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### From the Principal

#### Welcome!

Thank you for a wonderful Term 1, with many being able to commit to our various field events. We started our school year with 181 enrolments, which is a considerable growth from the end of 2020. Along with welcoming all the new students and families to our school, we also have welcomed new teachers and specialist staff who work alongside us to ensure all students access the Australian Curriculum and every student learning. You will also notice a new look to our school newsletter to reflect the beginning of a vibrant new outlook and plan for distance education in our school community. This stems from the continuing work of our past Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation plans and our planning for the future. For this year we have our new Strategic Plan 2021-2024 and our Student Code of Conduct, which can all be found on our website <https://mtisasde.eq.edu.au/>

Parents and home tutors have been pivotal in the development of these school documents to ensure we are heading in a direction for school improvement reflective of the recommendations in our 2020 School Review Report. Please take some time to be familiar with these documents to understand the breadth of focus for our students, families and staff.

If you have any queries about the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any one of our dedicated staff. To those of you who are new, welcome and know that you have joined one of the best schools in Queensland.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19 – 23 April  
Western Alliance Multischool
- 26 April  
Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 3 May  
Labour Day Holiday
- 11, 12, 13 (half day) May  
MISOTA Activity Days (NAPLAN)
- 12 & 13 (half day) May  
Home Tutor Seminar
- 14 May  
MISOTA Sports Day
- 16 – 21 May  
Year 4/5 Camp
- 18 June  
Mount Isa Show Holiday



## From the Deputy

At MISOTA, we believe in stepping alongside the isolated classroom as partners in our shared student's education. At the core of these beliefs is the value we hold towards ensuring our school community accesses professional learning that will further advance our students and their families. We have a responsive and flexible approach to addressing the needs of parents, home tutors and governesses and offer multiple opportunities for professional development:

### Home Tutor Sessions

These sessions are held regularly by the year level teachers to feed-forward information that will assist towards delivering the content of current and upcoming curriculum units. Topics covered during these sessions range from understanding the curriculum intent to demonstrating the practical application of maths strategies and can include anything in between according to need. Attending these sessions is vital in knowing what is coming up in the unit.

### New Home Tutor and Governess Workshop

Held in term 1, this two-day workshop covers a number of topics that support the new home tutor and governess when starting the year. These days offer a face-to-face opportunity for attendees to receive professional development as aligned to student need across the school. Various speakers are engaged to present sessions aimed particularly at establishing and maintaining a successful isolated classroom environment.

### Home Tutor Seminar

This two-day, face-to-face term 2 workshop includes a keynote speaker engaged to present the overall 'theme' of the professional development sessions. The workshops offered draw on a range of topics and content, designed to reflect student need and in alignment with our school's explicit improvement agenda. This year, the seminar will find a new home at the Buchanan Park Event Complex, with a new look and feel.

### Minischools

Throughout the minischool season in term 3, various face-to-face mini-workshops are offered according to the need of the school community at the time. Topics range from curriculum to assessment, reporting, resources and teaching strategies.

### Home Tutor Online Sessions

These sessions are offered periodically throughout the year and range from 'how to' sessions for the use of ICT to an introduction and sharing of information to reading and curriculum. All online sessions are recorded and placed on eLearn in the MISOTA Home Tutor section. Where possible, face to face sessions and accompanying resources are also placed in this location for school community members to access at a suitable place and time around often busy schedules.

As you can see, MISOTA offers many opportunities for professional development, ensuring that we cater for many different learning needs, across different access points. If home tutors, parents or govies wish to speak to a teacher about anything pertinent to their own classroom situation, then the best avenue for this is to contact the teacher directly. Feedback regarding curriculum is always welcomed through appropriate channels including via email or phone.



## Community Wellbeing and Engagement Officer

### Communication

We all know that effective communication is the key to success, particularly at our school. Earlier this term we sent out the "Who to Contact List" and we encourage you to use this list to determine which number to call when wishing to communicate with our staff about a particular issue.

We have a policy stating that we must notify parents if their child is absent from on air without explanation. If your child misses on air and we are unaware of why the absence has occurred you will receive an email from the school seeking an explanation. To avoid receiving the email please let your teachers know the reason why your child has missed on air. Occasionally we send these emails out in error as you have let someone know of your child's absence. If this happens please respond and let us know. We apologise for these occurrences.

