



MIALLO NEWS

Miallo State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Kuku Yalanji, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.



Principal's News

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Term 3 Week 1

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Welcome back everyone – we trust you got to spend some quality time with your children on the holidays. We have another busy term ahead of us with Artists in Residence [printmaking and circus], competitions for Maths and English, P-1 Fire Education, Mossman State High visit, excursions, Under 8s day, 3-way interviews, and our School Review [postponed until later in the term]... to name a few.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

Many students are not bringing a hat to school: a hat is required to play outside at lunch and to participate in HPE. Please ensure a sunsafe hat is at school every day and is clearly labelled with a name.

STAFFING NEWS

- Mr Hancock will be returning for Sem 2 to teach Year 3 on Fridays.
- Mrs Harvey is on long-service leave for the first two weeks of term – Mrs Turner will be teaching Prep.
- Mrs Barnes is away for Week 1-2 – Miss Bellero will be teaching Year 2.
- Mr Barnes is away for the first half of the term – possibly longer – Mrs Patel will be teaching Year 6. Unfortunately, Mr Barnes burnt his hand badly on the holidays and is currently in Brisbane awaiting surgery and will require time to heal and have physio. He is in good hands in Brisbane and we wish him the very best for the road ahead. x

OUTSTANDING FEES ☹

Please make arrangements to pay any outstanding school fees asap. Unfortunately, some students are missing out on instrumental music lessons and the upcoming Circus Performance and Workshops due to fees owed. Arrangements can be made with the office for payment plans. We are a public school and our budget is tight – we cannot offer the quality education we do and extras like electives, robotics, artists in residence and additional Arts' Councils without this. We don't want to see any of our kids miss these opportunities, but Arts' Councils, Instrumental Music, excursions and swimming are all user-pays – no pay, no go.

ELECTIVES

Due to printmaking and the District Athletics' Carnival, electives won't start until Week 3. A special thank you to Amy Noli, Ms Jenni and Ms Sonia, for planning recipes and shopping in their own time to do the Cooking Elective for us!

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS

Please send an old shirt your child can wear over their uniform for their printmaking workshop on the following days:



Thursday – Prep, Year 1, Year 3, Year 6

Friday – Year 2, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5

In the spirit of transparency I received a phone call from the Hon. Warren Enstch MP in the last week of school regarding some letters our Environmental Warriors [elective students] had written him. My reply is in this newsletter – if any parents have any questions regarding this don't hesitate to see myself or Miss Emma 😊

Regards, ☺Ms Anet



IMPORTANT DATES

13-14 July	Printmaking Workshops
14 July	Year 6 NAIDOC March
20 July	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
21 July	P-1 Fire Education
	District Athletics' Carnival
24 July	Show Day Holiday
25 July	Circus Arts' Workshops
27 July	Australian Maths Comp
	Regional Principals' Meeting
28 July	Free Dress Day 'Save the Reef' - dress in blue/green

Student of the Week Awards



Prep Baylee Atkinson for her willingness to help in the classroom and using great manners.

Billy Meager for fantastic efforts to improve his story writing.

1 Toby Brown for being a caring and thoughtful member of the school.

Kaeleigh Scales for reading with fantastic expression and fluency.

2 Talon Bigby for giving an interesting and engaging presentation on rainbow bubbles.

Daniella Eagle for giving an entertaining drama performance and successfully using a variety of elements.

3 Shanikon Roulstone for showing great sportsmanship on Sports Day.

Maddie Dennis for always being a great helper in the classroom.

3/4 Jaden Romeijn for excellent behaviour in the playground.

Phoenix Mackay for amazing efforts at the Athletics Carnival.

4/5 Leah Hedges for showing positivity at the end of a busy term!

5 Jasmine Davidson for persevering when maths concepts are tricky and not giving up until she gets it.

6 Bailey Postans for a very enjoyable character speech.

Harrison Edds for a humorous twist in his character speech.

Special Award Brooke Harold for her excellent participation and initiative during cooking elective this term.

SAVE THE DATE - School Photos Thursday 31st August

Term 2 Behaviour Awards Congratulations



Prep – Zamirah Wild
Year 1 – Noah Birchall
Year 2 – Freya Lyne
Year 3 – Lani Maro
Year 3/4 - Rochelle Johnson
Year 4/5 – Kayla Trezise
Year 5 - Imogen Lyne
Year 6 – Luka Trezise

P&C SPECIAL - winter sale !

Long-sleeved uniform shirts only \$15

all sizes available

[great for winter or sun protection and that's half price!]

Gift card boxes \$20



We are currently taking enrolments for Prep in 2018. We only have a couple of spaces left. Please contact the office asap if you have a Prep starting next year with us, or are interested in doing so. Thanks!

Exciting news... In Term 4, the 'Surfing Scientist' Ruben Meerman is back at Miallo for another amazing Science day. We need to accommodate Ruben for two nights in October, so if you have any connections to Port accommodation and can get us a good deal, please contact the school. Thanks!

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Dear Mr Entsch,

Thank you for your phone call on 21 June.

At Miallo, we pride ourselves on being a high performing school academically, but we also want our students to be thoughtful and kind with a strong sense of social justice. To this end, as a school we have supported a number of projects including supporting a small remote school in PNG and fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation. Each of our eight classes also adopt a project every year and have included: Vinnies Winter Appeal; local Beach Clean Up with Tangaroa Blue Foundation; Community Food Drive; fundraising for RSPCA and our local animal shelter; Overseas Christmas Boxes; and Plastic-free Douglas bags.

In addition, every Friday from 2-3pm, our Year 4-6 students are able to choose an 'elective' for the term, with current choices being Gymnastics and Tricking, Woodworking, Robotics, Cooking or Environmental Warriors. Our Environmental Warriors look after the school vegetable gardens and chickens, work with both the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the local Council in monitoring and maintaining our local Miallo Creek and look at a number of environmental issues such as conservation and recycling.

To put the letters you received in context, the students approached their elective teacher to 'do something about the mine and saving the reef', the teacher agreed to look into the issue together, which they did. The students watched a David Attenborough documentary on the Great Barrier Reef, conducted some online research and had discussions on the pros and cons on the introduction of the Adani Mine. Both the teacher and teacher aide who run this elective told me that the students were made aware of how there are two sides to every story and that many people support the mine and the infrastructure and jobs that will come with it. Despite this, many students asked to write letters regarding their concerns. The letter was not modelled by a teacher: students are well versed in persuasive text and letter writing and they did this of their own accord.

I do not consider any of my staff to be 'manipulating young minds' or 'turning students into activists' as you have suggested. I am immensely proud of the education students at Miallo school receive and feel blessed that my own children are able to attend this school. I am proud that these students felt strongly enough about an issue to choose to make their views known in an appropriate way – using their elective time to voluntarily handwrite letters shows how passionate they feel about preserving the reef and their local environment.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anet Ridley
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