Anzac Service at school
Welcome to our Term 2 newsletter. We have once again had a very busy term here at Mt Surprise State School. I'd like to thank every parent for their support through the term and encourage you to continue to stay very involved in your child’s learning and school life. It is fantastic to see parents around our school dropping their children off, looking at their work and very actively being part of their learning journey. I really value being able to regularly discuss their progress with you. It is also great to have so many parents attending parade on Wednesday mornings whenever work commitments allow. Children love having their parents there to witness them being presented with awards for various achievements so try to continue to come along and support all of our students.

ANZAC DAY - Thank you to all of the students and families who joined in the Anzac Services both our school service and the town one. We made good use of our newly constructed Anzac memorial at school- it looks great. A big thanks to Frosty and Gail and their helpers for its construction and for people who donated plants for the garden surrounding it. Our students all participated in a commemorative service at school and placed wreaths near the memorial. I was very proud of how well behaved and respectful our students were. Students also showed a strong interest as we learned some more about the ANZACS and Australia’s role in the various wars.

NAPLAN- As our only Year 3/5/7 student, Tahl recently took part in nationwide NAPLAN testing. I’d like to congratulate Tahl for working so hard and doing his best in the tests. He was an excellent role model to our younger students and demonstrated our school rule of ‘Do Your Best’. Well done Tahl!!

BOOKFAIR and BOOKCLUB- Children have been reading quite avidly at school. Thanks parents for supporting Bookclub and Bookfair- students look forward to seeing all the new books. Please take time each night or morning to listen to their reading to check their accuracy and ask them some questions about the stories to check their comprehension. A current teaching focus for many of our younger students is to have them looking carefully at the whole word and to read what is written - not just look at the first couple of letters of a word and guess! Please sign off their reading list each night so that they can move through their levels. We have recently purchased some new reading books and kits to help us to focus on explicitly teaching reading comprehension skills.

SIGHT WORDS- Our Prep-Yr 5 students are making great progress in learning their sightwords. These words are checked each day and marked off when they can recognise and read them immediately. Knowing these small words helps students to improve their reading accuracy and fluency because they don’t have to work on sounding out or decoding every word. As their reading flows more smoothly the story makes more sense and so their comprehension of the story improves. We have given each child a laminated copy for you to use at home to go over their current words. A few minutes each night is a great help.

POSITIVE SCHOOLWIDE BEHAVIOUR- Each day at school we clearly state and explicitly teach students the behaviours we expect to see used in the classroom, playground and around the school. They are grouped around five main headings of ACT RESPECTFULLY, ACT RESPONSIBLY; DO YOUR BEST; BE SAFE AND FAIR; and PROTECT PROPERTY. With all of our children aged 5-11 years learning and playing together, it is increasingly important that all students follow the rules so that our school remains a safe, fun and fair place. Children receive BUG - ‘Being Ultra Good’ awards each morning to reinforce their positive behaviour.

CROSS COUNTRY- Students worked hard to train for Cross Country this term and travelled to Forsyth recently to compete against students from Forsyth, Georgetown and Croydon. Their diligent training paid off with all students who attended completing the course in good time. Congratulations to our students for their great effort, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Places were Tahl Hopkins - 1st, Maria Wilson - 1st, Bridget Wilson - 1st, Chantel Wilson - 1st, Landon Hughes - 2nd, Blayze Oliver- 4th and Tristan Hopkins- 6th. I was very proud of them all! Thanks also to the families and community members who came to cheer on our students.
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT - We are continually working with the P&C to improve our school. Lately we have begun to work on planning the beautification of the areas under the shade sails. All the materials have been ordered and work will soon begin on placing the pebbles, koppers logs, rocks, planter boxes, plants and outdoor furniture. A big thanks to you all the parents who have joined our P&C. Thanks also to the outgoing and incoming committee members. Your help to run the P&C is very much appreciated.

REPORT CARDS - This is a busy time of the year as we complete a variety of testing with students. Students receive report card ratings based on this testing as well as on the work we observe every day in class. Report cards will be out to parents by the end of this term and I'd like to meet with each family at the start of next term to discuss your child's progress. I will identify their areas of strength as well as areas that need improvement and work together to set some goals for each child for their learning, behaviour and social emotional development in Semester 2.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE - I am taking 2 weeks long service leave before the June holidays and one week after the holidays. I will be back to work on the start of Week 2 next term. I will complete report cards before I go so will report on as much as is possible by then. There may be some assessment tasks that continue into the start of next term and these will be combined with Term 3 assessment.

