Teddy Bear Picnic 2018

Our Prep Open Day ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’ is on Thursday 13th September from 9am-11am being held at our wonderful school. We welcome all preschool aged children and their parents, carers and families to join us for our Prep open day, morning tea and lots of fun activities. There will be tea, coffee, cakes, sausage sizzle, fun games, singing and activities to be enjoyed. Don’t forget to bring along your favourite teddy bear! Spread the word! All Merinda students are welcome to dress up like a teddy bear and bring their favourite teddy, plus all Merinda students will get a free sausage sizzle on the day.

Our other Merinda State School Prep Open Days for this year will be held during Term 4:

- Week 7 – Friday 23rd November 9am-11am
- Week 8 – Friday 30th November 9am-11am
- Week 9 – Friday 7th December 9am-11am

‘Deadly Australian’ Presentation

Last Friday we got to experience the ‘Deadly Australian’ Presentation learning about the secrets of the ‘Deadly Australians’ that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea as well as understand the contributions they make to our ecosystem. Our Merinda students had a great time, learnt a lot and the timing couldn’t have been better as we move into the warmer months of the year and with school holidays fast approaching.

Acting Principal for Term 4

Merinda would like to give a warm welcome to Trevor Flaherty who will be the Acting Principal during Term 4 while I’m away on long service leave. Trevor has previous experience as a Principal and will be a great fit for our school. I wish him all the best for the end of the year.

Home Readers and Library Books

It’s that time of the Term where we are asking our parents and carers to please check at home to see if your child/ren still has any school readers or library books that need to be returned. If you do find any school readers or library books can you please return them to your child’s class teacher. Thank you for all your help.
From the Principal (continued)

Merinda Cup Class Attendance – Term 3 2018

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Congratulations to our Merinda Cup winners Prep-1 with 100% attendance for week 7. Our school attendance for week 7 was 95.91%. Congratulations to our Merinda Cup winners P/1 and Year 2/3 with 96.66% attendance for week 8. Our school attendance for week 8 was 91.75%.

“Don’t wait; the time will never be ‘just right.’ Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.” George Herbert.

Prep Open Day
Teddy Bear Picnic

Date: Thursday 13th September

Time 9am-11am

Where: Merinda State School

Please join us for a morning of fun, games and plenty of activities.

Tea – Coffee – Cakes – Sausage Sizzle – Fun – Games – Singing – Activities

Merinda State School P&C Association in conjunction with the school welcomes all preschool aged children and their parents, carers and families to join us for our Prep Open Day, morning tea and lots of fun activities.

Come along to find out what our little school has to offer.

All Merinda students are welcome to dress as a teddy bear and bring their favourite teddy! All Merinda students will also get a free sausage sizzle!!
Hello everyone

The P&C would like to thank everybody who supported our Father’s day stall last week. It was a huge success again raising more funds to out back into the school for more educational resources. To all the Dads, Step-dads, Grandads and other special people in our lives we hope you enjoyed your Father’s day.

I have enjoyed watching all the students practicing their skipping in preparation for the Jump Rope for Heart jump off the last few weeks. They have all done an amazing job learning new skipping skills. I hope to see them continue this in the playground as it’s so much fun and great for fitness and coordination.

We are continuing to work with the school on the new playground and will keep you posted when we know more.

Mrs Sexton’s sensory zen garden is starting to shape and looking bright and colourful with lots of lovely plants in it. The students are doing a great job landscaping and we can’t wait to see it grow!

Don’t forget our Prep open day Teddy Bear’s Picnic next Thursday. The P&C are working with the school to make it a great day so we can show off our fantastic little school and attract new Prep students next year. If you know any families with preschool aged children please share the event with them, we’d love to see them. The P&C are also putting on a sausage sizzle for all the students on the day too and encouraging everyone to bring a teddy bear or dress up if they want.

If any parents are able to donate a few baked goodies like slices, cakes etc for the morning tea at the Teddy Bear’s Picnic, please contact myself either at the school or on 0420654994, thank you.

Don’t forget our P&C meetings are normally held the first Monday of the months at 6.30pm. It’s a great opportunity to meet other parents, find out what is happening at the school and share your ideas. We love seeing new faces, everyone welcome we hope to see you at the next meeting! The position of Secretary is now vacant, anybody wishing to take on this role please see myself.

Merinda State School P&C Association now has a Facebook page. Head on over and like our page to keep up to date on what is happening with the P&C and school.

