



Mission Beach State School



WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DJIRU PEOPLE AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE LAND ON WHICH OUR SCHOOL IS BUILT

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MBSS P&C

meet the second Tuesday
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WEBSITE

www.missionbeachss.eq.edu.au

From the Principal

School Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents are not to drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect children unless specific arrangements have been made with administration to assist parents with emergent or unexpected circumstances that may restrict or prevent normal access for students. Parents have been driving in, mainly before school, placing children arriving at school early and going to the hall at risk. Parents are advised to use the parking zones at the front of the school.

Late Arrivals & Early Departure

Parents please be advised that children arriving late to school and leaving before the last bell **MUST** present to the school office upon arrival and before departure. Children arriving late are provided with a late slip to take to class. Failure to collect a late slip will most likely result in a message from the school indicating that your child is not present and asking for an explanation for the absence. Children leaving early must be signed out by their parent or carer. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day without the relevant permission. This is a necessary arrangement to ensure the school is aware of the whereabouts of each child during the school day and to ensure their safety and wellbeing. Thank you for your support.

Every Day Counts

Attendance at school every day is not only an Education Queensland and legislated requirement, it is absolutely critical to the ongoing learning success for all children. Every day a child misses, puts them at a slight disadvantage as learning in our classrooms is a continuous process, leaving children work to catch up with as well as work to continue on with. Often work missed is a prerequisite to work that follows, so children are actually unable to complete the new work until the work they have missed is caught up. This often causes them considerable distress.

Our attendance target for 2023 remains at 95%. This means that children need to be in attendance for 190 days (or more) out of the 200 school days to meet our attendance target. More than 2.5 days of absence per term will see them fall below the target.

Please help us to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for your child by ensuring attendance at school every possible day.

Slow down around our school

Parents and carers are being urged to slow down in school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place – our zone is along Webb Road in front of the school. Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn't make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child's life. Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school and insist on them sticking to this route each day so you know where they are
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at pedestrian crossings and ensure he/she knows the safe times to cross. This is particularly important at the front of our school and at bus stops on the routes to and from school. A number of parents have been taking children across the bus lane, walking out between buses to do so. This is a dangerous practice and poor role modelling for the children, leading them to think this is OK.
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school and assist them with road crossings until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school or waiting for the bus.



Contact with our school

I would like to remind all parents that we welcome your contact with us in regard to your child's progress in class or participation at school. Our classroom teachers are happy to meet with you to discuss progress, our curriculum, issues or concerns throughout the whole year. All that is necessary is to make an appointment through the front office to ensure that your child's teacher is available to talk to you, as they may already have previous engagements. Before school is not the best time to try to catch up with teachers as they are usually busily preparing for the day's learning, however with prior arrangement this time may also be available if other times do not suit your work schedules.

You may, at times, also receive contact from teachers if they feel the need to bring you up to date with particular aspects of your child's participation or progress in class.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians.

Just a reminder to all parents, children are not to bring toys, trading cards (e.g. Pokémon) or any portable electronic devices or electronic toys to school.

These items can go missing or be broken and as such are not to be brought unless for a specific in class purpose.

A reminder also that mobile phones, tablets or devices capable of recording – audio or images – are to be left at the office when students arrive and picked up at the end of the school day. Children do not need these devices during the day as our office staff contact parents whenever necessary. These devices are available for students before and after school or on the buses in case out of school contact is required by the student. This has been our school policy on electronic devices for a number of years.

Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey

In Term 2, students in Years 4 - 6 will be asked to take part in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing (QEW) Survey.

We know that wellbeing and engagement are important parts of your child's life at school. The QEW Survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement across different topics. The information we get from the survey helps us better understand and support our students.

An information letter will be sent out to parents and carers closer to the time. If you have any questions, please contact the school. More information, including FAQs, can be found on the Education website:

<https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/students/queensland-engagement-wellbeing-survey>).

End of Term

This week sees the end of Term 1. This term has been a very busy one with our children working hard in class and on the sports field and having to deal with the oppressive heat and continual rain we have experienced so far this year. Hopefully both will ease off next term. I am certain that they will all be looking forward to a break and an opportunity to spend some time at home with family.

