From the Acting Principal

While the students are looking forward to a well-deserved break they haven’t been able to slow down just yet. In fact, this past fortnight has been action packed culminating in yesterday’s Brigalow Athletics Carnival which was held at Middlemount Community School. Congratulations to Clarke Creek for organising a terrific carnival and well done to all of those students who competed on the day. It was great to see our own students put in some really great performances and achieve some personal bests. I felt a great deal of pride seeing them alongside our other Brigalow schools, representing Mackenzie River.

Next week we will be on the countdown to holidays but learning will continue right to the end of term. Our attendance rate this term has been 97.3% which is amazing! It means that students and their families recognise the importance of being at school every day. It is a pleasure to work with people who place such a high value on education. Let’s keep it going for one more week and then enjoy a well-earned rest.

As this will be our last newsletter for this term, I would like to once again thank everyone who has assisted us in some way this semester. As with any small school, we rely heavily on the efforts and goodwill of our parents and community. We appreciate your dedication to the success of the students and the school. I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Whether you get to have a ‘proper’ break or not, I hope it allows for some family time be it holidaying away or mustering together out in the paddock.

Remember that If you are going past the school on the holidays and notice anything suspicious please contact School Watch on 13 17 88 to report your concerns.

Catherine Phillis
Cricket At Mackenzie River
The students had a very welcome visit last Thursday from Pat Sowersby, Queensland Cricket’s Regional Officer for the Mackay District. Pat ran through a number of cricketing skills and drills with the students who received a few pointers on bowling and batting techniques. The pressure was on the students to perform well with a good turnout of spectators to the event (the cows from Inga Downs). Pat thought it to be one of the more unusual crowds he had seen. See ‘The Fortnight In Pictures’ for photos of the fun.

Have You Pencilled Tomorrow Night Into Your Diary?
Don’t forget that tomorrow (Friday) night will be our next P&C Meeting and will also be the night of our American Tennis Tournament. The P&C Meeting will start at 6:00 sharp and will be followed by tennis at 7:00. A BBQ dinner will be available for $4 and softdrinks for $1. We look forward to seeing our community’s pro tennis players in action.

Pottery Tiles
Our pottery tiles have been glazed and fired and are now ready to hang at the school. These tiles were completed as part of our Visual Arts unit this term. They look terrific and will be another great addition to our grounds, displaying some of the things that the students felt represent our school and area. It would not have been possible without Louise Schocher of the Capricornia Potter’s Group who travelled out to the school and then put the tiles through the final stages of glazing and firing back in Rockhampton.

Winchester Camp
Thankyou to our families for returning all of your Winchester Camp forms so promptly. The camp is in the first week back next term and the students are really looking forward to it and catching up with the students from our cluster. Information will be emailed to you shortly to confirm all of the details.
Cricket fun with a ‘drills and skills’ afternoon with Mr Pat Sowersby from Queensland Cricket.
The students performed very well at this week’s Brigalow Athletics Carnival in Middlemount.
American Tennis Tournament

When: 17th June, 7pm following the P&C meeting
Where: MRSS Tennis Court
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