Hi everyone,

Firstly this fortnight I would like to welcome three new students to our school. Emi-Lee joins our 2-4 class, while Riley and Savannah join our P-1 class with Mrs Pethers and Mrs Tully. So, a big welcome to Emi-Lee, Riley and Savannah and your families to the Merinda community.

Next is a BIG Thank you, but also unfortunately goodbye to Ms Kelly. Ms Kelly has been appointed the principal at Cannonvale State School. Ms Kelly has been instrumental in getting Merinda to where it is today and her dedication to the school along with her husband, Mr Ivers has been amazing. Ms Kelly, we wish you all the very best and while the Merinda community will miss you dearly, we know that Cannonvale State School is very lucky to have such a passionate and committed principal at the helm. We also wish Mr Ivers, Ben and Katie all the very best for the exciting future ahead.

At the end of this term we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Stirling. Mrs Stirling has been our SEP teacher this term due to Mrs Edwards leaving us. Mrs Evans will be returning to Merinda after the birth of her baby and she will be taking over as the school’s SEP teacher. Thank you Mrs Stirling for your contribution to the school this term and we wish you all the very best.

Congratulations now to Mrs Tully who through a very well written submission, has won the school a donation of $1000 from North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQBP). Matthew Magin from NQBP came to Merinda on Friday to present our Green Team leaders, Riley and Jake with the cheque for $1000 and a bag of goodies. The school is looking at using this money to subsidise a Reef Guardian trip to Reef HQ in Townsville to visit the Turtle Hospital. Thank you Matthew and NQBP for your kind support.

Well done to the school for the way they embraced ‘World Environment Day’ last Wednesday. All the children looked great dressed in green and there was also a record amount of Nude Food on the day. This day was a chance for the children to celebrate all the great things that Merinda does for the environment.

There has been a bit going on around the school over the last couple of weeks. Our shade gazeboes have been repainted, new toilets cisterns and seats have been put in the toilets, gutters on B Block have been replaced, pavers near the front gate have been fixed and a brand new water bubbler that gives us icy cold water each day has been installed. You will notice some fencing around B Block this week as painters are in painting the building. Please be mindful of all fenced areas and take care when around them. All of the works should be completed by the end of the term.

Thank you,

Brad Coey-Braddon
P-1 News...

Another busy term is almost finished! Students have worked very hard this Semester and we are very proud of everyone’s efforts to improve their reading and writing. Do not forget to keep practicing over the holiday break. Read every night. Homework folders may go home over the break but please ensure they are returned ready for Day 1 Term 3.

An invitation will be sent home today with this newsletter for Parents and Carers of P-1 students to come along on our fun day Friday 21 June to watch our presentation of Nursery Rhymes, Puppets and Plays starting at 9:30am. Families are welcome to join their children with the other ‘fun day’ activities following the performance.

Big smiles from Mrs Tully and Mrs Pethers.

2-4 News...

The 2-4 class would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our class, Emi-Lee. We look forward to you joining our school and I’m sure our friendly kids will make you feel very comfortable.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in our classroom and I am very proud of the effort each student is applying to their school work. A lot has been asked of them as of late with assessment pieces although we are nearing the end with only a couple to complete. Please make sure your child continues to have a decent sleep and breakfast each morning. Keep up the great work!

Donations of paint (house or acrylic), tape or any other materials for our Wakakirri props would be highly appreciated. If you would like to get involved with your child/children, why not volunteer your time to the construction of Wakakirri props in Art lessons held every Friday from 9:30am – 10:15am.

5-7 News...

As we work towards completing our assessment for this term, we have been working hard on our Animated Short Story. ‘The Crack up’ was created with children dressing up and getting into character. 460 photos were taken in order for the Stop Motion Film to work effectively. All of these photos were then put into Windows Movie Maker and as the photos scroll through quickly the 460 photos come alive as a movie. Students added narration, sound and credits to make the movie their own and produce what would be an Oscar winning production if released to the world.

Our Science assessment made for interesting investigations and discussions. Year 5’s were looking at the rate of evaporation in different containers, Year 6’s were looking at reversible and irreversible changes when adding heat while the Year 7’s looked at separating mixtures through different filtration processes. All 3 assessment tasks were very interesting and the predictions and explanations behind the results found were very interesting too.

Student of the Week

Week 7...

P-1 Whole Class... A special award to celebrate our special young people in U/8’s Week.

2-4 Brody For persisting with his school work and being positive with his learning.

5-7 Braydon For sharing great ideas in class.

Week 8...

P-1 Jai Great Story Writing. Well done!

2-4 Sidney For being ready to learn and always on task with her learning.

5-7 Riley For being a leader both in and out of the classroom.

Quote from Chappy

‘Why not learn to enjoy the little things? There are so many of them!’

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