Friday is our last day this term with our final parade at 2:45. At this time the Easter Raffle will be drawn as well as reminding children of the importance of always telling parents, or those responsible for looking after them, where they are going and for how long. We want our children to have a safe and enjoyable break and return next term refreshed and ready to learn.

School resumes on Monday, April 17. Enjoy the time with your children. Have a great break.

Regards,

Gordon





MBSS Easter Raffle

Drawn 31st March
Drawn last day of Term
at our final parade
Tickets \$1.00

1st Easter Eggs and Tuskers Voucher

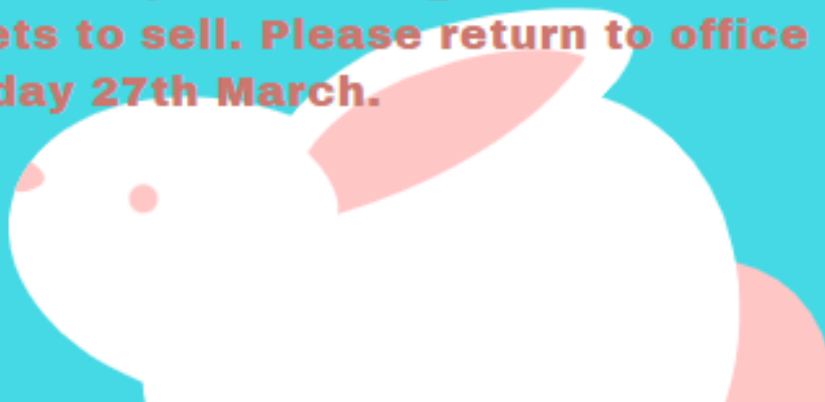
2nd Easter Eggs

3rd Easter Eggs



Eggs will be on display closer to the end of Term.

Each family has been given a booklet of 5 tickets to sell. Please return to office by Monday 27th March.



Please return Tickets to Admin.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

All families are reminded that it is a school and Department of Education.

Policy for all **Late Arrivals** and **Early Departures** to be signed in/out form Administration to receive an Arrival or Departure slip to give to Class Teachers.

Learning commences at **8.50 a.m.** and it is expected that all learners are on site by this time each morning.

Please assist us to make every minute of learning count every day.

Student Absenteeism

If your child is away due to illness or any other reason, please phone the school on 40888333 or email sshaw27@eq.edu.au to report absences. If no notification is received at the office this will show on your child's report card as an unexplained or unauthorised absence. Each day students who are absent and parents have NOT notified the office will receive a text. Each fortnight Orange Absenteeism letters will be sent home to parents who have not notified the office. These need to be returned as soon as possible.

Any students who arrive after 8:45am, please report to the office so the office ladies can issue students with a late arrival pass before going to class so that we are able to account for all students on a daily basis

Changes to Daily Routine

Sometimes changes to your daily routine for you children occur. If this is the case please notify the school office by 2.30pm so we can ensure the message is sent to classes before 3pm. E.g.

- Bus home
- Parent /guardian running late
- Another person other than parent/guardian picking up and is known to child

Family Library Reading Club

Every Wednesday
8.15am - 8.45am

- teach children to love reading from an early age

Don't forget to sign in at Admin



HPE NEWS



- 🏏 Good Luck to Shaun who is at the Peninsula for Cricket State Championships in Rockhampton.
- 🏀 Good luck to all our players off to play in the Basketball Peninsula Trials this Thursday in Cairns.
- 🏈 Our Touch Gala Day is on this Friday. Good luck to all students and staff attending this at Tully State High School.

P&C News

Congratulations to the elected Executive Committee for 2023.

President - Still needed for 2023

Vice President - Still needed for 2023

Secretary - Donna Mathers

Treasurer - Amanda Dalton

Assistant Treasurer - Rhiannon Skahill

If you think you would like to join our P&C Committee in 2023, please contact the school.

