Mount Isa School of the Air Term 3, 2023 Newsletter



From The Principal

Welcome to Term 3

This term is shaping up to be just as busy and hectic as the previous two, with the added inclusion of Minischools! What an exciting time to be alive!

This year at Minischools, our resident artist is Michelle Briggs, whom I am sure all our students will enjoy working with in the Visual Arts space. We look forward to seeing the culminating activities at the end of each week and sharing the work our students produce with you all. Some examples of Michelle's works are shown below.





The theme that brings all our learning areas and general capabilities of the National Curriculum together is Beyond the Station Gate tapping into the resources and ideas of our Field Team and teacher staff specialities.

The DRAFT **2024 MISOTA Annual Calendar of Events** may be discussed at all the Minischools and your feedback, as always is welcomed. Please have a think about Activity Days and Get to Know You days, swimming and athletics carnivals etc so we can lock them in and I can release the calendar in Term 4. We aim to include and cater for **all** students, including the Brisbane School of Education eKindy students and our Western Alliance Y7-10 students; alongside all of our Home Tutors from eK-Year 10.

Planning for camps for 2024 is underway and we aim to have details about these camps out before the end of the year so you can start planning for them as well.

Congratulations for your hard work and ongoing involvement with MISOTA during Term 2. It was a busy term with so many exciting and engaging opportunities for us to get together. I know you all must be looking forward to a break. I hope you get the opportunity to unwind and spend some time with family and friends.

If you do travel away, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in Term 3

Yours in Education, Vanessa

From The Deputy

#airwavestosuccess

Home Tutor Seminar for 2023 centred around a little of a modern theme, housed in the traditions and culture of our brand of schooling. #airwavestosuccess was to acknowledge where we have come as a schooling system and where we are heading, especially with the improved accessibility of internet provision in the past couple of years. Workshops included topics about differentiation, occupational therapy, personality profiling, English curriculum moderation sessions and community panels where the expertise of those amongst us were promoted and shared.

Our sincere gratitude to all who assisted with the Home Tutor Seminar – from the wonderful ladies on the parent, home tutor and govie panels to the ICPA BOTA who kept us charged with warming caffeine supply.

This year our home tutor seminar also provided a platform for the distribution of many quality texts that had accumulated over the years at MISOTA in our curriculum room that no longer were referred to in units. We were so pleased to see these books go to grateful homes in our community. Due to the success of this initiative, we will be hoping to partner with our P&C on similar initiatives in the future.

Many thanks for the feedback provided – both during the P&C Meeting and through online feedback. If any of our community members are aware of an appropriate guest speaker who aligns with our school priorities, please feel free to send me your suggestions!





Welcome MISOTA Staff

Hello! My name is Mary Ann Ryan.

I am Filipino and I came over from the Philippines in 2017. I have worked as a tuckshop assistant for 5 years and I have just started working here at MISOTA as a cleaner. It is lovely to work in a wonderful environment with such nice people.



Cherryl Reyes! It is truly wonderful to be a part of the MISOTA family.

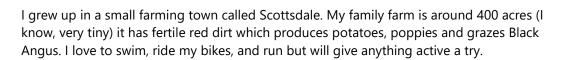
I have been working here for five years, and I can confidently

say that working in such a fantastic environment with amazing colleagues is a true blessing. The experience has been incredibly fulfilling, and I feel fortunate to be surrounded by such remarkable individuals.



Miss Meg-Prep ... A little bit about me!

I am from Tasmania (Lutruwita) and have been a teacher for eight years. I have had experience in mainstream and online contexts across primary school grades. I love challenging myself and have a strong sense of adventure, this has brought me to Mount Isa School of the Air.





I relax by drinking cups of tea, reading, listening to music, camping and getting out into nature. I love to learn and believe in the power of listening to people's stories around me. I am excited to be part of the MISOTA community.



My name is Jody Lobegeiger.

I am an English and Humanities teacher and have worked in the profession for the past nine years. I am a Mt Isa local. North-West Queensland is my home.

