Merinda Messenger

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Great state. Great opportunity.
From the Principal

Welcome to the start of week 4 and this term is quickly beginning to disappear. The tennis program is in full swing and our Merinda students are really beginning to shine, we could possibly have some future stars in our midst.

We are down to 3 Prep open days left for the year and we have really appreciated the great turn out. Our remaining Prep open days are on Tuesday 25th October, Tuesday 1st November and Tuesday 8th November from 9am-11am. If you know of any more families with Prep age children for 2017 who are still to enrol please invite them along to any of these days to experience our wonderful school.

The Year 5/6 class head off on camp this Wednesday to Paluma Environmental Education Centre and I have no doubt that they will have an amazing time and come back with lots of stories to tell us about their adventures.

I’d like to give a massive thank you to Tanya Finlay who has been filling Dannielle’s position in the office for weeks 1, 2 and 3. Tanya has done a wonderful job and we will miss her when she finishes up this Friday. We would like to welcome Mrs Sherilyn Schofield to Merinda State School as our new Administration Officer.

Our 2017 school booklists are now available to view through our school website or QSchools App. Reminder to parents/carers that if you can find cheaper exercise books with more pages then listed please purchase them as they will last longer. Any questions about the book lists please either discuss with your current class teacher or the school office.

Congratulations to our Merinda Cup winners for Term 4. Our week 2 winners were Prep/1 with 97.77% attendance and our school attendance for week 2 was 95.28%. Our week 3 winners were Year 5/6 with 98.86% attendance and our school attendance for week 3 was 93.77%. These are brilliant results and it’s fantastic to see our students making everyday count.

Reminder to parents that the bus zone is not a drop off and pick up zone. The parking and bus zone areas have been relined so please make sure that you park in the correct areas. Only 35 school days left for Term 4, so make everyday a winner!

“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence”. Confucious.
P/1 Super Stars News

In Prep/1 we have been comparing fairy tales in English. Each week we have chosen a traditional story and compared it to a fractured fairy tale of the same name.

Just remember to read every day and Miss Pawson returns on Tuesday 25th October 2016.

Miss Jessica

P-1 Award Winner: Noah Murphy

Prep 4 Prep 2016

Merinda State School will again this year be holding Prep 4 Prep days for our 2017 Prep students. If you know of any families who are looking for a fantastic little school to enrol their children for Prep next year, please share the following dates. We look forward to meeting all of our fresh new faces.

25th October 2016 - P&C will be speaking today about the wonderful projects they have running and ways in which our community can become involved.
1st November 2016 - School Nurse will be coming out today to speak about healthy living and the services that they provide for our school.
8th November 2016 - Girudala will be coming out today to speak about nutrition and the ways they engage in our school community.
News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls

Hi everyone

I would like to say a big thank you to the parents and students that have provided the school with fruit for fruit break. The weeks are going so super fast and we are nearly ready for our English assessment. This term for year 2 in English we are creating a new event for an existing story. One game/discussion you could do at home to assist your child would be to make up new events for a familiar story (you say the beginning or end and your child makes up the rest). Year 3 are currently learning about alliteration and onomatopoeia in poetry. Ask your child to 'make up' an alliteration at home for you! If you know of anyone who would love to come to our fantastic school, please encourage them to come along to our Prep for Prep program as it is still running! Have an OWLTASTIC week everyone!

Mrs H

P2-3 Award Winners (From Left to Right): Beau Murphy, Rhylea Clark, Addison Whitchurch, Riley Annear, Jasmine Fischer, Meghan Claassen

A Blast from 3-4 Class

Work, work, work… the children have been working extremely hard to complete assessment tasks especially in mathematics. Year 3 are working on ways to heat water for a cup of tea without using fire or electricity… very challenging. Year 4 have begun work on decimals and their relationship to fractions.
Homework has changed for this last term. The students need to choose only one activity from English and one activity from math (they can do more if they want to); They also need to write their spelling words out every night. Reading is an expectation for every student, every night! Homework will be given to students on Tuesday and will need to be handed in on the following Monday. Students who complete homework every week (barring illness) will be able to participate in the homework party. Also watch out for a working bee to erect our chicken houses. Until next time, cheers from Mrs S and 3-4.

3-4 Award Winner: Chloe Wright
What’s Happening in 5/6?

It’s term 4 and everyone is working very hard. Year 5’s have been conducting various experiments relating to kinetic and potential energy and how light travels while the 6’s have been exploring electrical circuits and conductors of electricity. We have been creating switches using our knowledge of conductors to complete our electrical circuits. We have been developing our writing skills and are preparing to complete an analysis based on the similarities and differences of literary and informative texts. Camp is just around the corner and we are all pumped to get out to Paluma. We can’t wait to share all our amazing experiences with you when we get back.