The P&C President

Role description

Good knowledge of the rules, operations and meeting procedures of the P&C

Provide leadership

Chair meetings

Act as spokesperson/representative of the P&C

Foster good communication between the P&C, school and community

Encourage participation to ensure that everyone can have a say

Is the accountable person in all employment and OSHC issues

The P&C Vice-President

Role description

Chair meetings if the President is absent

Provide essential support for the President and help the Secretary/Treasurer as required

Become familiar with P&C operations, rules and meeting procedures

Act as the President's "understudy" and gain an understanding of the various executive roles

Perform a role particular to your P&C, such as "Publicity Officer" or "Fundraising Co-ordinator"

Carry out any duties delegated by the President



For more information see the booklet "Congratulations! You've been elected President of the P&C" on the info place



For more information on executive roles, see the info place



DID YOU KNOW?

The P&C is a group of volunteers working together to improve the facilities and opportunities available at your school. Your volunteering contribution to the P&C can be as large or small as you can manage!

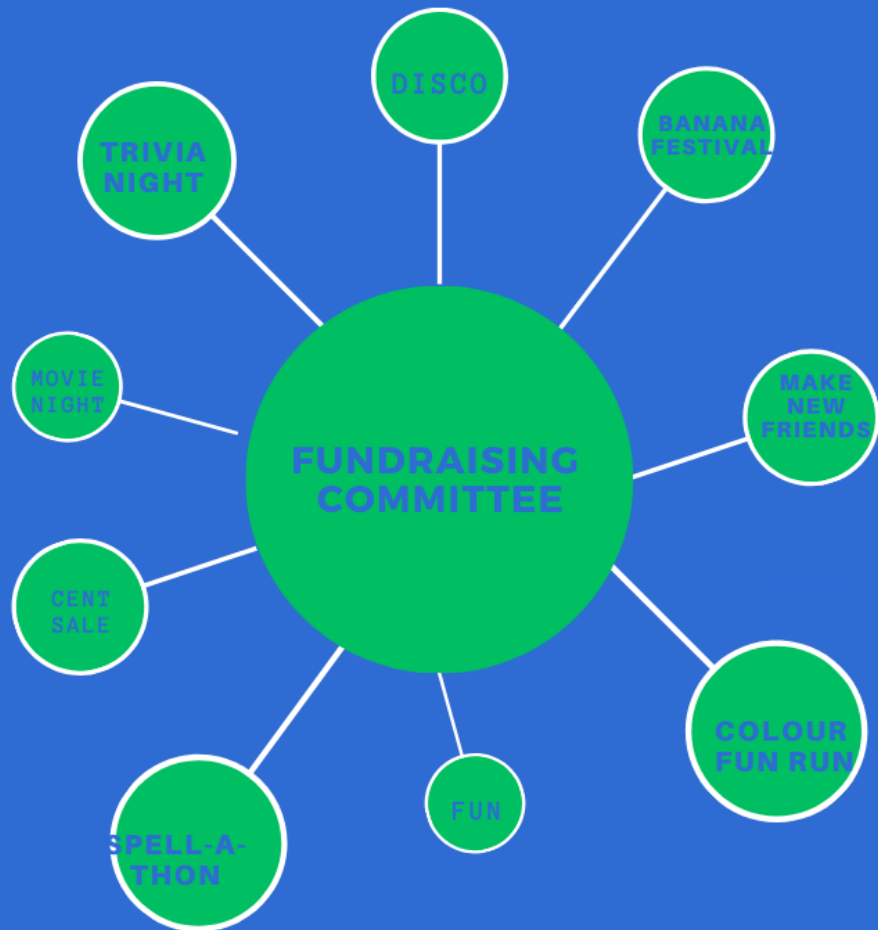
www.pandcsqld.com.au



P&C Sub Committee

Next role coming up! One of the most important roles in the P&C is our Fundraisers!

Fundraising Officers take a lead on running events and activities that raise vital funds for the P&C that we can spend on good causes at our school by the beach.



Just to name a few things fundraising ideas past and present.