We are spoiled out here with a variety of free camping spots, I especially love taking my family (husband, 2 daughters) and pets camping to the Gregory River and partaking in the annual marathon river race. I love getting involved in other community events that keep me fit and healthy. A quote I live by: "You can't control what others do, but, you can control how you choose to feel about them."



I am a new teacher at the Western Alliance (started in Term 1). Before Mount Isa, I was teaching at Brisbane School of Distance Education and I am highly passionate about online learning. I came here with my husband, daughter (7) and son (1) and so far, we are all loving it. It's great to get to know the community here and to hear about everyone's experiences.





Hello! My name is Deneille White, also known Miss Dee!

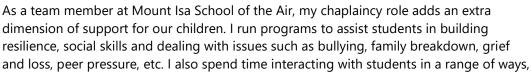
I am a long time local to Mount Isa; I have lived here for 33 years! I have transferred from Sunset State School to Mount Isa School of the Air as a Teacher Aide. My favourite part about being a Teacher Aide is to see the excitement on students faces when they learn and understand something new. It is the most rewarding job of my career.

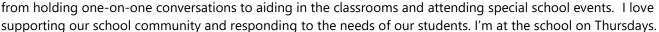
My interests involve my family, my 2 children and their sports - soccer and netball. Sport is a never-ending topic in our household. My favourite sports teams are Brisbane Broncos, Qld Firebirds and Brisbane Roar.

I absolutely love anything CHOCOLATE or COFFEE! And my favourite colour is PINK! I cannot wait to meet and greet all the amazing families I have heard so much about already! Miss Dee!

Meet your Chaplain Hi, my name is Corlia Pienaar.

The students and teachers call me 'Chappy' or Chappy Corlia. Here at school, my life experience in both pastoral care and education, meet together to form my role as school chaplain. I'm here to help build the emotional, social and spiritual health and wellbeing of our school community.



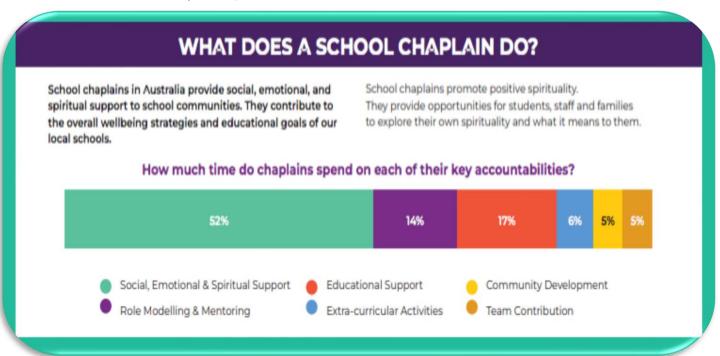




Meet Your Chaplain

What Chaplains do

School chaplains work in the prevention and support space, helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdowns and loneliness to friendships and mental health. They provide a listening ear for children and young people in crisis, and also those who just need a friend. They also run a heap of programs, activities, and events to foster inclusivity and a positive culture in school communities.



How to get access to chaplaincy services at our school

School chaplaincy services are available and accessible to all students, staff and families, but they are particularly invested in supporting individuals and groups who may be considered at-risk. Through early intervention activities and pastoral support, school chaplains increase the chances of these young people experiencing better life outcomes. At Mount Isa School of the Air, school chaplaincy services are accessible through parent, teacher- or self-referrals as well as programs that will be available throughout the year.

Please contact me any time if you need more information on chaplaincy or how to access the chaplaincy service at our school.

Corlia Pienaar corlia.pienaar@suchaplaincy.org.au

Personal Information -Contact Details Updated

Contact Details

Please advise Linda asap via email Iryan48@eq.edu.au if your student's personal information, family details or Govie details have changed.

It is very important that all contact details, including emergency contacts stay up to date on our system.

Library

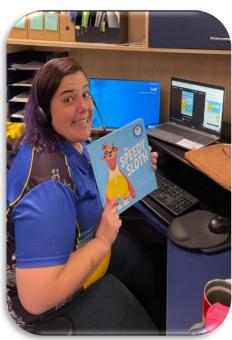
National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year there was 2,357,960 registered participants, from over 22,542 locations! Wow, what a fantastic turnout!

