Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Welcome,
The day has finally arrived that we say farewell to Mrs Lisa Garner. Lisa has been a tremendous asset to our school community in her role as Administration Officer. Lisa has constantly supported staff, students and parents to ensure our school continues to run exceptionally well. On behalf of our community, I would like to thank Lisa and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Welcome to Miss Carmen, who will be working as our new Administration Officer! Carmen will continue the great work already performed in this role. Please introduce yourself next time you are up at school.

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country next week from 13-15 May. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home as of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

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Congratulations to the Cross Country runners. The day was hot and dusty but our students never gave up and showed the greater-community that MCSS spirit we are always proud of! Students are already hard at work practicing for the Athletics carnival in Term 3.

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P & C Association
Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER
April Tuesday 22nd
Term 2 commences
April Friday 25th
ANZAC Day & Public Holiday
Public Holiday
May Thursday 1st
P&C Meeting
May Friday 2nd
SMCSA Cross Country
May Friday 2nd
P&C Social BBQ
May 13th-15th
NAPLAN Testing

Triangle to school from kindergarten
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EVERY DAY COUNTS!
Make every day count in 2014
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons.

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
http://www.youtube.com/DETFollowers

Instrumental Music Update
With Instrumental Music back up and running for Term 2, it is crucial that all students are attending their lessons every week to ensure improvement is constant and consistent. Students should all be back into the habit of practising at least 10 minutes a day for 5 days a week. This habit can be hard to establish, but is a crucial part of student development on their instrument.
Primary Concert Band has started! All students invited to attend are asked to be at Innisfail State College Auditorium on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm. Ms Berry’s String Orchestra has already started and continues this term on Tuesdays from 4:30pm. Parents are reminded that once students are invited to Band and Orchestra, it is a mandatory part of the IM curriculum.

The Innisfail Young Performers Competition is coming up in Week 6. Students should be practicing their solos and ensemble music constantly to ensure a pitch perfect performance. A good practice method is to create a mock audience – the hardest part about solos is the pressure. Practice the way you will perform and you will perform the way you practice.

Yours in tune,
Mr Crear and Ms Berry

Prep -3 Awards

Congratulations:
Riley, Alex, Josh, Anand, Charlie, Maggie, Dain, Zavier, Sharan, Travis, Holly, Zak

Year 4-7 Awards

Principal’s Award
Congratulations
Zak Bonello

Hot Shots - Program at Innisfail State College English Hot Shots
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Maninder Kaur - Yr 7 - Mena Creek State School

I chose this photo because it shows how hard-working the staff are and how much they push themselves to make the students work to their best ability.

Amber Anastasi - Yr 7 - Mena Creek State School

My favourite photo is the red claw. I chose this photo because it was interesting and the photo was amazing. If no one has seen a red claw this was a great example to show other people. This photo was the best one because if shows all the features of the red claw. The red claw is in the Marine Studies classroom.

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