Garden Twenty16

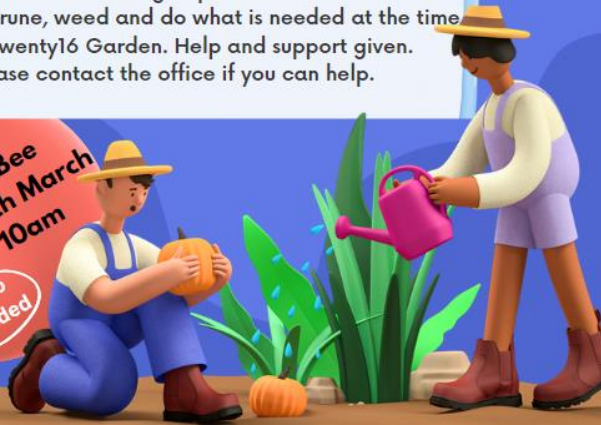
Do you enjoy gardening?

Do you have spare time?

We may have the job for you!

We are looking for someone to run our Garden Twenty16 Working Bees. A fantastic group of volunteers meet once a Term to prune, weed and do what is needed at the time in the Twenty16 Garden. Help and support given. Please contact the office if you can help.

Next
Working Bee
Sunday 26th March
8am - 10am
Smoko
provided



Puberty Information

These sessions are a fun, informative and informal way for your child to learn about Puberty.

Girls Night Out- Wed 3rd May. 7- 9 pm. For girls aged 10-12 and their mother, female relative or guardian. Cost: \$30 per couple.

Please contact the office to book you place by Wed 26th April.

Limited numbers.

only girls



Boys Night OUT

Puberty Information

These sessions are a fun, informative and informal way for your child to learn about Puberty.

Boys Night Out – Wednesday 10th May. 7-9pm. For boys aged 10-12 and their father, male relative or guardian. Cost \$30 per couple

Please contact the office today to book your place.

If numbers are not met session will be postponed.

Limited numbers.



Kind regards,

Fr Joby Jose,
Tully Parish Priest



Well Women's Clinics

(these clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Tully Hospital:

Wednesdays 3rd & 24th May

Ph 4226 4812

Mission Beach CHC:

Tuesdays 2nd & 30th May

Ph 4016 1447

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

Mission Beach Community Health 2023 Influenza Program

Walk-in clinics

- Monday 24 April, 9am-3pm
- Monday 8 May, 9am-3pm

Mission Beach Community Health,
26 Wongaling Beach Rd, Mission Beach

Those eligible through the National Immunisation Program include:

- Pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- People aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions
- Children 6 months to less than 5 years
 - People aged 65 years and older (Fluad® Quad)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.







To book an appointment for your
influenza immunisation call:

4068 9722 or 0429 645 666














Immunisations available from 12 April 2023



TERM 1 WHAT'S ON

Week 10	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	Nude Food Tuesday 	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am	Culture Club in the Arts Room 1.10pm – 1.40pm	Touch Football Gala Day 	Last Day Term 1 Parade 2.50pm
	 Prep A Hands-On Monday 2pm – 3pm	Prep Easter Craft Morning 9am – 11am 	 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm		 Year 2 Concert 2.30pm in the Hall	

Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1 Week starting 17 April	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	Nude Food Tuesday 	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am			
		Cluster Band Day 1 TSHS Brass Only 	 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm			
		P&C Meeting 6.00pm				
Week 2 Week starting 24 April	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am		District Cross Country 9 – 12 years Warrina Lakes Innisfail 	
		Nude Food Tuesday 	 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm			
Week 3 Week starting 1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am			
		Nude Food Tuesday 	 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm			
			Girls Night Out 7pm – 9pm \$30 per couple Limited Numbers			
Week 4 Week starting 8 May	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	Nude Food Tuesday 	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am			
		P&C Meeting 6.00pm	 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm			
			Boys Night Out 7pm – 9pm \$30 per couple Limited Numbers			
Week 5 Week starting 15 May	Parade in the Hall, 9am. Parents Welcome	Nude Food Tuesday 	Family Library Reading Club 8.15am – 8.45am		MBSS Book Fair In the Library 	
			 Marimba Club 1.10pm – 1.40pm			