Our teachers have also shared their daily timetables so that you can see the best time to make contact with them. During the school day our teachers have on air commitments, PLT and reading commitments, as well as other scheduled sessions – all of these are shown in their timetables which have been emailed to you. If you or your teacher have to

miss a reading or PLT session this should be communicated in advance where possible. We realise that prompt return of phone calls and emails is vital for your classroom operation. If your teacher is busy, please leave a detailed message so that he/she can respond in a timely manner with an effective/efficient response.

### Immunisation

A reminder for parents to check that all children are up to date with their immunisations. Schools, preschools, kindergartens and child care centres are places where children interact very closely and it is vital that they are fully protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

The National Immunisation Program provides immunisation protections for children against: Measles, Pertussis or whooping cough, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal C, Diphtheria, Polio, Hib and Invasive Pneumococcal disease. Immunisations are vital to protect children against a whole range of very severe vaccine preventable diseases. Protecting your children now with funded vaccines will in most cases protect them for life. If parents would like more information about immunisation, they are advised to speak to their GP.

### New Home Tutor and Governess Workshops

This two-day event was held from Wednesday 24th February to Friday 26th February. We had 15 participants attend with a couple of Govies that could not make it due to the weather.

We covered a variety of workshops including:

- Functional behaviour
- Introducing Sound Waves
- Literacy support in the home classroom
- Feedback
- ICT tips and resources
- Timetabling
- Maths @ MISOTA
- WA Secondary Department
- Self-care and wellbeing
- And much more



Feedback was positive and Nikki and Linda will certainly take onboard all feedback given and incorporate it into next year's program. Feedback is always welcome so please do not hesitate to contact Nikki or Linda if you have any feedback regarding what you would like to see for next year.

Thank you to the beautiful group of ladies that attended. Your enthusiasm is inspiring. Thank you to the families for allowing us to have your Govie for the couple of days. We are very aware of the time they spend away from their student/s so we try and make it as valuable as possible for them to return to their classrooms with extra knowledge that can be delivered to their students.





## Term One Recap

### Student Council

Congratulations to all the students who nominated to be on the Student Council. The following students have been selected by their classes to be representatives on the Student Council of 2021:

**Year 4:** Riley Mourilyan, Cody Simms, Ava Fry and Clancy Doyle

**Year 5:** Thomas Acton, Emmy-Lou Wilton, Clinton Murray and Jordan Curr

**Year 6:** Rory Hacon, Gracie Gurney and Lucas Elliott

**Secondary:** Melissa Crawford (Year 10) and Emily Watts (Year 8)

The Student Council is a committee of nominated students that represent the students of MISOTA. They will be involved in organising fundraising, attending meetings, talking to their peers and to assist the facilitation of activities during field events. Members will be required to attend regular meetings to discuss events that may be approaching such as Home Tutor Week, Field Events and community engagement activities. They will be involved in some important decision-making processes across the school. Miss Stewart and Mr Yang will be coordinating the Student Council this year.

### Sports Captains

Congratulations to our 2021 Sports Captains. These students have been elected by their peers in Years 4-6 to lead their respective houses in sportsmanship, team spirit and good-natured competition! We can't wait for sports day!

**Flynn Senior Captain:** Connor Drury (Year 10)

**Flynn Junior Captains:** Ayla Munchenberg and Joe Brown

**O'Sullivan Senior Captain:** Shaun Gould (Year 7)

**O'Sullivan Junior Captains:** Ava Hawkins and Trent Folker



## Term Two Events

### Year 4 and 5 Camp – Magnetic Island

This year the Year 4s and 5s will be travelling by Mount Isa Coaches to Townsville for their camp on Magnetic Island. We will depart MISOTA at 4am on Sunday 16th May and return 8-9pm on Friday 21st May. We will do pickups and drop offs along the Flinder's Highway. The camp focuses on building relationships with peers, independence and leadership skills while surrounded by the beautiful environment of a tropical island.

