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Muttaborra Saw Us

Muttaborra State School Monthly Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome to our last newsletter for the term. What an action packed term it has been. With many changes at school and at home for all of us, we have worked hard on our emotional resilience and have had a great term.

In the classroom, we have been working on informative texts in English, designing and building a bird scarer in Technology, netball in PE, and light and sound in Science. The students have really enjoyed studying Geography in HASS. We once again have a focus on improved reading and writing skills with students having writing goals for this semester which they will try hard to achieve. End of semester testing showed that students improved by an average of three reading levels over the term!

As you would be aware, with Troy being extended at Monto State School, we have made the hard decision to leave Muttaborra to reunite our family. I am pleased to announce that Tanya Taylor will be joining the Muttaborra team next term as Acting Principal. Tanya is currently Head of Department at Aurukun State School and is an experienced teacher with a background in Early Childhood.

On behalf of Troy and I, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have provided our school and our family over the past four years and we hope you will have a successful fun-filled Term 4. We have absolutely loved living in Muttaborra and we will miss you all greatly.

Key Dates next term

Tuesday 5 October – School resumes
11 November – Remembrance Day
3 December – Last day of school

Staffing changes

We welcome Tammy Dagan as our casual ground officer, working three days per week to maintain our school grounds. Sarah Jane Fysh also joins us as a casual teacher aide working Thursday and Fridays. Both ladies started this week and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Student Council and Community Garden

Over the term, students have been selling some of the wonderful fresh produce to local businesses and tourists around town. The produce has been grown by the students in their garden in the community garden facility. The money raised is deposited in the Student Council account and used for behaviour day rewards party, supporting charities, or other activities, as decided by the students. They have raised over \$100, with \$40 donated to the purchase of a Buddy Box, a childhood cancer charity.

Our garden was also runner up in the Barcardine Regional Council's Get Gardening Competition, in the edible garden category.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I will be available during the first week of the holidays, if you would like to come and discuss how your children are going at school. Feel free to phone the office to arrange a time.

Behaviour and Learning Rewards

This term we introduced Mutty Money as part of our rewards program. Students earn Muttaborrasaurus points for their learning activities and behaviour which can then be exchanged for Mutty Money to buy books and other rewards.

100 points = \$1

Many thanks to our P&C for donating \$500 towards the purchase of books for our 'treasure chest'.

Kindy

Term 4 will see a very busy Muttaborra Kindy. Staff will be compiling observations to inform transition statements, along with creating some stimulating and challenging Kindy experiences to ensure our boys are well and truly prepared for their Prep year. They will be integrated into our P-6 classroom environment for longer periods this term to build their academic stamina.

Kindy transition days will be offered in Term 4 for parents and students attending Muttaborra State Delivered Kindergarten in 2022. This will be an opportunity for parents and prospective Kindy students to have a look at our programs and familiarise themselves with staff, students and learning spaces. If you have any questions about Kindergarten or have a child who is of Kindy age in 2022 please call the school.

Rumble Quest – Outback Futures

Next term in Week 2, our students in Years 1 to 6 will be invited to participate in Rumble's Quest. This is an online game that has been designed to measure student wellbeing.

When children participate in Rumble's Quest they complete fun challenges and answer questions about the way they experience the world. These are all factors that underpin learning, and are building blocks for a wide range of skills such as: forward

planning and the ability to set and achieve positive goals, the ability to manage our behaviour and emotions and to consider consequences before engaging in action. They are fundamental to making responsible decisions, getting along with others, and coping with difficult circumstances.

A permission form and further details will be sent home shortly.

Attendance

We continue to display great attendance, above the region and like schools in the state. Keep up the good work!

