



# Mission Beach State School



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## From the Principal

### Welcome Back

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the festive season and had the opportunity to spend some family time with your children.

Our return to school has been both exciting and calm – a contradiction I know but the children have been excited to see their friends and rekindle social groups and calm and focussed in class. A great way to start the year.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our first parade despite the oppressive heat. I'm sure they were pleased to get away and the children were definitely pleased to get back to their air conditioned classrooms.

Our student numbers have steadily increased since our return with our enrolment likely to be around the 320 mark by day 8. This is fantastic news for our school, and ensures our class structure will remain unchanged.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new families starting their association with our beautiful school. We look forward to working with your children and getting to know you all. We welcome parents in our school as our most valuable partners in a child's schooling.

### Welcome New Staff

I would like to welcome Heidi Thomson into year 1 this year. Heidi has been working in our school part time, sharing a teaching load with Mrs Menzies in Prep. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to year 1, ensuring a great year for all of the children in her class.

Welcome to the classroom as well goes to Ms DuPreez in year 6. She has been both P.E. and District Relieving Teacher in our school in previous years.

### 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 and 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. Thank you for your support.



### Breakfast Club Information

Breakfast Club returns in 2017. The breakfast club would be to provide a small breakfast – fruit, cereal, toast – for any children but particularly those who come to school without having had something to eat for whatever reason.

I know my own two boys could not eat breakfast until they had been up and active for a while. We know from research, and our own

observations, that children do not perform well in class if they have not had a nutritious breakfast to start the day. Breakfast Club is every morning before school (8:15 – 8:40) with staff volunteers, however if you are interested in helping out, please let us know.

Our local Lions club, Tully Bakery, Tully Milk Supply and MB Woolworths have indicated that they will continue to support the breakfast club..

We are hoping that this may help some of our children to engage more successfully with learning at our school. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any ideas or suggestions.

### **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 2017 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**

With our students returning to classes, 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. 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 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.



### **Contact Details**

As of next week, we will be implementing an SMS system that sends an alert to parents if a child is absent from school without parent notification about the absence. The main purpose of this system is to make sure that parents know children are not at school. The system will also help parents to meet their responsibilities to inform the school of all absences. Full details of the system will be sent home once the software is installed on our server.

In order for this to work effectively, ensuring the safety of our children, we need to have current, accurate mobile phone numbers. If your number has changed or you are not sure if we have it, please contact Sheryl and update our records.

### **Be safe at the beach**

Just a quick reminder to all parents and children to take care if using our beautiful beaches at this time of year. Always wear a stinger suit (good sun protection as well as protection from marine stingers), use the stinger nets whenever possible and ensure good sun protection practices occur – SLIP. SLOP. SLAP. It is also important that children, and adults, drink plenty of water throughout the day.

I'm looking forward to yet another very successful and enjoyable year in 2017.

Regards,  
Gordon

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Hello and welcome back for another wonderful year at Mission Beach State School. Firstly Marina and I (Sheryl) would like to thank our wonderful parent volunteers for selling and restocking the P&C Uniforms over the last week. This is a great help not only to us but to the P&C as well.

With the start of every year we ask that parents/careers please update emergency contact details that may have changed. Things to consider

- Phone numbers
- Have you moved house
- Emergency contact other than parent /guardians that no longer live in Mission Beach
- Change of work
- Family Separation and new or revised court orders

### 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](mailto: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 week 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

### Reading Diaries, Student Maths Text Books & Handwriting Text Books

This year Text Books will need to be purchased from the office as stated on our booklist for 2017.

### 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

### Separation Distress

Some children may find the separation from a parent or the transition to a new class room or teacher distressing. Here are some tips to help children manage this distress:

1. **Help your child connect with their teacher:** Rather than distracting with an activity a child may need to connect and feel safe with a new person. Speak with your child's teacher about the approach you're planning to take and ask the teacher to assist with a consistent approach.
2. **Acknowledge your child's distress:** All of us feel better when we feel understood. For example, you could say *"I know you're feeling really sad that we have to be apart from one another. I understand that you want me to stay with you. But I have to go soon and I know that you'll be safe here with your teacher"*
3. **Leave your child with their teacher:** If your child is still feeling upset when you have to leave you could say *"Let's go and find your teacher and let him/her know that you're feeling sad"*
4. **Say good bye:** Stay positive. If your child senses that you're stressed about leaving them, this can make your child more worried. It is important to say good bye so they know you are leaving and let them know that you will be there to pick them up in the afternoon. Once you've left don't keep returning as this can generate more confusion and distress.
5. **Discussion at Home:** At home speak with your child about your goodbyes and if your child is old enough seek their ideas
6. **Transitional objects:** It might help to give your child an item of yours to comfort them through the day.