All of the camp information and invoices have been sent to families in Term 1 Week 10, and are also available on the eLearn portal. Please contact the school if you are yet to receive this information. We aim to get 100% attendance on camp, please contact Janeen if you require any information to make you feel more comfortable sending your child. The school can also arrange alternative payment plans if the cost of the camp is a barrier to participation. Please contact Maureen Capuno if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

We will muster at MISOTA by 3.45am on Sunday 16th May and the children will need a packed smoko, water and lunch for the trip to Townsville. The approximate pick-up and drop-off times for the bus are:

Pick-up: Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	
Depart Mount Isa	4:00am
Cloncurry JFP	5:30am
Julia Creek Roadhouse	7:00am
Nelia Turn Off	7:45am
Richmond (at the lake)	8:45am
Lunch 45 mins	Depart 9:30am
Hughenden	10:45am
Charters Towers	1:45pm
Afternoon Tea 30 mins	Depart 2:15pm
Magnetic Island Ferry	4:15pm

Return Trip Drop offs: Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Depart Townsville	9:00am
Charters Towers	10:30am
Morning tea 30 mins	Depart 11:00am
Hughenden	2:00pm
Lunch 45 mins	Depart 2:45pm
Richmond	3:45pm
Nelia Turn off	4:45pm
Julia Creek Roadhouse	5:15pm
Driver break toilet stop min 15mins	
Cloncurry Puma Roadhouse	6:45pm
Mount Isa School of the Air	8:15pm

If you have any questions with regard to the camp please speak with your teacher or Nikki Barlow. A final home tutor session will be offered in Term 1 to confirm all details.

The camp will be run by Mia Hubert, Liz Waugh, Morgan Cullen, Amy Briggs and Nikki Barlow.

## Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp will be at Mungalli Falls Outdoor Education Camp on the Atherton Tablelands. It is held from Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (Week 1 of Term 3). As campers will technically leave on the final Sunday of the school holidays, you may need to consider this in correlation with any secondary boarding school arrangements for siblings.

The Camp will leave Mount Isa School of the Air around 8am in the morning on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and will also have various pick-up points along the highway between Cloncurry and Normanton.

A big thank you once again to the P&C for contributing to the costs of this camp, along with fundraising by the Year 6 students to reduce camp fees so that it is accessible for all in their final year of primary schooling. The change in venue for the camp is due to the uncertainties around COVID in 2021 and possible implications of border closures upon staff and campers, and the closure of many Canberra student tourist sites.

During the course of Term 2 you will be receiving further information regarding this camp.

## Western Alliance Multischool – Longreach

In Term 2 Week 1 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the first Year 7-10 Western Alliance Multischool will be held in Longreach. The coach will leave Mount Isa at 8am in the morning taking very excited students and staff to a week-long event with their online class peers in a face-to-face teaching and learning context.

Western Alliance Students make the long journey, travelling from various locations across Queensland and the Northern Territory to Longreach. The school event commences with a 7 hour road trip from MISOTA, where students gather and often meet each other for the first time. There is always lots of chatter and laughter (and some questionable music choices) alongside opportunity to work with teachers and peers in a face-to-face context. We really appreciate the efforts from our families ensuring students have every opportunity to participate in these face-to-face events.

Multischool days consist of all students engaged in learning. They will experience a timetabled scenario similar to a mainstream school setting and be taught by their subject teachers. Students who are unable to attend, will continue their schooling in their home-based classroom using their Unit Planners to guide their teaching and learning with **home tutor support**. Students will use the hybrid distance education resources and submit work to their teachers using Class OneNote as there will be no on air lessons in this week due to the Multischool.

## NAPLAN 2021

NAPLAN testing for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will occur on the MISOTA Campus during Home Tutor Seminar Activity Days in Week 4 of Term 2 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. If you are unable to make these days in Mount Isa or have concerns about the tests can you please contact Janeen Fricke (Principal) to discuss options. The tests will be paperbased this year.

In 2022 the tests will be online and only accessible onsite, once again to coincide with our Home Tutor Seminar Activity Days in Mount Isa.

## AEDC 2021

In Term 2, Prep teachers will be collecting data for the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC is a nationwide census of early childhood development that measures the progress of children as they start their first year of full-time school. The information collected helps shape the future and wellbeing of our children by providing evidence to support education, health, policy and community planning, at the national, state, community and at a local level that builds on children's capacities, continuity of learning and transition to school. This will require collaboration between the parent and the teacher to gather the data required. If you would like more information about this or would like to discuss your options of participation, please contact Tiarna Rogers.



## Curriculum Chats

### Four Phases of Moderation

What does moderation look like at MISOTA? We engage with internal (with staff at MISOTA) and external (with teachers from other distance education schools and schools in Mount Isa) moderation processes to ensure that judgements made on students' assessment tasks are consistent and fair. But it's not just assessment tasks that we make judgements on after they're completed. Moderation looks like teachers considering what is required to assist individual students in their learning journey – there are a lot of steps taken in preparation of lessons and in leading up to assessment that aligns with the Australian Curriculum.

