Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Short Term Data Cycle

Recently classes have completed their first short term data cycle. This means that we measure student progress after 5 weeks. It is pleasing to see the number of children who have met the goal of moving 2 levels for reading in the lower school and 1 level in the upper school. If children have not progressed at the rate expected then the teachers will plan individual strategies for the child to help them improve in our next cycle.

Parent Interviews

Every parent is invited to attend a meeting with your child’s teacher during week 10. I think the poem below really illustrates the importance of the parent teacher relationship. It is very important that you attend your child’s interview.

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched the sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind, and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
the tools he used were books, and music, and art.
One, a parent with a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled,
with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parents labored by his side and polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought.
For this thing they had molded in the child could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed if he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school and behind the teacher, the home.

--Author Unknown--

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to the children in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 who participated in Interschool Touch and Soccer on 7 March. The teachers were very pleased with their efforts and the way they played their games with great sportsmanship. Well done to everyone and thank you to Callum, Mandi and Karen for coaching the teams and to all of the parents who were able to come to the games and cheer the teams on.

Both the A Team and the B Team played well and showed good sportsmanship and behaviour both on and off the field. The A team were undefeated and go into the play offs next Friday.

Outstanding players for the A Team were Vance Major and Jorja Carney and for the B Team Tavita Tavita and Rayden Rockland.

The Touch team were very unlucky in their first three games but ended the day with a win against Barkly State School. They are currently fourth on the ladder. Good luck to all Teams on Friday!

Clean up Australia Day colouring Competition

Congratulations to these children who won their section of the Clean up Australia Day competition:
Majelia Tabone-Cook, Kia Fraser, Amphora Bourke-Lowe, Patrica Lingard, Tia Bird, Dean
Staph Infections
Please note there is a diagnosed case of Staphylococcus aureus (Staph) at our school. The requirements by Qld schools are that a child who has Staphylococcus aureus (Staph) must remain at home until the sores are no longer weeping. Parents must ensure the sores are covered with a waterproof dressing while the child is at school. Effective hand washing is very important - please ensure children regularly wash their hands thoroughly with soap. Of course seek medical advice if your child shows any signs of sores.

Please remember to park safely at drop off and pick up times. Double parking compromises the safety of our students and we want to ensure that they remain safe.

Kind regards

Kathy King
Acting Principal

New Telephone contacts
Please note the new telephone numbers for our school.

Administration office 44 37 3222
Student Absence Line 44 37 3266

Mount Isa Athletics Club
2014 Sign on Day
Sunday 30th March 2014
Sunset Oval
10.00am – 1.00pm
Birth Certificate needed for all new members. For information contact David Scott on 0402 219 039
Ages 4 – 100

Opera Q is bringing Puccini’s La Bohème to Mount Isa on September 4. They are looking for students and adults to participate in this community production. Auditions will be held in Mount Isa on March 25/26. To Register – http://www.operaq.com.au/project-puccini-mount-isa or Contact Yvonne Moore (0499246233) for more details.