



Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School and Community

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Aim High With Praise

31st August 2017

Dates to Remember

By Deena

August	
31	P & C meeting at 5:30
September	
1	Under 8s Day
10	Ma Ma Markets
17	Social tennis from 2 to 5 pm

The calendar will also be available on the school's website for your perusal at any time.

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Principal's Diary

(This section of the newsletter outlines meetings and events during the school year where the Principal will either be out of the school or unavailable.)

14th & 15th September: Long Service Leave.

From the Principal

We are whipping through the term with Spring just around the corner! The students have represented our beautiful school at the Caffey Sports Day. We almost had the 100% participation rate that we were aiming for, and the students who were there did us proud. Special mention goes to Deena, Matthew and Cristyn, who made it into the Zone team with their outstanding performances. Well done!

We had the 'Girls got Heart' cyclists visit us en route to Toowoomba, after cycling from Brisbane on a

really hot day. They were headed for Meandarra, and we cheered them on, to cheer them up.

The students had a very entertaining session at Grantham State School on the 17th, where they watched Papa Gluck perform as part of their German curriculum. He kept them laughing for a solid hour! We travelled in by bus with the Mount Sylvia students, and we enjoyed the whole experience.

This Friday is Under 8s Day; a great way to celebrate the coming of Spring. As with every year, it will be hosted by the Gatton State School, with all schools in the region providing play opportunities for the Under 8s in your family. It's a fun day out, so send in the permission forms, and we'll see you in at Gatton.

This Saturday, is Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc (LUCI), and Mount Sylvia State School's Community planting day. It will commence at Mount Sylvia School at 9.00am. The aim is to plant 500 trees on the creek banks adjacent to the school, to reduce the effects of erosion, and please quiz your Year 4/5s about how that would help! A barbeque lunch will be provided to volunteers. We would like to be involved in a similar project down the track, and as they say... many hands make light work. So I encourage you all to give a hand if you can. Please sign the attached slip if you are able to help, for catering purposes.

Ms Chandani has decided to start her Maternity Leave a little earlier than she planned, and we are expecting to hear some very exciting news from her next week. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Muirhead replacing her while she is on leave. The other unavoidable change is that I will be the only teacher at school on Mondays and Fridays, and this has been working really well.

We are also very sad to be losing our cherished Administration Officer, Mrs Debbie Bruntflett, who has been such a wonderfully cheerful and efficient staff member for such a long time, that we wonder how we will fill the hole! Ms Brooke Stepanoff, our Wednesday Wonder Woman will fill the gap for now, and hopefully in the longer term. The added bonus from this is that Deb's mum, Kerry Lyness, will continue to volunteer for the time-being, travelling with Brooke. Her assistance makes our school days so much more manageable.

We wish Debbie all the best with her new endeavour, and we will miss her very much. She has been such an asset to our school, and we are very grateful to have had her as part of our school community.

If at any time you are not sure what's coming up on the school calendar, please visit our school website, where upcoming events are listed on the front page. You will find the address/ link in the first column of this newsletter.



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PBL

Congratulations to all our award recipients this past fortnight. It's fantastic to be able to acknowledge so many of our students each week for the contribution they make to our school.

Students who have attained Behaviour Level 8 (160 tokens) will this term be travelling to Kloud9ine Trampoline Park on Thursday the 14th of September as their reward! School will cover entry; they will need \$2.50 for special socks.

Student of the Week:

Week 6 – Chase walker

Week 7 – Lillian Gray

Homework Heroes:

Week 6 – Caleb, Lillian, Krystal, Zharlea, Nicola, Chase, Toby, Cristyn, Matthew, Teejay and Deena

Week 7 – Lillian, Nicola, Cristyn, Toby, Matthew, Teejay and Zharlea

Just a reminder that we would like to include a community representative on our PBL panel. This will require a commitment of one full day of training each term, and attendance at PBL meetings once a fortnight. If you are interested, please contact the school on 54627271.

Book Week

By Cristyn

On Thursday the 24th of August we dressed up to celebrate Book Week. I dressed up as The Old Lady who swallowed a Mozzie. It was fun to see everyone dressed up.



Social Tennis

Our wonderful Sunday afternoon get together is on the 17th of this month. It's a great opportunity to catch up for a chat and a hit. Social tennis is on every 3rd Sunday of the month, between 2 and 4 pm.

Please come along, and invite your friends and family. Children are welcome to bring their bikes and make use of the bike track on these occasions. The P&C will put on a sausage sizzle, and are looking for gold coin donations to support it. Thanks to our invaluable P&C members who provide and cook the sausages!

Homework

In order to facilitate the habit of returning homework, we ask that students bring their homework folders into school each day. Their morning's reading efforts will be recorded in the Reading Log, and

their nightly reading will be checked off. Several other minor changes have been made to the student's homework; if you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Homework is handed out on Tuesday and is to be completed and returned on Friday. We are very close to having 100% of the school receiving Homework Hero awards. Hopefully this is the week for it!

Science Excursion

By Zharlea

On Wednesday the 23rd of August, the P-3 class drove to Ipswich to the Art Gallery. While we were there we participated in a Light Play exhibit. We got to play with lights, reflections and changing colours and shapes. My favourite part was the Echo Table.





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National Tree Day

On 20th July we had a visit from the local National Tree Day Committee with Peter O'Brien and his tireless crew from LDHS. With their help we planted a Finger Lime Tree, the first fruit tree in the new Community Garden area. It was lovely to welcome back Amelia Webster, one of our former students, to help with the planting.

Staffing News

By Cristyn

Mrs B has moved to a new school and Mrs Stepanoff is the new office person. Mrs Muirhead is the new teacher in the P-3 classroom.

Ma Ma Creek Markets

Our last markets were held on Saturday 12th August. It was a beautiful warm day and our potted plants, fresh fruit and vegetables and of course our famous herb and garlic butter sold like hotcakes.

Unfortunately, we had no student helpers this time.

All proceeds of this market stall go to Student Project Club at Ma Ma Creek State School, so please continue to support our stall by shopping and encouraging your

children to volunteer for a couple of hours at the stall. The Ma Ma Creek Community Markets are held every 2nd Saturday at the hall grounds and stall fee is only \$5.00. Fees collected go directly to MMC Community Centre to help with maintenance of this wonderful facility. Our next market day will be Saturday 9th September from 7 – 12. Should you need more information about the markets, please do not hesitate to ring the school.

Classroom Volunteers

We would like to encourage our parents to volunteer in our classrooms this year. The best time for us to have volunteers in the classroom is from 11.30am – 1pm (Mon – Fri). These times are when the students are involved in their Literacy Rotations and extra help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer at these times please be aware that to provide consistency for our students and the learning program, we would ask that you commit to being here at the time and day you nominate for the whole term, so

that routines can be followed, and learning time is maximised.

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. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with me, please do so either before or after school or on a Thursday after 10:30 am.

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

Warm regards,

Maree and staff

I will be attending the Community Planting Day at Mount Sylvia on Saturday the 2nd of September. There will be people in my group.

Signed:

Name: