5 May 2016

Principals Report

Term two has provided the Cooktown State School community with a variety of opportunities and success.

All families should have received student interim report cards, thank you to families who attended the student, parent and teacher interviews on Thursday, April 21st. if you were unable to attend could you please contact the school and make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress.

Many thanks must go out to David Kamholtz ( school based Chaplain) and the southern Cape Cluster schools for organising a Leadership Camp for the Primary School Student Leaders.

It was a delight to see a large representation of Cooktown State School students attend the ANZAC Day Ceremony in full school uniform. Congratulations to Tahiani Whittford, whom delivered a brilliant speech on the significance of ANZAC day.

On May 10th, 11th and 12th all year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in NAPLAN testing. In the past 3 years, Cooktown State Schools results have gone from strength to strength. We look forward to sharing with you the success in the coming months.

The year 11 students will be travelling to the Gold Coast from May 23rd – 28th to participate in the Outback to Ocean trip. This opportunity will enable students to further guarantee their QCE eligibility and participate in events organised at Dream World, Wet and Wild and Sea World. Furthermore, Jennifer Hall (Senior Art Teacher) has organised the biennial Sydney Arts Trip from June 19th – 23rd with 17 students attending.

Finally, the Secondary School students are enjoying new bench seating for lunch times while additional shade sails are being constructed in the coming months.

Try for 5! Attendance Competition

During this term and term 3, the Cooktown State School students from Prep – Year 10 have been given the opportunity to participate in a competition held by Education Queensland and the North Queensland Cowboys and supported by the Brisbane Broncos. The Try for 5! Competition encourages all students to strive to attend school every day as research clearly indicates that student attendance of greater than 90% results in success at school and success in life beyond school.

As part of Try for 5!, students at Cooktown State School compete against one another in their class groups to have the greatest attendance over a fortnight as well as competing against 9 other schools in the State of Queensland over the space of the term. The winning class over the fortnight is rewarded with prizes from the North Queensland Cowboys and the Brisbane Broncos and an individual from each school with an LGIA Super Prize Pack. These winners also receive a VERY special message from an NRL superstar. The winning school over the entire competition with the greatest improvement in attendance from the 2015-216 school year wins the incredible prize of a framed, signed Queensland State of Origin Jersey! If the rewards for positive attendance weren’t enough already, I am sure that this incredible prize and the fortnightly prizes on offer as part of the Try for 5! Competition will be enough to get everybody to school every school day!

The first winning class from Cooktown State School for term 2 was the 3/4P class in our Primary School and the individual
winner was Phoenix Seagren as one of the many incredible students who have yet to miss a day of school this year. Congratulations to our award winners for the first fortnight of the competition. I look forward to sharing next fortnight’s winners in the next Newsletter! In the meantime, let’s all Try for 5!

http://vimeo.com/165252907

Cert II Hospitality Block Training

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 participated in block training with Steven Gould from Cairns TAFE North that contributes towards a Cert II in Hospitality. Students have completed their Responsible Serving of Alcohol and concentrated this week on Baristing skills. Once students have completed the Certificate II Hospitality they will achieve the 4 points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

Dietitian

I never know how to start these things; do I write Hi or Dear Reader or something similar. Either way, let me introduce myself. My name is Gareth Salkield and I have the enviable role of being the Dietitian for Cooktown. I have been invited to write a short column each week into the Newsletter for your school.

I am originally from Brisbane, and I studied Dietetics at the University of Queensland. During that time I worked at the Princess Alexandra hospital in admin roles. Once I completed my training, I started work as a Dietitian in Toowoomba in 2010. I worked with the older population helping them get home from Hospital. From there, I moved to Cairns in 2011 into a similar role in the hospital, improving my knowledge of the treatment of chronic disease and developing a very keen understanding of how debilitating these diseases can be.

At the end of 2014 I moved to Cooktown to provide community health Dietetics services. In this role I have the opportunity to not only help with the management of existing chronic disease, but also to work the community with the aim of preventing it. As such, I will be working with the School to provide education to the students. This column will be to provide hints and tips to you, their parents, on how to make simple changes that will improve your child’s nutrition.

I am looking forward to working with the School and the community to make Cooktown a healthier place.

Gareth Salkield, Accredited Practising Dietitian

English

Students from Year 1 have been learning different characteristics of characters in novels. They have been exploring the importance of Nouns and Verbs to write a story and how to create a great character.

Science

This term Year 1 have been working hard exploring materials and their properties. Students have been great Scientists by making investigating, making predictions and finding out their results.
Gareth Salkield

District Cross Country

Last Friday the 22nd of April a number of primary students participated in the District Cross Country held at Rossville State School. The day started with students full of excitement for what was going to be an amazing day thanks to the hard work and organisation of Joel Jenkins from Rossville.

After arriving at Rossville and setting up for the day, the competitors were taken for a walk around the 1km track which students would be completing either 2 or 3 laps of depending on their age group. After the walk of the track it was straight into the racing which saw a number of very close finishes and some great results by a number of Cooktown students. While their races were not going on it gave students time to interact with students from the other Cluster schools.

The day was finished up with the closing ceremony at 12.30 which saw students collecting their place ribbons for those who had finished in the top 3. These students also have now qualified for the Regional Cross Country team who will compete in Cairns later in the year.

A huge congratulation to all Cooktown students who participated in the day!

Cooktown Crocodiles

Meet our new school Mascot for the Cooktown Crocodiles but he needs a name! Students have the opportunity to get creative and name our Crocodile. You can hand in any ideas for names to the school office Go Cooktown Crocodiles!

Let's Celebrate this fortnights award winners

Congratulations to all our amazing award winners from weeks two and three keep up the good work!

Countdown to Cooktown’s Got Talent

Only 5 weeks to go till Cooktown’s Got Talent! Come and join in the fun entry forms are available from the PCYC. Open for all ages, all talents. We are especially looking for some Air Bands no talent required for this!

Important Dates

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PRIMARY
You can follow this rule by:

Moving box to class when instructed - listen for the whistle

Playing in the right area

Before School
Prep: Go straight to your classroom
Primary: Remain in the MPCA until 8:30am
- Only move to the oval if instructed by a teacher, after 8:30am -

Being in class on time
School starts at

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SECONDARY
You can follow this rule by:

Knowing your timetable

Being in the right area during breaks

Before School
Secondary: Remain in the Secondary Area until 9am

Being in class on time

Being at assembly on time
8/9s: Monday 9am
10/11/12s: Thursday 9am