Thank you to Miss Briggs for her NSS storytelling read to our MISOTA students and thank you Chappy Corlia for her talented artistic representation of Sparky the Speedy Sloth!







Showcasing our National Simultaneous Storytime 2023 Competition Winners "The Speedy Sloth!"

eKindy / Prep

1st Place - Tilly Richardson



Years 3-4

1st Place – Lucy Watts

2nd Place – Nate Fry

3rd Place - Dustin Power







Years 1-2

1st Place – Rani Gilgen

2nd Place - Sam Bateman

3rd Place - Harley Pedersen







Years 5-6

1st Place - Ava Fry

2nd Place - Amber Watts

3rd Place - Ned Power







Premier's Reading Challenge

Details of the Premier's Reading Challenge details have been sent out to families with students in eKindy through to Year 9. All students have been registered – so please keep reading! Fill out the individual Student School Reader Record Form (and included Consent Form to participate) and when you have accomplished your allocated challenge, email your completed form to me in the Library at sgowl0@eq.edu.au



Book Fairs

Watch this space...Scholastic Book Fairs will operate at each of the Mini School in Term 3. I hope that you will all enjoy the opportunity to browse and purchase the selection of amazing books on offer.



CBCA Book Week

In Week 7 of Term 3, our Library will be celebrating the CBCA Book Week event! Look out for our wonderful Library competitions, dress-ups and storytelling sessions.

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to families who have purchased items from Book Club during Term 2. These purchases allow MISOTA Library to earn reward points, which then enable us to buy great resources for our school and for families to borrow. They include Junior Fiction, Easy Fiction and Non-Fiction books, and are all found in the "New Books" list on OLIVER.

Silvana Gowland Library

Student Council



We are thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement by our incredible students! Through their dedicated efforts, we have successfully raised an astounding \$728.90, which will be distributed towards funding various school camps.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every student leader involved in this event. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and determination made the Disco organisation an exciting and fun process. It is through your dedication that we can continue to offer enriching experiences for our students outside of the classroom.

Student council would also like to express our deepest gratitude to the who were involved in setting up and running the stalls alongside our school leaders. Your

support and encouragement were instrumental in the success of this fundraising initiative. Together, you have exemplified the spirit of teamwork and community that makes our school exceptional.

The funds raised will go to providing memorable opportunities for our students during their upcoming camps. It is through experiences like these that they can foster new friendships, develop essential life skills, and create lasting memories. Your contribution ensures that these invaluable experiences remain accessible to all students.

Thank you for all who attended and supported our fundraising efforts.

Kind Regards

Miss Briggs and MISTOA Student Council 2021



Coaching Chats

I cannot believe that half a year has passed and we have already had so many exciting opportunities to get together face-to-face and learn alongside one another. With Mini Schools now upon us, I am looking forward to hearing about all of the inspiring learning opportunities that occur for our students as we focus on what is 'Beyond the Station Gate.'

Last term I had the opportunity to meet with some of you during Home Tutor Week. It was great to have conversations with a variety of Home Tutors and Govies about the obstacles you are facing in your isolated classrooms. At these sessions, I was able to suggest a few ways you can use differentiation to support the needs of your learners. Working in a multiage classroom is not a walk in the park and I take my hats off to you all!

To recap, we looked at the four ways that we can differentiate through content, product, process and environment. Some of the takeaways were that not all students learn in the same way and that through the building of relationships and getting to know our learners' preferred learning style, we can guide our learners through the content in a way that makes sense to them.

Over the past few terms, I have been working alongside our teachers to assist them in planning for our diverse learners' needs. Some weeks this looks like having conversations around individual student need and where to next and at other times looking at reasonable adjustments that could be made to cater for a wide range of abilities in whole classroom situations.

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

With the introduction of the coach role, it has enabled a renewed focus on Quality Teaching and to have the time to reflect on what we can do to ensure that Every Student is Succeeding. As a

teaching staff, we have been able to have conversations around what are the barriers to student engagement and plan for the support that is required students and staff alike.

Yours in coaching,

Sarah Hood

eKindy



We're officially half way through the kindergarten year, and it's been wonderful to see how amazingly well our kindy children have progressed over the past 2 terms.

