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Newsletter Term 1

Most terms have a whirlwind ending but TC Debbie was really something else! As you all know, school was closed during week ten due to the destructive conditions on our island but I'm thankful that everyone stayed safe. It has been a fantastic term and I thank each and every one of you for your warm acceptance and positive attitude towards our wonderful school. I look forward to an exciting term two.



Mrs Loomes

Parent information evening

Our parent information evening held on Thursday 2 February was successful with 100% of parents attending. The PowerPoint presentation shared at this event will be uploaded to the website. Thank you to the food and beverage staff and Flinn and Solomon Loomes for catering and cooking the delicious BBQ following.

Curriculum letters

Curriculum letters were sent home at the beginning of the term. These letters list the units and assessment items for each Learning Area/subject that your child will study. Please be aware that the results of each Guide to Making Judgements (GTMJ) will inform your child's overall level of achievement on their end of semester report. The following questions may be useful when discussing learning with your child:

What are you learning?

How are you going?

How do you know?

How could you improve?

Where can you go for help?

Please contact Miss Dart or Mrs Loomes if you would like additional curriculum information.

P&C

The P&C AGM was held on Thursday 16 March. Thank you to Christie Williams (President) and Jane Bartlett (Treasurer and Secretary) who now hold executive positions on our P&C. The P&C general meeting minutes have been emailed to all parents. We will hold another P&C general meeting next term. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Focus of the week

The students' behaviour continues to be supported by our 'Focus of the Week' topics. Our topics have included: looking at the speaker, using a peaceful voice, giving and receiving compliments, building resilience, keeping to yourself, be a good sport and using my initiative.



Parent helpers

A huge thank you to our parent helpers who assist in Early Levelled Reading and library sessions each week. You are greatly appreciated and the students enjoy having you in the classroom.

New literacy resources

The school has purchased two literary subscriptions for teaching and learning:

1. Australian Standing Orders – a selection of 10 junior fiction and fiction books by Australian authors. These books will arrive at our school four times throughout the year. These texts will be a great addition to our library resources (the students are loving library sessions each Friday).
2. The School Magazine – magazines “Blast Off” and “Countdown” which include a section of articles of different text types and fabulous illustrations. Used for the teaching of reading and comprehension.

Website news items

Remember to visit our school website regularly. On the website homepage, you can access weekly news articles, important dates, school documents and links to Mathletics and Reading Eggs. The following news articles have been published on our website this term.



Who is in the box?

8/02/2017

There are always plenty of cardboard boxes at the beginning of the year. This cardboard box was popular in the playground with robot play. Can you guess who is in the box?



Early levelled reading

20/02/2017

Students in Years One and Two enjoy Early Levelled Reading each morning. Teaching is focused on the three cueing systems of reading: Does it look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?

Parents are welcome to join their children in the classroom and assist with their literacy learning.



The reading corner

21/02/2017

The reading corner is a quiet zone used by students for independent reading. Students share the quiet space to chill out and read books of their choice. Shoes are not required in the reading corner!



May I take your order?

14/03/2017

Chocolate balls, ice-cream sundaes and apple bites are all items on the sandpit menu. Place your order and in record time, you will be served with a delicious sandpit snack. What do you feel like for lunch?

Matilda and Blake creating a scrumptious sandpit menu.



Hooray for hockey

14/03/2017

Hockey is an all-time favourite playtime activity. There are usually two students per team with the aim of the game to hit the soft ball into the nets. Students are encouraged to give each other (including the opposing team members) positive comments on their efforts.

Jesse and Ann Kerby are ready to rumble.



Happy birthday, Miss Dart

15/03/2017

The students and teachers of Hayman Island State School.

The school community joined Miss Dart to celebrate her birthday and share a delicious birthday cake. Hip, hip, hooray!



Bountiful bugs

22/03/2017

Our lovely fig tree, in our playground, is abundant with insects. The bug catcher is put to good use at playtime to catch 'white fly'. Don't worry, the insects are always released at the end of the day.



Hands on learning in Mathematics

29/03/2017

The Year One students are using task cards and unifix cubes to learn their addition facts. Hands on learning materials are used at our school to teach our students numeracy concepts in Mathematics.

Lachlan, Sydney and Chloe are practising their addition facts.

Important term two dates to add to your calendar ...

Start Term Two	Tuesday 18 April
ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Tuesday 25 April
Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Monday 1 May
Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews	Tues/Wed/Thurs 2/3/4 May
NAPLAN	Tues/Wed/Thurs 9/10/11 May
Under 8's Day (Proserpine SS) & Museum Visit	Thursday 25 May
Principal's Conference (Townsville)	Tues/Wed/Thurs 31 May – 2 June
Rewards Day	Wednesday 21 June
Combined Islands Athletics Carnival	Thursday 22 June
End of Term Two/Whitsunday Show Holiday	Friday 23 June

Remember to keep checking our website for up-to-date news and calendar dates throughout term two ☺