Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Term 3 is flying ahead and once again we have much to celebrate in our mighty, small school.

NAPLAN

Last year we saw a tremendous spike in the achievement of our students who sat the NAPLAN tests, this year is no different. We have strong data from these tests that show that our year three students are continuing their learning journey and that the results gained during classroom assessments are similar to the results shown through the NAPLAN tests. Our year five students did not disappoint. Each student who sat the test showed tremendous growth with their learning and the results truly reflect the effort put in by the entire team (students, parents teacher aides and teachers).

Outstanding work Mena! I will be discussing the data from these tests this Thursday at the P&C meeting.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations also must go to students from Mena Creek State School for representing the Silkwood Mena Creek Sports Association at Innisfail in week 3.

Chloe Anastasi — 100m
Riley Hampson — High Jump, Long Jump, 800m, 200m, 80m
Hayley Smith — Shot Put
Matty Casey-Douglas — High Jump

ATTENDANCE

Mena Creek State School has a proud tradition of excellent attendance for students and staff. Currently, our attendance rate is 95.6% which is a little lower than our usual standards. The cold and flu season has definitely hit our community hard but with it coming to an end, I would expect our attendance rates to slowly climb back to our normal (excellent) rates. A reminder to all families, in the interest of child safety, if your child NEEDS to be away from their learning for a day, please notify the school before 9.30 am. A new attendance policy is currently being worked on and will be submitted to the P&C next month for perusal. I will endeavour to send this to homes shortly after.

It is wonderful to return to school after taking a short amount of leave. Many thanks to Mr Higgins and Mrs Taifalos for their work in the 4-6 classroom and to Mrs Abbott for her brilliant work as Principal in my absence.

Until next time,
Cameron Wedgwood
Principal
What a fabulously informative and engaging workshop the students participated in on Wednesday with Belinda from “The Root Cause”!

The parent session was equally as valuable as is evident by changes observed in lunch boxes as well as students making better choices.

For parents who unfortunately were unable to attend visit the website for great lunch ideas.


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**Introduction to the GREEN SMOOTHIE**

**Ingredients**
- 1 frozen banana
- 1 handful baby spinach
- 1 tablespoon raw honey
- 1 tablespoon Chia Seeds
- 4-5 strawberries (or small handful frozen berries)
- 500ml filtered water

**Directions**
Throw everything into a food processor and blend until smooth and creamy.

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**NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY #2**

_games and fun_
bring a torch
dress in costume

**Innisfail Regional Library**
Tuesday 16th August
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Suitable for ages 5-12

Spaces limited - Book early
Phone 1300 366616

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**DON’T FORGET!**
If your child is absent from school please phone the school before 9:30am on the day.
Ph. 4065 3221

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**Due to The Spirit of ANZAC excursion,**
_Tuckshop is Thursday this week!_

_Bring your orders tomorrow._

**Tuckshop Special**
For Thursday 18th August
Mini Quiche $2.50
Banana Cake .50c