Welcome back

It’s wonderful to see all the children back from their well deserved holiday break ready and eager to learn. We hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends and we have enjoyed hearing all about the children’s interesting adventures while away from school.

Ms Williams-Carey away on sick leave

Ms Williams-Carey is taking two weeks sick leave from the start of term 3 until Friday the 22nd of July. We are very fortunate to have Ms Holly to relieve her during this time as the children know her from term 2 and she has a great rapport with them already. Ms Sandra will be acting principal in Miss William-Carey’s absence.

NAIDOC week

NAIDOC week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, and recognises Indigenous Australians’ contributions to our country. NAIDOC stands for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. Your family may have participated in some of the NAIDOC community events during the school holidays within the Cairns region or other holiday locations if you travelled away from home.

At McDonnell Creek State School we have been focussing on Indigenous inspired art work as part of our own student awareness and reading a series of Dreamtime stories which have inspired our large wooden cut-outs.

On completion these will be installed around our school for everyone to enjoy.

“Every day, in every way, every child is learning and achieving….”
Thankyou

Thanks very much to Gary Meehan for coming in during the holidays to water our newly planted gardens. All the plants are growing beautifully and the children are now taking turns to water them during our school week.

Thanks also to Travis Webb and Chantell Hughes for their generous donation of a large piece of marine ply to make our art pieces from and their time to cut out and smooth the edges prior to painting.

Thanks also to Ms Donna who happily visited the prep, year 1 and 2 classroom for Ms Sandra during the holidays to make sure Turbo the hermit crab and Bubbles, our Siamese fighter fish were safe and well.
Conduct
Our school is committed to ensuring that all staff and students feel safe within the school. All staff members adhere to a departmental Code of Conduct. Students and staff participate in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons that explicitly teach expected behaviours and reward students for demonstrating these behaviours. As part of this commitment we remind all community members that it is inappropriate to approach students to discuss concerns or incidents that occur at school. All issues and concerns need to be directed to either the classroom teacher or the Principal who will address these concerns, take appropriate actions and communicate back to the parent. Please ensure that communication remains calm and respectful and that community members communicate with either Ms Sandra or Ms Williams-Carey. Thank you to the parents who communicate positively with us.

Student of the week
During the first week back from holidays we did not have access to our computer and files as our server was being replaced. This took the best part of the week and glitches are expected to be ironed out by Friday afternoon. As we were unable to print our student of the week awards this week we will be awarding double awards next week.

Gotcha winners

Student absences
It is Education Queensland’s policy that all student absences need to be accounted for. If your child is away for any reason please phone the school on the morning of the absence. Staff are now required to contact parents by 9.30 am if we haven’t heard from them prior to this time regarding their child’s attendance.

Reminder
Please be aware that after ENTRY or EXIT to our school, the carpark gate MUST BE CLOSED. As we are so close to the highway and at present major road works are in progress, it is essential that all community members place the children’s safety as our highest priority. Thankyou for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Date claimers

Friday July 22nd is Cairns Show Holiday

Star gazing event is going ahead when the weather gets better. Date and time will be sent home soon.
When: Season starts July 15th (Friday)
Registration forms to be filled out on the night

Meet, Greet and HAVE A GO

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Junior Fixture games are played on Friday nights
Boys and Girls - U7s 6pm, U10s 6pm, U12s 7pm, U15s 8pm
Minimum age is turning 6 this year, Children born 2010

Where: Alley Park, Sheppard St Gordonvale (next to pool)

The Cost: The one off registration fee includes
• Registration to the club
• Inclusion in a team
• Fees to end of the season
• Team t-shirt

Registration Fee MUST be paid by 5th August or NO play
• $50 single player (new or returning) in junior competition only
  • $25 if they already play in the 2016 Senior Comp
  • $40 for each additional sibling

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