Communicating, wellbeing, identity, connectedness and active learning are the learning and development areas we focus on in kindergarten - and these describe the knowledge, skills and dispositions that children explore during the kindy year.

We ran face-to-face Activity Days during Home Tutor Week this term, which focused on these learning areas. We had 17 eKindy children travel to Mount Isa for a week of fun filled activities and it was fantastic to have so many of our kindy friends together all in one space, and in 3D!

For the children who had never been in a large group setting before, once they became familiar with the space and number of children present, it was beautiful to see their caring and sharing natures shine through, mirroring the rest of our eKindy group. I also enjoyed witnessing potential life-long friendships being formed and strengthened during our time together.

Next term brings Minischools, my favourite time of the year! At this stage, I am hoping to attend both the Normanton and Julia Creek Minischools, and will confirm my attendance ASAP with families once my travel has been approved by Brisbane SDE. The plan is to hold kindy sessions earlier in the week, so please stay tuned for more information closer to the date.

Have a happy and safe break, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

David Saunders eKindy.



Out In The Field

What a busy and exciting term the Field Team has had travelling far and wide. Thank-you to everyone who made a journey or hosted one of the field events in Term 2. To get the term underway, we headed north for an Activity Day at Burke & Wills Roadhouse. The teachers had a fantastic time catching up and learning with their students, some who they were meeting for the first time. In Week 4, MISOTA held its annual Home Tutor Week jammed packed with our first Cross Country and Colour Run; Activity Days; the yearly sports carnival; and a strings workshop. It was awesome watching the students demonstrating their house spirit at our sports days and participating in all events. At the end of the week, it was Flynn that came out on top with O'Sullivan not far behind. During Home Tutor Week, the students were also able to learn alongside there peers face-to-face and enjoyed participating in a range of different learning areas from Visual Art through to STEM. It was great to see all their smiling faces for an entire week! Spread throughout the term, the Field Team has been fortunate enough the run Group Days at a variety of different locations around the West from Julia Creek up to Pungalina in the North and down to Bedourie and everywhere in between. The Group Days have had an Earth Day focus - following along with the theme for the year 'Invest in Our Planet'. Students explored different ways we can look after our planet through hands-on learning experiences while also participating in fun craft activities and games. The Field Team had an absolute blast and we hope the students did too!

Field Events for Term 3

Minischool - Each year, MISOTA holds six Minischools which are held in different regions throughout North West Queensland. Families and teachers spend a week together from eKindy through to Year 6 to mix and learn in a central location. Our 2023 Minischools will be held at Mount Isa, Normanton, Boulia, Julia Creek, Cloncurry and Gregory during Term 3. The theme for our Minischools this year is **Beyond the Station Gate.**

Region	Date	Venue
Mount Isa	17th – 21st July	MISOTA Outstation
Normanton	24th – 28th July	Normanton Racecourse
Boulia	31st July – 4th August	Boulia Shire Hall
Julia Creek	7th – 11th August	McIntyre Park
Cloncurry	28th of August – 1st of September	Cloncurry Racecourse
Gregory	4th – 8th of September	CWA Hall & Gregory Racecourse

We are looking forward to seeing you out and about next term! Lauren and Belle



Year 4/5 Camp

We are thrilled to share with you the incredible experiences our Year 4 and 5 students had during their recent tropical trip to the vibrant city of Townsville! Packed with a wide range of activities, this excursion provided our young adventurers with an unforgettable combination of learning, exploration, and pure fun.

The excitement began as our enthusiastic group embarked on their journey to Ninja Park, where they honed their

physical skills and mental agility, tackling various obstacle courses and challenges. The students displayed remarkable determination and strength as they took on the obstacles.

The teachers, however, not so much.

The adventure continued as we strolled along the iconic Strand, enjoying the refreshing ocean breeze and panoramic views, we even stopped to enjoy a delicious gelato.

A key highlight of our trip was our visit to the Jezzine Barracks war museum. Here, our students had the privilege of delving into the rich history of the region and gaining a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by past generations.

