



MUTARNEE STATE SCHOOL

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Term 3

July

14	Monday	Term 3 Commences
18	Friday	QSR: Inform Community
29	Tuesday	Three-way Interviews (Student – Parent – Teacher)
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31	Thursday	QSR: Establish Committee (Meeting at 2:45pm)

August

1	Friday	Waterview Sports Carnival (Mutarnee SS)
5	Tuesday	QSR: Data Collection (Students)
6	Wednesday	QSR: Data Collection (Staff)
7	Thursday	Small Schools Sports Day (George Day Oval – Ingham)
8	Friday	QSR: Data Collection (Parents) [Committee Meeting - 2:00pm]
11	Monday	QSR: Visioning [11/08/14 – 22/08/14]
15	Friday	Barnes Cup at Forrest Beach SS
17 - 22	All Week	Ingham Arts Festival
22	Friday	QSR: Visioning [Submit draft School Plan]
26	Tuesday	QSR: Consultation [Committee Meeting – 2:45pm]
29	Friday	QSR: Consultation [Final Committee Meeting – 2:45pm]

September

3 - 5	Wednesday - Friday	School Camp – Magnetic Island
11	Thursday	QSR: Verification Meeting with ARD
12	Friday	Year 6 & 7 High School Transition Day at Ingham State High School
20	Saturday	September/October holidays commence

Term 4

October

6	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday
7	Tuesday	Term 4 commences
20	Monday	Pupil Free Day

December

11	Thursday	Semester 2 Report Cards Issued
13	Saturday	Summer holidays commence

Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Semester 2, 2014. I trust that you all had a relaxing vacation and are ready to get back into learning. This term is a busy and exciting term at Mutarnee. This term we will go through the Quadrennial School Review (QSR) process, hold our three way interviews, participate in a range of athletic sports days and go on school camp. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to.

Green Cross Clean Up Day

Last term, on Thursday 26th June, the Mutarnee students volunteered their time to help the environment. They packed up their special rubbish bags and gloves and walked down to Crystal Creek to pick up rubbish. The students sadly found a large amount of litter which highlighted the importance of caring for the environment.

Art Display – Pinnacles Gallery (Townsville)

Don't forget to check out our junior Picasso's with their stunning masterpieces on display in the Pinnacles Art Gallery in Townsville from the 2-27 July. At the beginning of last term the students were visited by the 'Art in a Suitcase' travelling workshop to create their artwork.

Homework & Spelling

Homework and spelling will commence in Week 2. The Year 4, 5 & 6 students will look a little different. We are really focusing on developing their reading and writing. Instructions will be included in their homework books.

Three Way Interviews (Parent / Teacher / Student)

All parents/carers will have noticed that 'Interview Requested' was evident on the Semester 1 Report Cards. In Week 3, I will be offering Three Way Interviews with all stakeholders to discuss your child's academic progress, goals & targets as well as behaviour. Time preferences are attached to this newsletter. Please return by Wednesday 23rd July.

Quadrennial School Review (QSR)

Mutarnee is undertaking their Quadrennial School Review in Term 3. This is where the school creates a very clear vision and direction with consultation with all stakeholders, including parents, students and staff. These meetings and surveys allow a new School Plan to be developed which will guide the school for the next four years. To ensure this process is transparent, a QSR Committee will be formed. I would like to hold a meeting on Thursday 31st July to begin the process. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please come to the meeting at 2:45pm.

Please see term planner for other QSR Committee dates.

Great Results Guarantee (GRG)

As you are aware, the Great Results Guarantee was given to schools to improve the students in the early year's performance. These funds have allowed us to pay Mrs Miko as an additional teacher. Having Mrs Miko an extra day every fortnight is nothing compared to the exceptional number of days she volunteers. Her generosity, in conjunction with the Great Results Guarantee funds allows our students to have targeted lessons with very low staff to student ratios. In a multi-age setting this is an absolute blessing. This targeting teaching allows all staff to know the students and their individual needs. We chose to invest in human resources and this is having a great impact on our students' academic outcomes.

New Assistant Regional Director (ARD)

This term we have a new Assistant Regional Director – Chris Capra who comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experiences and will ensure that Mutarnee is a top performing school. He will be visiting the school in Week 3 to meet the staff and students and discuss the schools performance.

Tuckshop

Next Thursday 24th July is our first tuckshop for this term. Menus are attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards,

Lydia Jamieson
Principal