For help/ideas chat to your Parenting Promotion Officer: Jolene 0488321605 [F everyfamilycassowarycoast](http://www.everyfamilycassowarycoast.com.au)

# TUCKSHOP INFORMATION

"Tuckshop is back up and running. If you don't have a **2017 menu with updated prices and menu items** please pick one up from Tuckshop or the office. We also have pre-printed Tuckshop bags for sale at the Tuckshop and office to make filling in your Tuckshop bag easier.

All Tuckshop food, except drinks, ice creams and snacks, should be pre-ordered on a paper bag and handed in to Tuckshop, with the money for payment inside the bag, before school starts. If change is required it will be sticky taped to the front of your child's lunch bag.



It is a good idea to give your child the correct change for Tuckshop if possible. It is very tempting for kids to spend all their change on themselves and their friends.

Tuckshop has a policy of No Credit/I.O.U's. If it is an emergency and your child has forgotten their lunch arrangements can be made through the office.

Keep an eye out for Term Specials as the year rolls on.

New Tuckshop opening days are **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**. We serve wraps, sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, fruit and snacks on those 3 days with extras such as Mexican Nacho meals on Mondays, pizzas and bolognaise pasta on Wednesday, pies and mini burgers on Fridays. The menu this year is more homestyle with an increased number of items being made from scratch.

Old favourites like the chicken chilli cheese wraps, party pies, pikelets and flavoured milks are still on the menu. We now also have Sippah straws available with small plain milk \$2.20 each straw has only 1/2tsp sugar.

Flavours available are: **CHOCOLATE, STRAWBERRY, SMOOTHIE, COOKIES & CREAM, CHOC MINT and HOKEY-Pokey**

What do I write on my Tuckshop Bag?

**Please fill a separate bag for  
Little Lunch and Big Lunch**

Example

Prep A Mrs Porter

Lucy Lou

Little Lunch

1 ham & cheese toasted sandwich \$3.50

1 Fruit Salad \$2.80

Total \$6.30

No change



**If change is required it will be stuck to the front of your  
tuckshop bag**

Printed Tuckshop bags can be purchased at cost from Tuckshop or the office.  
Brown paper bags are also available from Woolworths.

# Class Room News

Classroom news will start again next newsletter as over the next week all classroom teachers will send home individual letters informing parents/carers of class expectations.

## Nude Food Tuesday is back for 2017

What is it you may ask?

This is a project carried over from 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016. It is a project that our year 4/5 class undertook trying to encourage children to bring lunch with the smallest amount of wrapping or packaging as possible, to help our school with recycling and encouraging healthy food choices. We currently have 2 compost bins and chooks that our food scraps go to each day, in an effort to make our environment sustainable for generations to come, and teach our children to be aware of consequences of poor environmental practices. Sustainability is a key component of both Science and Geography Curriculum.

We also hope to get our Vegetable Patch up and running in the near future.

Some Ideas to help Parents and Children think outside the square when packing lunches are student ideas from previous years:

- Fruit and vegetables - eat more food with its own wrapping
- Buy in bulk & put in small containers
- Sandwich boxes don't require wrapping
- Reuse wrappers and zip lock bags
- Home bake
- Use left overs for lunch - re heat for small cost at tuckshop

Each week a class with the most Nude Food Lunch Boxes will be presented an award on Parade.

## Letters sent home in the last fortnight

Letter	Year Level
Unexplained Absences (Orange)	Only students with Unexplained Absences return <b>ASAP</b>
Welcome to Our Class	All classes

### UPCOMING PAYMENT SCHEDULES

Activity	Event Cost	Due By	Note sent home

Due to processing any payments received after due dates may not be accepted unless prior arrangement with the office. Please make sure all payments to the school come in an envelope with student name and what the money is intended for.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment can be made at the School Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am and 4pm via the payment slot drop and go. Parents wishing to pay over the counter by cash, EFT or Credit Card are still able to do this between the hours of 9:30am – 2:30pm.

**Cheques** - made payable to **MISSION BEACH STATE SCHOOL**

**EFT POS** – is now available at the front counter for payments made to the school.

**BPay** – is no longer available until further notice.

**Direct Debit**- please make sure **Invoice Number** and **Surname** are used for reference

**Payments for the P&C including uniform sales require cash or cheque.**

# SPORTS NEWS

## Sports News

Students and families of Mission Beach State School can look forward to a great year of sport in 2017.

Information regarding upcoming sporting carnivals will be published in the 'sporting news' column as they approach, but our first one for the year is the Tully District 10-12 years Swimming Carnival held at Tully Pool at 4pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Students who qualified for this meet have been given an invitation to nominate for their events, so nominations can be finalised, all notes must be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The District Swimming Carnival is always a great afternoon- if you would like to come up to Tully to support the Mission Beach swimmers we would love to see you there! Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 4pm – 8pm Tully Pool.