The moderation process should be cyclical and iterative and at MISOTA, we are striving towards ensuring this happens for all units of work that are delivered on air to students. The purpose of moderation in the after phase is to have professional discussions about student assessment and making on-balanced judgements about the completed work.

On the right is a graphic that shows the four phases of moderation (before, after, after, end) and what occurs at each stage at MISOTA. The intentional collaboration that occurs amongst colleagues at each phase is focused on consistency, fairness and improving student outcomes. These sessions put the student first and ensure they are given their best possible chance to succeed, starting at the planning phase of the unit and carrying through to after assessment is complete.



It is not only teachers who are involved in this process; the Head of Department facilitates the sessions, the Support Teacher; Literacy and Numeracy teachers may also be involved to assist with differentiation and support strategies, the Principal and Deputy Principal have also attended sessions to contribute their assessment of student responses. We are very lucky to have so many people to draw knowledge from and bounce ideas off. The four phases of moderation is a brilliant opportunity for staff to work together to evaluate and implement teaching and learning approaches for the benefit of all of our students.



## Version 8

### V8 Production

V8 versions are continuing to be published. We are working with Charleville and Longreach to roll these out. This has its challenges for all parties, but with help from Di, Leah and Luke, I am managing to find myself in the zone. ☺

This term has the added learning curve of a new eTeach format and a new unit for Year 2 – Musical Stories. The delivery format seems to be more user friendly with the ability to move through the lessons without having to complete the previous ones and access to reprinting sheets should you need them from the Resources drop down menu in the top right-hand corner. The teachers have had the opportunity to preview these now and Leah is working hard to ensure that any required adjustments to your Learning Guides are completed. Please be aware that the timeline for having these done prior to printing and mailing is tight, so we are expecting that some fine-tuning will still be needed.

As has been the case with paper and digital resources provided this term we are very grateful for your input in terms of mistakes found. We are using this information to ensure that Version B is most accurate.

If you do find anything that is confusing or incorrect could you please send an email to your class teacher and myself on [kkuhn5@eq.edu.au](mailto:kkuhn5@eq.edu.au) If possible, snips are always really helpful.



## School Chaplain

Hi everyone!

I trust the term has started well for you and that students are getting nicely settled into their new classes. This will be my 6th year at MISOTA and I'm very happy to be serving the school again this year in my role as School Chaplain.

Chaplains provide spiritual, emotional and practical support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business; helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to friendships, stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They are also on-hand to provide support for staff and parents in schools. Chaplains also build bridges connecting the school to support networks through various organisations like local Churches, which help meet the needs of the school community.



At MISOTA, I will be running Social and Emotional support programs throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for students who need that extra bit of help and support. If there is a need for one-on-one support, please feel free to call me on a Thursday at school and let me know how I can help.

**Chappy Corlia**

corliap@chappy.org.au



Field Team

### Forms for Field Events

With emails that fly thick and fast, it is easy to misplace forms for activity days, group days, sports day, minischools, home visits, etc. With this in mind, you can find an overview of each field event and the parent consent forms on the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn. We will aim to update them a term in advance so they are easy to access.

Just access the tab for each field event on the left menu of the MISOTA Home Tutor Site.

Hope this helps ever busy stations.

Smiles

**Stephen and Annette**

### Home Tutor Week Activity Days 11–13 May

The focus of these activity Days is to provide a typical school-like learning experience for our students. As this is a school event during school hours on the school site, no parent consent form is required.

### Program

Teachers prepare the learning experiences for activity days and it is planned to include hands on learning opportunities with a typical school day look. Josh Arnold will be working with students to write a school song and produce a music video – school uniform needed on Wednesday for filming at school.

Activity Days replace on air lesson commitments for that day. Students often wear their MISOTA school shirt on the day and need to bring a school bag with pencil case containing glue stick, scissors, lead pencils, sharpener, coloured pencils/pens, ruler, water bottle, hat and wear closed in footwear for this school event.

Lessons commence at 8:45am and conclude at 3:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and are from 8:45am to 12:30pm on the Thursday.