Adding to our educational journey, the Museum of Tropical Queensland opened its doors to our curious minds. Our students eagerly explored the exhibits, discovering fascinating facts about the diverse ecosystems and vibrant marine life of the region.

We were also lucky enough to be staying at the Big 4 caravan park which provided amazing night time activities as well as the opportunity for the students to have a splash-tastic time at their waterpark and water slides.

Our journey reached its grand finale at the Billabong Sanctuary, where our students encountered an array of fascinating Australian wildlife up close. From cuddly koalas to cheeky kangaroos, the sanctuary provided a unique opportunity for our students to connect with nature and appreciate the incredible biodiversity of our land.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated teachers and support staff who accompanied our students on this enriching excursion. Their commitment, care, and unwavering enthusiasm created an atmosphere of safety, encouragement, and inspiration throughout the trip.

We are immensely proud of our Year 4 and 5 students for their outstanding behaviour, positive attitudes, and willingness to embrace

new experiences. Through their camp adventures, they have not only made lasting memories but also developed valuable life skills, including teamwork, resilience, and cultural appreciation.













Western Alliance

Secondary Department- Western Alliance

Welcome to the Term 2 recap section of our Secondary Department newsletter! We hope you had a fantastic term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Let's take a moment to reflect on the highlights of Term 2 and get ready to embrace the exciting events that await us in Term 3. Let's dive right in!

Cross Country: A Thrilling Adventure in the Great Outdoors

Term 2 was filled with engaging Activity Days that allowed our secondary students to come together, meet their friends and teacher and do some fun activities. It started with our first time in our school's history event- A thrilling Cross Country event. Students embraced the challenge and embarked on Gallipoli park in town, pushing their physical limits and showcasing their endurance. The event provided an

opportunity for students to test their resilience, set personal goals, and experience the beauty of the great outdoors. We were inspired by their determination and congratulate them for their remarkable achievements. This event ended with fascinating colour run.



Action-Packed Week 4 Activity Days: Activities On-Air Lessons, Disco, Family Barbecue and Sports Day

On Tuesday, students stepped into a world of vibrant colours and creative expression with our captivating art activity with Mrs Jody Lobegeiger. Students used vibrant colours to first paint a background and then chose an animal that they wanted to represent. Kalkatungu Elder Valarie Craigie of Mt Isa Aboriginal Media Association was very happy to give permission for the Western Alliance students to use ancient Kalkatungu words in their Home Tutor artwork activity. Students then learned that ancient Kalkatungu word used to represent their chosen animal and practiced its pronunciation and had the opportunity to learn that the Mighty Kalkatungu people spoke their own language on the land that we met for Home Tutor – Mt Isa. Students were stunned when they learned that these words are over 70 000 years old and they are respectfully using the words of the Country and are playing their part in reviving and preserving word of our region. We are proud of you Western Alliance students. On Wednesday, students performed some science experiments with Mrs Pascoe and also participated in High jump and Long Jump. The day ended with presenting awards to students and providing batches to sports captains and student council representatives.

Disco Night and Family Barbecue by PNC - - A Night of Music, Dance, and Strengthening the School Community

Our Disco Night was a blast! Students voted for Let it Glow theme and our student council representatives: - Brodee Remfrey and Clancie Gollan went above and beyond to help and run this event. Students donned their grooviest and glowing outfits and hit the dance floor, creating an electric atmosphere filled with energy and laughter. With pulsating music, dazzling lights, and a joyful ambiance, Disco Night provided a platform for students to let loose, socialize, and create cherished memories with friends. It was truly a night to remember! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Parent-Teacher Association (PNC) for organizing a delightful Family Barbecue event. Families came together to enjoy delicious food, engage in meaningful conversations, and forge deeper connections within our school community. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our shared values and strengthen the bonds between parents, teachers, students, and staff members.





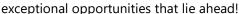
Sports Day - A Display of Athletic Excellence and Team Spirit

Our annual Sports Day was a resounding success! Students showcased their athletic talents and competed in various track and field events, displaying exceptional skills, determination, and teamwork. It was heart-warming to witness the camaraderie among students as they cheered on their peers, celebrated accomplishments, and fostered a sense of healthy competition. Will Daniell and Clancie Gollan won the boy and girl open champion award. Congratulations to all participants for their remarkable performances!

