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- **Disco**
- **Books in Homes**
- **NAIDOC**
- **Athletics Carnival**
- **Show Public Holiday**

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We acknowledge the Kalkadoon People, Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents/Carers and Community Members,

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is one of our priority areas this year when considering our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). We value attendance and believe it to crucial in relation to improving our student outcomes. Our target is to have 93% attendance for the year. At the beginning of the year, all students were given a calendar type poster that could be stuck on the refrigerator. It clearly showed 13 days could be taken off for the year to still achieve our goal. Please take the time to revisit this poster to see whether you child or children can still achieve this.

Last term, our whole school data was sitting on 89.7%  At present for this term we are achieving just 89.2%  Evidence clearly suggests that students need to be at school in order to learn and improve their academic performance. This is not only noted in professional readings but has been proven here at Mount Isa Central State School. Examples of student improvement have been clearly noted when attendance improved.

Please give your child/children the very best start by ensuring they attend school when they are well and able. You may become amazed at their performance and interest in school.
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS MEETING

Last Tuesday I spent the day with peer Principals from Mount Isa and across our region. A few focus points came out of the day:

- It is important to have teachers have a good rapport with students
- Students need to revisit the learning intent (what they are learning) and success criteria (how do they know they are achieving) each lesson/day
- Learning is the result of good teaching
- Parents are an important part of the learning process

Over the coming months, our Leadership team will work with staff to continue to improve our quality teaching and learning processes through the co-plan, co-teach, co-reflect, assess needs process.

Further professional development on instructional coaching and the collaborative enquiry approach will occur with all staff.

SUPER BOSS DAY

Last Friday, the Mount Isa Shire employees and Councillors organised a fundraising event to raise funds for HeartKids. The emergency services and Principals of our Mount Isa Schools were part of raising awareness.

This HeartKids initiative, Super Boss Day, raises money to support research into childhood congenital heart disease and is an incredibly important cause. I think I looked silly enough – Leonardo Ninja Turtle – he is the leader, boss of the Ninja Turtles.

Please consider donating to the cause at https://superbossday2017.everydayhero.com/au/mount-isa-wellness-warriors

I have been asked this week by a couple of Year 2 students why I was not dressed up as Ninja Turtle this week.

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED

At times it is imperative that parents/carers be phoned for various reasons. Some parents/carers of late have been uncontactable. If you have changed phone numbers, residential addresses or your child/children’s emergency contact, please ensure you update your information.

Enjoy the next fortnight of your child’s learning and if you have time, come into our classes to see what your child/children are learning. It may make their day!

Andrea
Hi all,
Just 3 more weeks till the end of the term!

If you are looking for holiday activities for your children to be involved in, Chaplaincy Mt Isa will be running a Kids Games holiday program for children from Years 1-6 from 26-28 June. For more information and to register please go to the Kids Games website: http://kidsgamesqld.com.au/?page_id=118

2017…so far…and what’s next?
This term I have spent some time in one of the classes supporting reading groups. We had some very interesting books including one about a frog that eats its own skin. Second break on Fridays have been busy with our Line dancing. Students from Prep to Year 6 are joining in and they have lots of fun learning the steps. ‘Chappy Week Brekkie’ at Townview was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Next term will see the commencement of formal group programs for students and the recommencement of Fun Friends (Years 1 -3). Please note that Pancake days will now move to Fridays, 8:00am-8:25am. The Line dancing will remain a fixture on our calendar for Fridays second break.

Dance North
What a great day! On Wednesday the 31st May performers from Townsville Dance North School came to present some fun and engaging sessions for all students which included moving like machines to the music while holding an object. The kids absolutely loved the sessions and got to showcase their new moves they had learnt. They are promoting for their performance ‘Rainbow Vomit’ and go on stage at the Mount Isa Civic Centre on Tuesday 13th June at 6pm and Wednesday 14th June at 10am. See the flyer for more details.
On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 6, the Mount Isa Central State School Soccer Team competed against other primary schools in Mount Isa. The annual interschool soccer championship hosted some skilled competition, with all schools showing great sportsmanship throughout the day. Our team played a total of 12 games over the two days of play. We finished the carnival with a whopping **10 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss**. This was an outstanding effort from our team. Unfortunately, our only loss of the day was in the **grand final**, coming in at **2nd place overall**. Nonetheless our boys and girls held...
On Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May girls from years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the interschool netball carnival. The girls played exceptionally well and showed great teamwork. Unfortunately, the girls were beaten in the semi-finals but came 6th overall. I was very proud of each one of the girls and we even had some players that had never played a game before. Girls you did great on the day and thank you for representing Mount Isa Central State School with such pride and good sports spirit.

Emily O’Brien
Year 5 Teacher and Coach
Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier

Our aim is to achieve 93% for the year.
We are very close to achieving this.

Congratulations to our Years 4-6 Juvenile Choir who took out Third Place at the Mount Isa Eisteddfod.
On Wednesday the 8th of May we had our Under 8’s Day and what a hit it was! We got to celebrate with our local Kindy Estelle Cardiff, playgroup and all students from Prep to Year 3.
Congratulations to all students who received Star of the Week awards this week. There were numerous positive reasons that these students were granted such an award.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

These are the students who received attendance awards this week. These students were at school 100% of the time and were lucky enough to have their name pulled out.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**
Throughout this term the students have learnt the difference between a want and a need in their Business unit. A want is something the students’ desire or would wish for and a want is something they require or is essential for their survival. The students debated between themselves about each other’s wants and needs. Below is a table that the students completed in regards to their wants and needs in comparison to a professional skateboarder. They also did the wants and needs for a teacher. Their assessment for this unit involves making decision as well as strategies for a school community fundraising event. I have found this to be a great task as the students are now mentioning to me they want to do more fundraising events for school camp and the school community.

### Disney Disco!

**When:** Thursday, 15th June at 6pm (Week 9)  
**Where:** Undercover Area  
**Cost:** $2 entry- P&C will be selling food and drinks on the night  
**Come dressed as your favourite Disney character!**
ABSENCES AND REASONS FOR BEING LATE

It is a requirement that all student absences are explained. Whenever your child is absent from or late to school please advise the school either by note, by phoning the school absence line on 44373266 or by emailing: admin@mtisacenss.eq.edu.au. Below are two notes to use to explain your child’s absences from school.

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