#### **Drop Off in the Morning 8:15am to 8:40am**

- Prep to Year 10 Students are to be dropped off at the front of the school with students walking down the school path to the Outstation. A staff member will be at the front gate to meet students.

#### **Pick Up in the afternoon Tuesday and Wednesday**

- 3:00pm to 3:15pm: Prep to Year 2 students and their siblings are to be picked up at the front of the school.
- 3:15pm to 3:30pm: the remaining Year 3 to 10 students can be picked up from the front of the school.
- A staff member will be at the front gate to assist students.

#### **Pick Up in the afternoon Thursday**

- 12:30pm to 12:45pm: Prep to Year 2 students and their siblings are to be picked up at the front of the school.
- 12:45pm to 1:00pm: the remaining Year 3 to 10 students can be picked up from the front of the school.
- A staff member will be at the front gate to assist students.

### eKindy arrangements

- eKindy students will have a half day program with one group attending from 8:45am to 11:30am and the second group attending from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. eKindy Students will need to be signed in and out by their parent/guardian at the BAC Room and cannot be dropped off.
- David Saunders will communicate to parents what group their children will be in prior to Activity Days.

### Catering and Costs

- The office is coordinating catering and will send out separate advice on this.

### School Photos During Activity Days

Tuesday	During classes	Year Level group photographs
	3:00pm	School Leaders, Sports Captains and Student Council Photo and Good News Photo
	Around 3:30pm	Photographer will be available to take family portraits at the Outstation
Wednesday	During classes	Individual Photographs in Year Levels

### Josh Arnold and School Music Video at Home Tutor Week Activity Days

Details have been emailed about:

- School Music Video Auditions Nomination due 5:00pm 23 April
- Year 6 Cast Member Expression of Interest due 5:00pm 23 April
- Year 4/5 Cast Member Expression of Interest due 5:00pm 23 April
- Project Consent from Josh Arnold – required for your child to be part of this project 4 May
- Check the MISOTA Home Tutor Site on the Activity Day Page via eLearn for further details.

### Sports Day Friday 14 May

School Sports Day will be held on Friday 14 May at Kruttschnitt Oval. The house lists and war cries can be found on the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn. It would be great if students learnt their war cry before the day.

Please check the house lists (which can be found on the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn) to see if your children are in Flynn (blue) or O'Sullivan (yellow) and contact the school if your child's name is not on the list. Sports shirts are available from the office prior to Home Tutor Week.

High jump events for students born 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, and open age groups will be run during the activity days leading up to sports day. These events will be held on the grass at the Outstation. Teachers will let students know when their event will be held closer to the activity days.

Name tags with Name, House Name and Year of Birth will be provided by the school and will be issued to students first thing on Friday morning and will be pinned to students' sports shirts.

The Sports Day will commence with a march past at 8:45am.

Check the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn for further details including the program, consent forms and how to get to Kruttschnitt Oval.

### Term 2 Group Days – Same but a little bit Diff'rent

Group days provide the opportunity for students to learn with other students. The curriculum has a hands-on focus in Technology, Science, The Arts and Health and Physical Activity. Group days also provide the opportunity for Home Tutors to share ideas.

Each family will have the opportunity to attend a group day in Term Two. The Field team coordinates these Term Two Group Days which are held on a station.

### Program

The theme for the Term Two group day is 'Same but a Little Bit Diff'rent'. We plan to provide the children with activities involving HASS, Music and Visual Arts. The day will provide a cross curricular approach with Australian Indigenous perspective. Groups days commence at 8:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Families arrange their own transport to and from group days.



Below is the Term Two group day timeline:

Date	Venue	Contact	Please Bring
27 May	Alexandria	Kate Drury <a href="mailto:ks.drury@bigpond.com">ks.drury@bigpond.com</a>	Hat, drink bottle, closed in shoes, catering as per food contact
1 June	Melinda Downs	Tara Locke <a href="mailto:melindadowns@westnet.com.au">melindadowns@westnet.com.au</a>	
9 June	Roxborough Downs	Sarah Malloy <a href="mailto:roxboroughdowns@bigpond.com">roxboroughdowns@bigpond.com</a>	
16 June	McKinlay Hall	Janice Fleming <a href="mailto:rj.nosilla@reachnet.com.au">rj.nosilla@reachnet.com.au</a>	
17 June	Beeantha	Catherine Woodhouse <a href="mailto:dcwoodhouse@bigpond.com">dcwoodhouse@bigpond.com</a>	
21 June	Normanton TBC	Rebecca Fry <a href="mailto:wgrtfry@outlook.com">wgrtfry@outlook.com</a>	
22 June	Hell's Gate Roadhouse	Sophie Elliot <a href="mailto:sophie_elliott@live.com">sophie_elliott@live.com</a>	

Many thanks to our families for offering to host these days. Check the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn for further details.