Next Meeting

Monday 8th October – 6.30pm in the library

Upcoming Events

Prep Open Day Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Thursday 13th September 9am-11am

Jo Griffiths

P&C President
What's happening in Prep/One Busy Bees

Last week was a special week where we showed all our AMAZING support stuff our love and appreciation. For our classroom teacher aide, Mrs Lynch, we made her a book telling her all the reasons WHY we APPRECIATE her. We hope you all had a lovely week. Love Prep One

The deadly Australian’s visit was really cool because I got to feed the turtles! Molly Beck

I liked holding the turtle it was cool. Ziggy Pereira

A big thank you to Mr Wells for all his support in delivering information sessions to the local kindys. Let’s hope we can spread the good word about how awesome Merinda is. Don’t forget Teddy Bear’s picnic NEXT THURSDAY! Miss Pawson

Jessie Pawson

Year 2/3 new

Hello Everyone,

My name is Rachel Moore and I am the newest addition to the wonderful learning community at Merinda State School. I find myself extremely lucky to be year 2/3’s new teacher for the remainder of the year. So being born in Bundaberg and having spent a lot of my time in Central Queensland mining towns and living and working on Macleay and Russell Islands off Redland Bay, Brisbane; I find myself so happy to be part of a small community again here in beautiful Bowen.

I am a happy go lucky person and I love people and have genuine love and care for everyone. I celebrate diversity and our unique abilities. I have been teaching for 12 years and have taught all year levels from Prep-year 7. I am however early childhood trained and absolutely love teaching the early years. If I haven’t met you yet please free to come by my classroom and say hi!! As for parents of my kids I look forward to forming a partnership with you to benefit your child’s learning and I hope to chat with you soon.

I recently became a grandma to 3 beautiful grandchildren. But not what you think not triplets. I was blessed by each of my 3 adult children becoming first time parents within a 6 week period. I returned home to Australia from my teaching cultural exchange program overseas in North Carolina USA a day before my first grandson, Loni was born on May 4th. Then Oscar arrived on May 31st closely followed by his little cousin and my first granddaughter Elizabeth. So my thrice as nice/ triple trouble have added more joy to my life than you can describe.

I love watching sports and to play netball and indoor netball.

Living near the beach is plus a for me and road tripping to new places, exciting times ahead!!

Rachel Moore
Hello from the #Hashtaggers,

We have started collecting the seeds from the Sunday Mail and Courier Mail and have lettuce, basil, radish, and mint growing. These will be added to our vegie/herb garden as they grow. We have lots and lots and lots of black pots for sell if any keen gardener needs them. 5 pots for $3 or 10 pots for $5. We have had a great week working on math games for our Multiplication Fair, part of the Year 3 math assessment. We have also been learning about different types of poems and experimenting with writing our own. Here are a couple of our wonderful creations.

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My mum's a cook-osaurus cause she likes to cook
Dad's a look-osaurus cause he likes to look
Geraard's an xbox-osaurus cause he plays his games
Asthon's a game-osaurus cause he likes the same.

Jayden Beck

There was a young girl named Rhyles
She said ‘hello’ politely
She sat on a chair
Feeling nothing but hair
That lovely young girl named Rhylea.

Emily Sleeman

And now for alliteration:

Ridiculous Rhylea rides racehorses.
Excellent Emily enjoys eggs.
Naughty Nash needs knickers.
Aiden ate angry ants and accidently ambushed alligators.

Rhylea Clark

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Cheers, Mrs Sexton

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What’s happening in 5/6

We have been learning about perimeter and area of rectangles and squares. We practice applying it to real life examples by working out the area/perimeter and the cost involved. In English we have been learning about poetry. We are practicing to analyse a poem and know the poetic devices used. In Art and Technology we are learning to analyse and create our own video. We start our day with spelling and have been making word bricks. We played cricket with Mr Wells on Monday for H.P.E.

Jasmine and Madison
Last Friday Marc from Deadly Australians visited. He brought snakes, spiders, turtles and a crocodile skull and spoke about snake safety and simple first aid techniques.

Last Tuesday we had Luke from Cricket Australia come to Merinda with some of his friends that play for the Brisbane Heat. As it was Road Safety Week they spoke to the students about road safety and gave students and staff a water bottle each. After the talk, students were able to play some games with Luke and the other Brisbane Heat players.
Colgate Community Garden Challenge

As you are all aware, we have entered a competition to win garden beds for our school. We have been voting madly to keep our score up to stay in the running for this prize. Please bring in any oral care products you have such as, empty toothpaste tubes, floss containers, old tooth brushes etc, and ask as many people you know too! We can make this possible if everyone gets on board.

