Friday Rewards Day

This term we are trialling having parade every second Friday - see the panel to the right for the parade dates. The other Friday afternoons are devoted to fun reward sessions for children who show consistent effort and behaviour. A ‘3 strikes and you’re out’ policy applies, where children who have received consequences for misbehaviour 3 times will be ineligible to attend the reward session. For their first reward day, students chose computer time. Children explored Google Earth and MineCraft on the computers, played educational apps on the iPads or experimented with programming our Beebot robots.

Robotics Workshop at Cooktown SS

We have been invited to take part in a robotics workshop at Cooktown State School next Friday 12th August. As we are only permitted to take 4 students, participation will be by invitation only. Members of the Senior class are on their best behaviour, so they will be the lucky ones selected to spend a day building and programming robots!

P&C Meeting Next Wednesday 10th August 2.30pm

Joining the P&C is a great way to be involved in the school and be in-the-loop on what’s going on. All parents and community members are welcome to join the P&C.

BIG thanks to Heidi and Jason for last Friday’s Yummo lunch day.
In class this term we are focusing on using GRIT to complete our work.

One of the main reasons to complete homework is to practice Grit. It takes optimism to know that it can be done. It takes self-discipline to do the work at home and it takes Persistence to remember to bring it on Friday and hand it in.

Our Unit for this term is:

We can be Heroes:

GRIT:

Maths Mastery Celebration:

Our Maths Mastery group celebrated completing 50 lessons on Monday 1st August 2016. They all have worked very hard to get this far. In the beginning of the year, they completed 10 of the 20 questions and slowly, slowly they have now built up to doing all 20 questions.
What a wonderful first half of term three we are having!

We have been investigating the Olympics across the curriculum in the Junior Class, gathering lots of interesting facts so that we are able to write a Procedure about an Olympic Sport and an Information Report about a participating country. We have been learning lots about measurement in Maths exploring topics such as, length, height, volume, area and mass. We have discovered features about 2D and 3D shapes, and symmetry, so that we are able to use some of these elements when drawing flags from Olympic Nations.

We have been examining Sports Science and talking about Momentum. We have collected data on topics such as the bounce of a ball, and jumping from a standing height or length, as opposed to having a run-up. We are now going to display our findings in a useful way by drawing a graph.

During our Electives the Nature Play Team will be beautifying the middle garden at the school and we could use any seeds, seedlings or plants that will grow well in the full shade.

It is wonderful to be teaching in a school community that values collaboration and I thank our Junior families for your PHOTOS:

PHOTOS: Right: The Junior class hard at work.
Below: on Friday we said farewell to Miss Bonnie. Miss Bonnie is an education student from JCU who has been with us for the past 3 weeks. Bottom left: Jackson created this amazing 3D effect with rubber bands.
To help us discover our strengths both the Senior and Junior classes will be engaging in bushwalking and outdoor adventure activities in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday 23rd August, the senior class will be hiking to Parrot Falls. This will be a lot longer than the previous hike and will take the entire day.

The following Tuesday, 16th August, the Junior class and the Preps will be hiking in the local area from school and then engaging in some team building activities near and in a creek. The students will leave the school at 12:30 and return by 2:20.

The focus of these activities will be identifying different strengths, finding some of our own strengths and realising we all have different strengths. Permission

These Preppies are learning about addition and subtraction by jumping up and down a number line. In this great game they throw a special dice to see whether they need to add or take away, then another normal dice to get the number. Practise adding and taking away simple numbers.