### Home Visits

An exciting part of the Field program is home visits. In 2021, we are working with our class teachers to conduct some home visits in addition to the Field Team. Class teachers are limited to the number of home visits they can do as teaching their classes is their first priority. However, between us all it means we should be able to offer a connection with each family within approximately 2 hours from the following centres within our designated enrolment area of Hughenden, Julia Creek, Cloncurry, Birdsville, Boulia, Bedourie, Camooweal, Burketown and Normanton a home visit at least every two to three years.

Home visits are a fabulous way to help your children and home tutor feel connected to their school. Children love showing off their home, station and classroom and once this connection is established, it can positively influence their attitude to learning. They are also the perfect opportunity to access extra ideas and support for the home tutor to implement in the isolated school room.

If you are approached for a home visit, don't be concerned, we are not checking up on you. Our focus is supporting learning – ours, yours and your student's. Instead embrace it and take as much from it as you can.

You can always request a home visit also. Check the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn (you will need your student's log in and password to access this).

### Minischools – Deep Blue Term 3

Each year, the school conducts six minischools which are held in the field over the period of one week. This year these are conducted at Normanton, Boulia, Cloncurry, Camooweal (MISOTA Outstation), Julia Creek and Gregory. Families are invited to attend one of these and it is important to let Stephen/Annette know if you wish to attend via the parent consent form. Parent Consent forms are available on the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn are due in by 9:00am Monday 24 May to assist with staffing decisions. The week provides the opportunity for children from eKindy to Year 6 to mix and learn together in a central location.

### eKindy Arrangements

We are planning that the eKindy Teacher from BSDE will be able to attend our Minischools where the bulk of eKindy students are attending. Due to group size and staffing ratios, students may need to attend specific days as advised by the eKindy Teacher. A Kindy program may not be able to be offered at Minischools where the eKindy teacher is unable to attend. The field team will require a parent consent form to be completed and returned to them for contacts, catering, etc.

### Planning Sessions

There will be on air planning to seek input by Home Tutors into the specific needs for each Minischool:

Minischool	Date	Time	Session details
Normanton	14 June	3:00pm	<b>Conference code:</b> 8145 968 840 <b>Blackboard Session:</b> MISOTA Meeting Room
Boulia		4:00pm	
Cloncurry	24 June	3:00pm	
Julia Creek		4:00pm	
Gregory	25 June	3:00pm	
Camooweal (MISOTA Outstation)		4:00pm	

Below is the new Minischool timeline:

Minischool	Date	Venue	Please bring
Normanton	25 July to 30 July	Normanton Racecourse	Costume, hats, closed in shoes, sunscreen and water bottles.
Bouliá	1 August to 6 August	Bouliá Hall	
Julia Creek	8 August to 13 August	McIntyre Park Racecourse	
Cloncurry	15 August to 20 August	Cloncurry Racecourse	Pencil case containing: glue stick, scissors, lead pencils, sharpener, coloured pencils/pens, ruler.
Gregory	29 August to 3 September	Gregory Racecourse	
Camooweal	5 September to 10 September	MISOTA Outstation	

Further details are also available at the MISOTA Home Tutor Site via eLearn (you will need your student's log in and password to access this).

### Insurance Cover for Students Undertaking Physical Activity

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education & Training does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has Public Liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