Did you know that a tooth brush should be changed every couple of months?

School uniform and school hat reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform every day. Students are to wear the Merinda school polo shirt/sport shirt/Year 6 shirt with black shorts/skirt/skorts. The school also has a sun-safe policy of “No Hat – No Play”. A broad brim or bucket style hat is acceptable. School uniforms and hats can be purchased through Elise Woodhouse on 0447 977 865.

We have a few students who have a severe allergy to nuts. Even exposure to very small amounts could be serious and life threatening for them.

We ask that no parent send products to school that have nuts listed on the ingredients section of the packaging.

Thank you for your support.
**Head lice**

Head lice has been detected in the school. It is important for you to check your child's hair regularly. If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads **every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days**.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact. To reduce the risk of head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up, discourage children from sharing brushes and having head-to-head contact with others.

ANYONE can get head lice, they have no preference for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

**Have you updated your details?**

Have you changed your mobile number? Moved house? Don’t forget to update any changes including emergency contact details. If the school needs to contact you regarding your child we need these details to be correct. If you are unsure of what information the school has please contact Sarah in the front office to discuss on 4785 2193.

**Water bottles**

The weather will start to heat up shortly, please ensure your child has a water bottle for school and remind them of the importance of keeping hydrated. The recommended daily amount of fluids for children aged 5-8 years is 5 glasses (1 litre) and for children aged 9-12 years is 7 glasses (1.5 litres). Not having enough fluid in your body can cause headaches, fatigue, make you feel cranky and affect your concentration.

**Plain A4 paper needed**

If you have not yet provided your plain A4 paper for Terms 3 and 4 could you please bring them to the office as we are running low. Thank you!

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Our Jump Off Day has been changed and will now be on **TUESDAY 18th September at 2:30pm**. All families are welcome to come along and watch. Thank you to all students who have raised money for Jump Rope for Heart and returned their permission notes. The students have so far raised just under $700!!
Hello again everyone; spring has officially sprung, and I’m trying to come to terms with the fact that there are only two more weeks of school left for Term 3. As if that wasn’t scary enough there are only twelve weeks of school left for the year, and one hundred and nine days, thirteen hours and fifty minutes left until Christmas.

I’d like to quickly remind everyone about the chaplaincy waffle night coming up on Wednesday next week. The night kicks off at six in the evening and goes through until around half past eight, and Le Sorelle is again, very generously, supporting the school chaplaincy service in the Bowen and Collinsville region. If anyone would like me to assist with making a group booking please let me know soon as the bookings do come thick and fast.

Next term I am going to run a pavement art competition for the school students. During the first week or two of next term, the students will have the chance to try out some ideas and have a bit of practice if they would like to in various areas around the school. Stay tuned for more details on that.

Some of you may remember me mentioning in the Week 4 newsletter that the school was going to participate in a program run by a charity which works overseas in the area of energy poverty. This organisation is called Solarbuddy, and they provide solar rechargeable lights to children in communities which do not have electricity. The school has purchased ten of these lights, which will be assembled by some of the school students to be sent overseas to communities that will benefit from them.

I want to quickly wish the students all the best for the Jump Rope for Heart event in the next fortnight, and I will sign off until next time.

Chappy Glen

Welcome to Ms Moore in the 2/3 classroom!! We are all very excited to have you join the Merinda family. If you see Ms Moore around the school be sure to introduce yourself.
Whitsunday Junior Rugby Union
presents
DAVID CAMPESE
15-a-side & Rugby 7’s Rugby Academy
PCYC Whitsunday Sports Park

SATURDAY 8th Sept
15 a side Rugby Academy
10am Coaches Training all day
1pm- 4pm Junior Players
Boys & girls 6 - 18yo

SUNDAY 9th Sept
9am Rugby 7’s Rugby Academy
Boys & girls 6 - 18yo

$35 Coaches
$35 Per Player for weekend
(either or both days)

For Bookings goto
Bookings close 4th Sept 5pm

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER
6:00 pm
Nautilus Room
Coral Sea Resort

David Campese guest speaker
Wallabies v South Africa
with commentary from David
2 course dinner $80/person

For Bookings goto
Bookings Close 6pm

31st August
Dress Code - smart casual
Collared shirt, closed in shoes
NO board shorts or T-Shirts
Minimum age 15 yo