Following the swimming next up on our sporting calendar is the Rugby League and Netball carnivals, AFL Gala day, Touch Football and Soccer carnivals, Softball and Tennis carnivals along with our own school cross country and athletic carnivals!

More information on all these carnivals will be available as they approach us but we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

If you have any questions regarding sport or the Physical Education program at the school please feel free to contact me at Mission Beach State School at any time.

In the next couple of weeks keep your eyes open for information about selection/training sessions for the MBSS Rugby League and Netball teams with the Tully District carnival about a month away.

For inclusive and enjoyable Physical Education classes please remember to bring a hat and water bottle to school!

School Expectations	Physical Education classes
I am a Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Active listening</li><li>✓ Participation</li><li>✓ Practise</li><li>✓ Doing your best</li><li>✓ Having fun</li></ul>
I am Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Active listening</li><li>✓ Wear a hat</li><li>✓ Bring a water bottle</li><li>✓ Wear shoes</li><li>✓ Follow instructions</li></ul>
I am Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Helping others</li><li>✓ Caring for our sports equipment</li><li>✓ Wearing uniform and shoes</li><li>✓ Caring for our sports facilities</li><li>✓ Owning our behaviour</li><li>✓ Good teamwork</li><li>✓ Good sportsmanship</li></ul>



# Pride & Effort Recipients

Will be published in next fortnight's newsletter.

## Community Notice Board

### Give Scouts a go!

Want to try something new with your friends?  
We play games, learn about and explore the outdoors,  
go camping, canoeing, sailing, abseiling and more.  
Give Scouts a go Wednesday 1/2/17 5.00 pm at  
Mission Beach State School Hall.



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# FREE

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## 'Come and Try Tennis Day'

### WHEN:

Innisfail Tennis Club: Sat 28th Jan (8 - 10am)

Innisfail Tennis Club: Sat 4th Feb (8 - 10am)

Tully Tennis Club: Sun 29th Jan (8 - 10am)

Mission Beach Tennis Club: Sun 29th Jan (4 - 6pm)

### WHO

- \* Juniors from 4 - 17 years Old
- \* Adults are Welcome to enjoy the fun!  
(All Equipment Can Be Supplied)



(Wet Weather Locations: Innisfail: Good Council College,  
Tully: St Clare's School & Mission Beach: Mission Beach School)



**SPECIAL OFFER: Free Tennis Racquet & Free Tennis Shirt for ALL new Term 1 sign ups!!!**

Contact 'The Baseline Tennis Team' on:

Mobile: 0421 200160

Email: [baselinetennis@gmail.com](mailto:baselinetennis@gmail.com)

Website: [www.baselinetennis.com.au](http://www.baselinetennis.com.au)

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**Beginner to Advanced**

\* 60 Mins of Expert Coaching from a  
Tennis Australia Club Coach  
Professional followed by 30 Mins of Fun  
Based 'Fast 4' Matchplay

### LOCATION & DAY

Innisfail Tennis Club:

Tuesday

Tully Tennis Club

Monday

Mission Beach Tennis Club:

Friday



**TIME**  
9.00 - 10.30AM

**COST**  
\$15 P/W

**BOOK NOW** >

Contact: 0421 200160

Email: [baselinetennis@gmail.com](mailto:baselinetennis@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR Term 1 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
<b>Week 1</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> January	25 <sup>th</sup> January	26 <sup>th</sup> January Australia Day Public Holiday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Week 2</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> January Parade School Captains & House Captain Badges given out	31 <sup>st</sup> January Year 6 Parent Meeting 3.15	1 <sup>st</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4 & 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Week 3</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> February Parade	7 <sup>th</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February  <b>Religious Education Classes Start</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Tully 10-12yrs Swimming Carnival</b>	11 & 12 Feb
<b>Week 4</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> February Parade	14 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February	16 <sup>th</sup> February	17 <sup>th</sup> February	18 & 19 Feb
<b>Week 5</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> February Parade	21 <sup>st</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	24 <sup>th</sup> February	25 & 26 Feb
<b>Week 6</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> February Parade	28 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>Tully 10-12yrs Netball /Rugby League Carnival</b>	4 & 5 March
<b>Week 7</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March Parade	7 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March	11 & 12 March
<b>Week 8</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March Parade	14 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March  <i><b>AFL Gala Day</b></i>	18 & 19 March
<b>Week 9</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>TD Touch Football Carnival</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March	25 & 26 March
<b>Week 10</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March Last Day Term 1  <b>Tully 10-12yrs Touch Football Gala Day</b>	1 & 2 April

**School Holidays Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**