**Stephen and Annette, Field Services**



## Library News

### Welcome

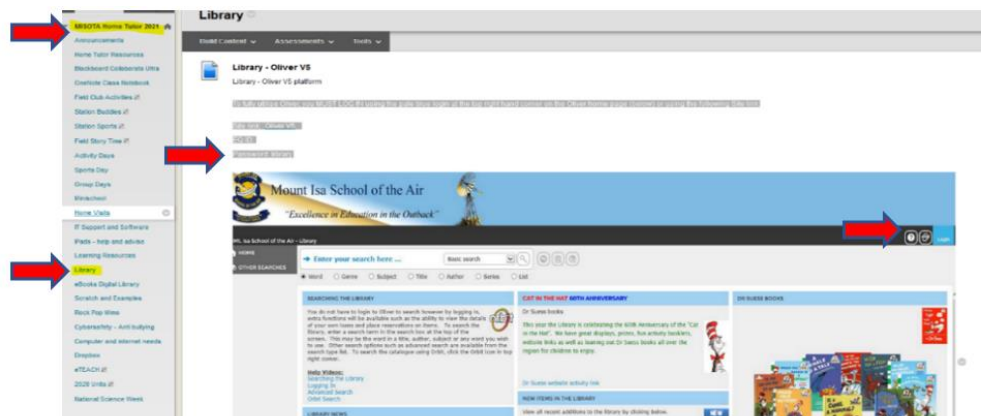
This semester, our Mount Isa School of the Air Library has a new schedule. Silvana Gowland will be working Monday, Thursday and Friday between 8:30am and 2:00pm. If unattended, please leave your details and she will get back to you as quickly as possible. Silvana's contact details are (07) 4744 8352 or email [sgow10@eq.edu.au](mailto:sgow10@eq.edu.au)

### Borrowing Books

A wonderful way to reserve your choice of Library books is to access our OLIVER Reservation System found on the eLearn platform. There is a great collection from the school Library and Silvana will send them out to you in the mailbag.

To fully utilise Oliver, you MUST LOG IN using the pale blue login at the top right-hand corner on the Oliver home page (see to the right):

Website: <https://elearn.eq.edu.au/>  
Site link: [Oliver V5](#)  
EQ MIS ID:  
Password: library



Alternatively, digital books can be accessed through our eBooks Digital Library where you have access to thousands of books, including audio books and it is free! You will find the link in the eLearn platform, through our school link, in the **Library** tab. Enter your MIS ID and you are good to go, no password is required.

### Library Bags

Please remember when returning library books, that they should be protected in a Library bag – this protects the books and makes it easier to mail. School Library bags are available to purchase from MISOTA for \$6.00.

Please take note of when items borrowed from the library are due back. Returning items by the due return date ensures that they are available for others to borrow. This is particularly important with books from a series or popular reads.

## Sports Kits

Upon request and availability, the school provides a sports kit which is kept by the family for as long as you are enrolled with MISOTA. Our Field Teams can deliver these to Activity Days, Group Days, town visits or home visits. The kits can also be picked up here from school. Please contact Silvana in the Library for borrowing requests as the library can have a sports kit ready for you to pick up at one of these events.

## Coming Events for 2021

- National Simultaneous Storytime – 19 May 2021 (Term 2)
- Premier's Reading Challenge – May to September 2021
- Book Week "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" 21-27 August 2021 (Term 3)
- Book Fair at Minischools - Term 3

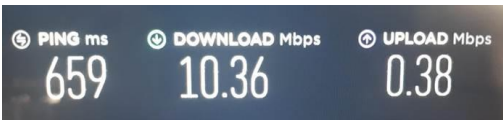


## Tech Tips

### Internet

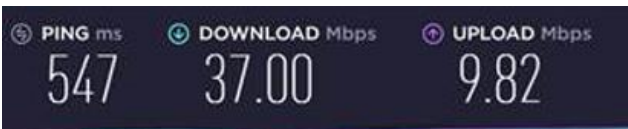
Please ensure you have a fast-enough connection for the school room. It is recommended you have a speed of 25Mbps or above on NBN satellite. Check the speed of the connection <https://www.speedtest.net/>

Standard plans (up to 12/1Mbps) – Included Free when signing up.



the 25/5Mbps plan – Fast speeds used on education plans can cost \$5 per month more.

Sky muster plus. 25+/5+Mbps – the fastest plan speeds the NBN Satellite can be set to and has unmetered data.



### Phones

If you have issues with the school phone please email [lhugh124@eq.edu.au](mailto:lhugh124@eq.edu.au) and a replacement phone kit can be organised. If you are having issues with your landline and need a Telstra tech to fix it, you can use the details below to contact Telstra:

- Telstra Northern Qld [TelstraNorthernQld@team.telstra.com](mailto:TelstraNorthernQld@team.telstra.com)
- Telstra Faults – call 13 22 03. Customer Care team on 1800 730 053.

### USB headsets

Headsets can be purchased from the Office for \$50.00.

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