



# SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



July 14, 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**W**elcome back for Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. This term promises to be another busy one with lots of special events happening.

Over the holidays I had the privilege of attending the Indigenous Education Conference in Brisbane. It was an opportunity for schools to address the unique challenges of Indigenous education in Queensland and to showcase key initiatives. Sunset State School was featured in one of the showcase initiatives with the work that has been undertaken with a small group of students to focus on improving their reading in year 2. This work has been undertaken by Amanda Lester from Regional Office and Miss Britannie Halliwell. We have been expanding this program in the school and look forward to sharing the impressive results with parents in the coming weeks.

Sunset State School has also been featured in the ABC Online with an article on the Stronger Smarter program being run with a small group of our students in conjunction with Miss Tina Butcher, Aunty Joan and Uncle Alec Marshall. This program focuses on teaching students to be stronger in their culture which helps them to be smarter in their choices.

**T**his term we also welcome Mrs Michelle Hill to our staff. Michelle joins us as our Year 3/4C teacher. Michelle is an experienced teacher who has spent the last couple of years in Karumba and prior to that was teaching at Spinifex State College in town. It is great to have Michelle on board.

**T**he last couple of days we have been experiencing some very cold weather making it difficult to get out of bed in the mornings. We value your child's learning and want to provide them with as many opportunities as possible to be successful and we ask for your support by sending your children to school on time each day. Remember, EVERY DAY and EVERY LESSON COUNTS!

### **Pupil Free Day**

Parents are advised that Friday 12 August will be a Pupil Free Day for the Mount Isa region. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

### **Assembly held each Monday at 1:50 pm**

This term assembly will continue to be held in the afternoons with the cooler weather. We encourage parents to come along and hear about the wonderful things happening at Sunset. Our classes will continue to present an item each week on parade and the roster for this term is:

Week 2 – Year 2B with Miss McManus

Week 3 – Year 6A with Mr D

Week 4 – Year 5B with Miss Ramsey

Week 5 – Year 3A with Ms Collishaw

Week 6 – Year 2A with Mrs Jones

Week 7 – Year 1A and 1B combined with Mrs Scheimer & Miss McKenzie

Week 8 – Year 4A with Miss Bryan

Week 9 – Year 5A with Miss Ketteringham

Week 10 – Year 6B with Miss Coghlan

### **District Athletics**

This will be held next Friday (22 July) at Sunset Oval. Sunset will be sending a team of students and Mr Crow and Miss Coghlan will be supervising. To our students who are competing on that day we congratulate them and wish them all the best.

## Sports Gala Days – AFL

This term AFL will be offered for our senior students and the competitions will be held on Wednesday 31 August and Thursday 15 September.

## Mardi Gras Float

This year we will again be entering a float in the Mardi Gras on Friday 12 August. Ms Annette Gordon is co-ordinating this and planning has already begun. Students are encouraged to be involved and Annette will be holding sessions during some lunch breaks for those who wish to participate and help prepare the props. This year's theme is "Love our Land". Permission notes will be coming home in the next couple of weeks for those students who are interested in being involved on the night.

Have a wonderful Term 3

*Jane Sexton*

*Deputy Principal*

## CAIRNS NETBALL TRIP

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the Sunset Roar Netball team have cancelled the Cairns Netball Trip. However, the Tiggers Netball team will still be travelling to Cairns and parents are reminded that the \$100 fee is due by Wednesday next week.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

The tuckshop would like to advise they are now selling Spaghetti Bolognese each day for \$2-50 a cup. With the weather hopefully getting cooler this will be a wonderful warm addition to the menu.

A reminder that volunteers are always welcome at the tuckshop - just pop in and see Lisa if you have any spare time and wish to help.

We would like to thank Amy Ball and Natasha Wilkinson for their wonderful support helping out with NAIDOC and Sports Carnivals last term. It was greatly appreciated on these busy days.

We also would like to inform parents that it is possible to establish a credit account with the tuckshop simply by paying a set amount of money straight up to the tuckshop from which daily purchases can be deducted. It is a great way to avoid children losing money and missing out on lunch.

Mount Isa City Council presents:

# Pet INFORMATION Day

23 July 2016  
10am-1pm

**Civic Centre Lawns**

Free microchipping vouchers when you register your pet for the first time – available at Pet Information Day until sold out!

**Come along and register your pet for the first time and receive a voucher for free microchipping.**

- » RSPCA Education Mobile Unit Tours
- » Sausage Sizzle, Cupcakes & Drinks – Paws, Hoofs & Claws Fundraiser
- » Paws, Hoofs & Claws animal adoption meet & greets
- » Petting Zoo and Jumping Castle
- » Mount Isa City Council Stall with information & giveaways
- » RACQ Get Ready Emergency Pet Plan kits with free animal microchipping voucher

Learn more about your pets in the RSPCA's state-of-the-art classroom on wheels filled with interactive animal welfare education.

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