



# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

April	
23	Digital Technologies Yr 4-6 Mt Sylvia SS
23	School Anzac Day Parade 1 :45
25	Anzac Day Gatton March 10.00am Ma Ma Creek Service 7.30pm
May	
7	Labour Day Public Holiday
9	P&C AGM 5:45pm
11	Zone Cross Country
15-17	NAPLAN

*Hello Parents and Care Givers,*

Welcome back to another exciting term. It was great to see everyone back and well rested from the Easter break and ready for the new term.

Last term our students established their learning goals for the term. These goals were monitored and reviewed during the term. This term the students will again be reviewing these goals and establishing new ones. These goals help students, parents/caregivers and staff keep focused on individual student needs. Like the learning goals our student's set

for themselves we as a school also set goals and priorities to be the focus for the year. Our school's endeavors, initiatives and actions are determined by our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The AIP is an explicit improvement agenda which is the result of reviewing our school's current needs and priorities. Each priority has a timeline in which it is to be completed/established.

Throughout the term the staff we will be reviewing and monitoring the school's explicit improvement agenda.

To ensure that our school remains competitive with all schools and to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning opportunities to the students in our classrooms, we keep this improvement agenda sharp, narrow, focused and simple.

Last term I outlined our AIP and our Investing for Success priorities with Grant Storey our P&C President – which have subsequently been endorsed. For everyone's information our three school priorities are:

1. **Implement a structured reading program focusing on identified comprehension needs of students** - To assist

*with this the school has used the 'Investing for success' grant to purchase additional teacher and teacher aide time.*

2. **Review and embed whole school Writing Program.**
3. **Technology - Improve student's skills through the explicit teaching of technology skills.**

This provides our families with a brief overview of how Ma Ma Creek State School is working towards the overarching priority of maximizing all learning opportunities for all of our students every day. Throughout the year I will provide further updates and snapshots of our school's progress towards achieving our own articulated goals.

### **P&C AGM**

Our P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:45pm. During this meeting reports from 2017 will be tabled, and all executive positions will be declared vacant.

We have a small, but very active P&C group who do a fantastic job in providing fantastic school uniforms, tuckshop, stalls and numerous other fundraising activities.



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Most importantly the P&C create a sense of community for our wonderful school, making it a unique and nurturing environment for children, parents and staff. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend.

## Digital Technologies

As outlined in our 'School Improvement Agenda'; Digital Technologies is an area identified as a school wide learning focus.

Beginning this term our yr 4-6 students will be joining Mt Sylvania and Mt Whitestone schools at Mt Sylvania SS to participate in the Digital Technologies program. The program will be run by Mr Shane Krogg who is an expert in the field. The yr 4-6 students will work with Mr Krogg for the first 6 weeks of this term while the Prep – 3 students will work with Mr Krogg during the second half of the term.

As the students will be transported to and from Mt Sylvania they will need the attached permission note completed and returned to school by Friday.

## Term 2 Music

As the digital technologies program will be run at the same time as our music lessons and in order that our students don't miss out on music we will be remaining at Mt Sylvania after digital technologies to join in music lessons with the Mt Sylvania 4-6 students.

## ANZAC Day

On Monday, a member of the local RSL Sub-Branch will be visiting the school to present their annual talk to our students on ANZAC Day.

## ANZAC Day March

Students and parents are invited to participate in the Gatton ANZAC Day March to be held next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to march, please be at North St, Gatton no later than 10:00am. We usually meet at the Park behind the Council Chambers. The march will commence at 10:30am and will conclude with the service in Littleton Park.

Students must be wearing their school uniforms in this march. This is an opportunity for students to honour the fallen, and for this reason, it is important that we are well represented on the day. Our School Leaders will be laying a wreath at this ceremony.

The annual Grantham - Ma Ma Creek RSL Sub branch ANZAC Day Service will be held in the Ma Ma

Creek Community Hall commencing at 7:30PM on Tuesday evening. Our School Leaders well be presenting the Uniform Resolutions. There will be a guest speaker and all school staff, parents, friends and students are invited to attend and participate.

**The students will be making wreaths on Monday to lay at these services and we are seeking donations of flowers and greenery for these wreaths. If you are able to assist by donating some flowers and greenery, please send these in to school with your child Monday morning.**

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance goal for this term is 95%. Last term we came close but missed the mark with a whole school attendance rate for the term of 94%.

We will be monitoring our attendance goal throughout the term. Look out for updates in the newsletter.

## Staff

I will be away next week and will return May 1. Mrs Muirhead will be replacing me while I am away.

## Homework

Every student will receive their homework on Monday, and it is to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Please ensure that your child or children return their completed Homework Folders each Friday.



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Students will keep their books for the week to build their confidence in reading. Please listen to them, or read to them each night, so that by the end of the week, they can read their book confidently. Confidence is vital to building successful readers; if they think they can, it's amazing what they will achieve. It would be great if you could help them to think, and see, that they can.

Homework is not meant to be an onerous task for families but is valuable in reinforcing the uptake of basic skills. It should not take more than 20 minutes each evening. Help your student to get into the routine of setting aside 20 minutes for homework each day from Tuesday to Thursday. In doing this they will learn some valuable lessons that have nothing to do with homework. If you have any questions in this regard, please don't hesitate to call me.

## Ideas or Concerns

We really appreciate parents/carers raising any ideas or concerns they have around their child's education as soon as they occur. To ensure that these can be dealt with efficiently and effectively, we ask that you make an appointment for an interview with either the teacher or Principal to discuss these concerns.

Whilst we are more than happy to have an informal chat with parents/carers at the school gate before or after school, this is not the place to raise issues or concerns

around your child's education or welfare.

Tuesday is my day off class. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with me, please do so either before or after school or on a Tuesday after 10:30 am.

We look forward to your continued support, as we venture fearlessly into the world of learning.

## Sporting Schools

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the vouchers for our school we have quite a number of full bags to send away. If you have any vouchers lying around at home please bring them in. We still have a few days before we send them off.

## Market Report

Thanks again to Nicola for being our only student volunteer at the project club stall last Saturday. Please keep 12<sup>th</sup> of May in mind for our next Ma Ma Creek Markets.

## Book Club

Please note the school will no longer be accepting cash payments for Book Club orders. There are two other easy options to pay for your Book Club order. 1 – Payment by Cheque. 2 – Payment using a credit card to pay by LOOP. For all the details on who to write cheques out to and the website details please look on the back page of your Book Club magazine. If anyone needs help or has any questions please talk to Miss Stepanoff she is in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## Students at the Queens Baton Relay





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