Miss McDowell's mum, Judy, is taking my place while I am away. Judy has many skills eg music and I am sure that students will again enjoy her teaching them. I'd like to ask that every parent give all school staff as much support as possible while I am away so that the school continues to run smoothly. I appreciate the staff picking up the extra work that my being away creates.

HOLIDAYS - Last day of Term 2 is on Friday June 27th. All children start school again on MONDAY July 8th.

Advance notice of events !!!

BIKE RIDE - Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride will pass through Mount Surprise on Tuesday 1st July 2014. If any parents are available on the night of 1st July to sell tickets or $100 board tickets please contact Julie at the pub.

GULF SPORTS TOUR - Once again this year, on July 30th, our school has been invited to join in with a day of sports coaching at Georgetown as part of the Gulf Sports tour. There are usually five sports represented - last year children were coached in Hockey, Rugby League, Soccer, Softball and Skipping. We are still trying to organise a bus and a driver to transport children, if this is unavailable we are asking each parent to make some arrangements to transport their child to Georgetown. You may take them yourself or organise for them to travel with friends. When returning their permission form for participation in the event please state on it who they are travelling to and from Georgetown so that we can complete plans for the day.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - This will be held at Georgetown on August 8th at the Gregg T Bethel Memorial Oval. Please mark it on your calendar as we will need parents to organise to transport their children up to the carnival on the day.

FORSAYTH TURNOUT - August 2nd - Students will be creating some pieces to enter in the various schoolwork sections during class. There are many other sections that you may like to spend some time with your child to help them to enter eg cooking, craft, photography etc. Lots of entries make the event bigger and better. You may even like to nominate some of your own entries. A program and list of classes is available at school to look at.

Thanks for your support,

Jo Ross (Principal)
The Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th May 2014. The following positions were filled:

Secretary: Gail Johnston
Treasurer: Tammy Fitzgerald

Next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 22nd July 2014—3pm at the school

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is still available every Thursday. Please have your Tuckshop orders and payment in to the Tuckshop box before 9am.

School Banking
School Banking is done at the school every Wednesday morning. If your child doesn’t have a school banking account with Commonwealth you can apply for one, just ask for the form at the school office. Remember it is not about the amount of money banked it is about the frequency of banking, so remember your bank book every Wednesday!!!
We would like to say a HUGE Thank you to Daggy, Kerrie, Amanda and all the team at Daggy’s Transport.
Your continued support and willingness to help our school is very much valued!!!
Thanks for always going the extra mile for us!!!

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Monday Chiller Run Details
All orders are to be called in before 12pm on the Friday.
All orders called in to the office will be in Georgetown Monday afternoon.

Wednesday General Freight Run Details
Cairns and Mareeba orders are to be called in before 1pm on the Tuesday.
Tableland orders are to be called in before 9am on the Wednesday.
All orders called in to the office will be in Georgetown Wednesday afternoon.

Friday General Freight
Cairns and Mareeba orders are to be called in before 1pm on the Thursday.
Tableland orders are to be called in before 9am on the Friday.
All orders called in to the office will be in Georgetown Friday afternoon.

ALL BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH TO THE CAIRNS OFFICE BY PHONE, FAX OR EMAIL.
LATE BOOKINGS MAY RESULT IN DELAYED DELIVERY.
Cross Country in Forsayth
**DATE CLAIMER!!!**

**JUNE**
- Wednesday 4th June - Book Fair at Mount Surprise State School
- Monday 9th June - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Wednesday 11th June - School Photos **8.30am**
- Friday 27th June - Last day for Tcrm 2

**JULY**
- Monday 14th July - First Day for Term 3
- Friday 18th July - Public Holiday
- Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th - 150th Mt Surprise Celebration
- Friday 25th July - National Tree Day at school
- Wednesday 30th July - Gulf Sports Education Tour

**AUGUST**
- Friday 1st August - Jeans for Genes Day at school
- Friday 8th August - Interschool sport carnival
- Sunday 17th/ Monday 18th August - Peninsula Track and Field Trials
- Friday 29th August - Kim Whitta Performing Arts

**SEPTEMBER**
- Thursday 11th September - CSIRO Science Day
- Friday 19th September - Last Day of Term 3

**OCTOBER**
- Tuesday 7th October - First Day of Term 4
- 14th-17th October - School Camp to Daradgee

**NOVEMBER**
- Saturday 22nd November - Christmas Tree Night
# 2014 School Calendar

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There are 194 school days in 2014, Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 26.

**Staff Professional Development Days**
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**Public Holidays**
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**
November 22 is the final date for Year 12 attendance and receipt of a Senior Statement. November 26 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.
Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.
All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.
In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.
The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au)