



Ma Ma Messages

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Ma Ma Creek State School and Community

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Dear Parents

I continue to be heartened by the wonderful spirit that exists in the Ma Ma Creek school community. As we organise the upper school camp, the generous offers of equipment made by families has made the organisation so much easier.

This generosity is mirrored in many other aspects of school life and makes it such a pleasure to work in this school.

Thank You!

Awards

Congratulations to Henry Leek for his school work; Georgie Cubis for her writing; and Jack Bridge for his leadership with Home Reading.

In the Classroom

The years 2 and 3s have just about finished their stories and the Preps and 1s have begun their weather diary.

Camp is on next Monday and Tuesday. Remember the children will go home as usual on Monday but return at 5:30pm. Monday is a free dress day. Tuesday is our trip to Scallywags and children must be in uniform. There will be NO HOMEWORK next week!!! Until next week, Kylie.

The Years 4 – 7s have commenced their investigation of natural disasters and are preparing for camp. Mrs Rosier worked with the class on Wednesday. This allowed Mr Amos to do some testing.

Former Students' Achievement

Lockyer Districts High School had its Academic Awards on Wednesday night.

It is my pleasure to advise that our former students did well.

Luke Pollock received a gold academic award; Thomas Webster received a silver academic award and a German award. Benjamin Webster received a silver academic award and a Science award and Benjamin Amos received a silver academic award.

Rene Gear-Brown ran fourth in her race at the state titles.

Camel Calendars

The prices for calendars and cards were missing on the previous newsletter.

- Art Calendar – \$10
- Photo Calendar – \$12
- Greeting Cards – \$12 / pack

If you wish to order, please send completed order forms and money by Friday next week.

Students have been working on their artwork this week. Samples of the finished product are available for viewing at school.

These calendars make great presents for people who are hard to buy for.

Orientation Days

There are a number of orientation days on offer in the coming weeks.

Prep Visitors – If you know of anyone who would be starting Prep next year, please let them know that they are welcome to visit the school on:

Tuesday 10th November from 9am to 10:45am,

Wednesday the 25th November from 9am to 12:30pm

High School – The high school has two open days.

The first is open to the Years 7 from the 'small schools' which is being held on Thursday November 5, from 8:30 – 11:30pm. Mr Amos would normally accompany the students on this activity but is required

at a district meeting on that day. Mrs Sutton or Ms Schmidt will accompany the students. I trust that we will be able to transport students using parent transport.

The second open day is held in the last week of school and parents are invited to join with their children on this day. More details on the Monday December 7 activity will be published closer to the event.

Camp Black Duck

Preparations are well in hand. I trust that you received the note on Monday.

As the fire ban has lifted we will definitely go to Black Duck Creek. Thanks to the families who have generously offered equipment.

You are reminded that campers are required to bring their morning tea and lunch on the Monday. All meals will be provided after that.

In the past we have requested home cooking. This was done to reduce costs. Our budget will extend to providing this food this year.

The intention is to depart school around 9am. Thanks to all parents who have offered to drive. We have a surplus of seats.. If you would rather not drive please let me know tomorrow.



Arts Council

The next Arts Council performance is on Monday 9th November at the Ma Ma Creek Hall. Payment envelopes have been sent home today.

Christmas Raffle

P&C is hoping to run a raffle which will be drawn as part of our end-of-year concert. Your donations would be appreciated.

QCPCA Reminder

Ma Ma Creek School is catering this function. With your help, this could be a good fundraiser for the school.

If you are attending or can help from 5:30pm on Friday October 30, please contact Lesley Johnson, or the school office.

Morning Tea Cooking

If you can help by cooking slice cake etc for the Melbourne Cup function at the Ma Ma Creek Community Centre on Wednesday 4th November, please fill in and return the response form attached to this newsletter.

Toys at School

From time to time, students bring some rather expensive toys to school. Parents are reminded that the school takes no responsibility for these toys. As teachers we are keen to protect children and their property, but it is easier for us to do our job, if the *toys do not come to school* in the first place.

Combined Choir

Unfortunately we still haven't seen music for the combined choir. We will practise with interested students next week.

There has been a change of policy on dress. Students will now wear school uniform and put on a council supplied smock.

The official ceremony commences at 10:15am (students would need to be there at least 20 minutes before).

The choir will sing the national anthem at 10:30am and again, at a little after 11:00am.

A copy of the draft program is available from the school.

Remembrance Day

Ma Ma Creek has been invited to join with the Ma Ma Creek – Grantham sub-Branch of the RSL for a Remembrance Day ceremony at Ma Ma Creek (11/11/09). Families are invited to join with their children for this event.

Dates to Remember

November	
2 - 5	Camp(s)
8	Back to Ma Ma
9	Arts Council
10	1 st Prep visit 9am – 10.45am

Back to Ma Ma

Ma Ma Creek Community Centre (Inc)

830 Gatton Clifton Road
Ma Ma Creek

An invitation is extended to all residents both past and present, and other interested persons, especially our older citizens, to be present at an Afternoon Tea in our Community Centre on Sunday, November 8th from 1p.m. onwards.

Afternoon Tea will be served at approximately 3 p.m. and we ask that you bring a plate to share.

Please extend this invitation to anyone who might be interested in catching up with old acquaintances.

The committee looks forward to the opportunity of meeting old friends and making new ones.

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Country Girls' DAY OUT

Get the good clothes out of the wardrobe, dust off the shoes and find a hat ...

Melbourne Cup
is coming to town!

You're invited and it's FREE

Join us for a day of fun and sharing.

Have a FREE massage, listen to other women's stories...

Just relax... bring your friends!!

Gift Packs for Everyone **Prizes to be won for the fanciest Cup hats** **MASSAGES**

Date: Wednesday 4th November 2009
Time: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm
Where: Ma Ma Creek Hall

Morning Tea & BBQ lunch provided

RSVP: By Wednesday, 28th October 2009,
Bush Connection (Ozcare)
Phone: 07 4637 7877
Email: afmmbk@ozcare.org.au

Book Now - Limited Seats Available
Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Ozcare Hosts: Downs & West Drought Appeal, The Bush Connection, Centrelink, Legal Aid, Department of Primary Industries, Garden Villages & Subtropical Dairy

School Holidays 2010

Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January.

For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December*.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 19 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 26 November.

State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: Friday 22 January, Monday 25 January, Monday 12 April, Monday 12 July, and Monday 18 October.