they can win a prize! Miss Pawson

From Left to Right: Our new student Bonny, Darcy, Indi and Oliver working hard in their reading groups, Isacc with his fantastic class work, Sahara and Makenzie working hard in class.

Top Right: The P/1 students with Cowboy team member ‘Matty Bowen’. GO COWBOYS!!

**News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls**

The year twos are having loads of fun with ‘procedural texts’ for English this week and wrote a recipe for icy cups and analysed the text structure of a pikelet recipe. This aligns with our quirky text “George’s Marvellous Medicine” by Roald Dahl. The year threes are also having loads of fun retelling familiar stories and will be engaging in the text “The Lorax” and will be having loads of fun activities with this as well. We already started with some fun activities to introduce the texts during the last week of term 2. Here are some photos of our ‘Lorax’ moustaches.

From Left to Right: Chelsey, Archer, Oliver and Riley with their Lorax Moustaches. ‘I moustache you a question...’

**A Blast from 3/4 Class!**

Welcome back to term 3. Our garden has had a bit of an overhaul with some parsley, lettuce and sugar snap peas being added. We were fortunate to get a grant which we will be putting toward the building of a chicken coup. I am also looking forward to establishing some no dig gardens around the school which can become a community type garden. It will be exciting to see our worm farm, chickens and salad garden all work together. In English we are preparing to write a traditional story with a moral; In Math we are consolidating our addition and subtraction facts and working on money problems. More on History, Geography and Science next newsletter. A reminder that the classroom will be open from 8:30am. Homework can be done at this time. Please feel free to contact me through dojo if there is something you need to discuss or arrange a meeting through the office. More news next time. Mrs S.
What’s Happening in 5/6

5/6 MON-STARS have continued to focus on positive relationships with ourselves and others which has created a collaborative and supportive learning environment. We are looking forward to writing a letter to people in the future and exploring contributions made by scientists that assist us to develop and build knowledge surrounding space. We are continuing to develop our technology skills and taking learning into our own hands. Watch this space for all the exciting things that we will be doing as seniors in the school.

News from the PCYC

$150 ‘Get Started’ vouchers are available for eligible persons to be used by young people aged 5 to 17 years for activities held at PCYC with a new HIP HOP dance program beginning in August. Come on down and find out what’s being offered for both young people and adults.

We still have the usually activities running like squash, bingo, soccer, basketball and Zumba. The always popular Friday Sk8 nite run by the R.U.B.Y crew and supervised by adults are now between 5p-8p.

After School Aged Care is offered at PCYC Bowen with a courtesy bus service collecting children from school and providing supervision to them at Bowen PCYC until 6pm. This is a great way to have a bit of respite allowing your children to socialise and interact with other children from the various schools in Bowen. We will be encouraging more outdoor activities with the children and also cater for the ones who prefer quiet indoor activities. The PCYC Bowen School Aged Care co-ordinator delivers a professional quality service providing afternoon tea, keeping them active in team building games and activities. Parents interested should contact PCYC Bowen to enquire about the government rebates.

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