5-6 Award Winner: Jarred Taylor

P&C News

Fundraising is an important part of the P&C’s role. Money that is raised goes towards equipment for the school, excursions, performances, year 6 graduation, presentation night and lots of other things that benefit your child. We have a major goal of a new playground for the school.

Every second Sunday the P&C have a stall at the Hansen Park markets, selling bacon and egg sandwiches. We need volunteers to help continue this important fund raising activity. If you could spare some time on the following dates, please return this form to the school office and we will contact you. The stall runs from 6am to midday, anytime you can spare is greatly appreciated. Even a couple of hours would be great.

Thank you,
Aleisha Johnson
P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

Please return this form to the school office if you are able to provide assistance with the P&C fundraising at the Hansen Park Markets. Please circle the days below that you are available to help.

Name: ________________________________
Phone #: ________________________________
30th October
13th November
27th November

Thank you for your support

Ticket Books

Thank you to everyone who has taken home ticket books to sell. Just a reminder that all sold and unsold tickets are to be returned with money to the school office by close of business 11th November 2016. If you would like to sell more books please come into the school office and we will gladly provide you with more booklets. Prizes will be drawn on the 25th of November 2016 at 9am.
Make it Grow!

Merinda State School would like to add to our gardens. At the moment the gardens are looking a bit sad, so we would like to bulk them up with some beautiful plants. We are asking our parents and the community if they would be able to donate any **drought tolerant** plants to the school. We would greatly appreciate any contribution. Help us make our school beautiful.

TaeKwonDo

Self Defence TaeKwonDo classes for adults and children will be available at Bowen State School. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The first session is free, commencing Term 4. Rates are $35.00 per month. Phone Anna on 0433 300 617 for more information.

Bravehearts was a great success in making our students aware of the principles and rules of personal safety.
Save the Children – Play2Learn

Merinda State School has a fantastic and very valued partnership with Save the Children Australia. Through their mobile play scheme, parents and carers of children from 0 to 5 years are able to play and talk in a secure, safe and professional environment. The program promotes child safe activities as well as strong community values. Children are exposed to many fun and stimulating activities to get their little minds turning, the play group also gives parents and carers a chance to interact with other families in their community. To make sure that this amazing program continues we need our communities support. If you have a child between 0 – 5 years or have family or friends with a child or children in this age group, get involved; it’s free. Come to Merinda State School on Thursdays between 9:00am and 11:00am to join in the fun. Please contact Kylie Bell for more information on 0438 202 058.
Win a Trip to Australia Zoo
Meet "Scout" the Tiger Cub
Celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts

The Competition:

It's 100 years since Cub Scouts began and to celebrate you could win an all inclusive trip for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) to Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast.

You'll be treated to a Platinum Zoo Adventure of behind-the-scenes animal encounters, your own personal guide, your own personal photographer and an awesome VIP gift pack.

Fly courtesy of Flight Centre Group Travel and stay at the Oaks Oasis on the Sunshine Coast.

While you're there, visit 'Scout' the new tiger cub, sponsored and named by Cub Scouts!

To enter log onto www.cub100.com and fill in the online entry form.

Want to know more about Cub Scouts?
Contact your local Cub Scout Group or go to www.scouts.com.au

BOWEN CUB SCOUTS

We are looking for extra Cub Scout Leaders - if this sounds like you...
please contact Lesley Bullemor email bowenscoutgroup@outlook.com

One person per entry. All entrants must be over 18 or have permission from a parent or guardian.
Competition opens 10am June 1 2016 and closes 4pm October 31 2016. Winners will be posted to www.cub100.com. Terms and conditions at www.cub100.com.
PREP OPEN DAY

Tuesdays October 4th, 18th, 25th, 1st and 8th November 9am-11am

Why choose Merinda State School?
- Dedicated and skilled staff
- Pleasant, welcoming and friendly environment
- Active P&C and positive parental engagement
- Green Team Environmental Warriors
- Small School Values
- Large, spacious school grounds

Our school offers:
- SSP as part of our literacy approach
- A hands on approach to learning
- Units that follow the Australian Curriculum
- Exceptional teacher aide support

RSVP Today!!
Open to all, call our helpful office staff today to book your spot on (07) 4785 2163. We are excited to meet you all and welcome you into the Merinda family.

A curriculum that focuses on:
- Integrating literacy into all aspects of learning
- Developing inquiry skills
- Critical and creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Effective communication
- Incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures into our learning
- Active participation
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