Looking Ahead - Exciting Events in Term 3!

Stay tuned for information and updates regarding these events as we progress into Term 3. We encourage all our

secondary students to actively participate and make the most of the



















Mailroom

All families are reminded to please return your Term 1 and 2 resources when you have finished with them or the unit is complete.

There is a list provided on the resource bags or science kits (or a copy from the curriculum room) to ensure all items are included on the return of these resources.

Overdue lists are printed and also posted and emailed to families. It is important for us to have these resources so that we can begin preparing for our new cohorts in 2024.

If you are unsure if you have any outstanding items please contact myself Cherryl cnico61@eq.edu.au

There may be times when you don't have a blue bag or you have too much mail to fit in the bag you have (eg; library books). Place the items in a post pack or box and use the MISOTA Reply Paid address (below)

If you do have three or more blue sachets, please keep one and return the others.

Reply Paid Return Address:

The Principal
Mount Isa School of the Air
Reply Paid No 1683
PO Box 1683
MOUNT ISA QLD 4825

Cherryl Reyes
Mailroom & Resourcing

Q Parents- Your Childs Educational Journey



Online Consent is Coming to QParents!

Have you activated your QParents Account? QParents is a portal that links you to our school. Through QParents you can:

- ✓ Enter student absences (including future and past dates!)
- ✓ View invoices and pay on the spot!
- Access, view and reprint report cards!
- ✓ Inform the school of change of details (Like important phone numbers and addresses!)

And soon...

✓ Complete excursion permission and other consent forms from your phone or computer!

Check your email for your invitation to join QParents.

You'll need to have 100 Points of ID handy, and your child's EQID - this can be found on any invoice that the school has sent you.

P&C Association- 2023 Committee Members

At the conclusion of Term 1, we were able to hold the AGM to elect and welcome the new executive team for the MISOTA P&C Association for 2023.

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
President	Cindy Walsh	misotapcpresident@gmail.com
Secretary	Cass Kath	misotapcsecretary@gmail.com
Treasurer	Jenn Ruska	misotapctreasurer@gmail.com

Haylie Hill was successful in her nomination for Vice President – Fundraising and we thank her for the fantastic job she has done so far. Please keep an eye out for any fundraising opportunities that will come your way for the rest of the year, and contact Haylie with any suggestions to further improve our fundraising program in the future.

Rebecca Fry was successful in her nomination for Vice President – Busk Kids Calendar. We look forward to seeing the magic created by Bec, and ensure you keep taking happy snaps to send through to be included in the 2024 calendar.

Pam Daniell was successful in her nomination for Vice President – Home Tutor Week

Cindy Walsh was successful in her nomination for the SODEA Representative for 2023.

Congratulations to our executive team for 2023, and we look forward to seeing the continued success of the P&C this year.

Fundraising has been a great success thus far in 2023. The first one being the Sports Day work shirts in either blue or yellow for Flynn or O'Sullivan. It was so amazing to see so many people wearing these shirts, supporting their children and their houses. Activity Day played host to the Mother's Day stall that was open for all students to spoil their mothers and other special ladies in their lives with new statement pieces in their jewellery box. It was such a hit with the kids, they all loved having the option to choose something for mum, and no doubt the mums loved receiving something special too. Home Tutor Week was the beginning of the ever so popular Jolly Soles Socks fundraiser, with many boxes being taken home by our families. If you would like more boxes, or you missed out, please contact Linda Ryan or Haylie Hill to organise.

Again, the P&C thanks you for your continued support of our association and the fundraisers provided. We are looking forward to the rest of the year and everything it will bring.

Kind Regards, Cass Kath **P&C Secretary**

2024 Bush Kids' Calendar

Get your cameras out & click away!

The Bush Kids Calendar is available for purchase every year. It is a wonderful action-packed calendar that captures our MISOTA families. Flyer with full information – following.

ALL Photos DUE Prior: Friday 01st September

bushkidscalendar@gmail.com

