



# Ma Ma Messages

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9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Dates to Remember

August	
8/10	Caffey Athletics
11	Upper Lockyer Athletics
12	Ma Ma Markets
14	Show holiday
17	LOTE Gatton visit
18	Zone Athletics
20	Social tennis
23	P-3 Light Play excursion
28	Whole Staff PBL Training

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

[www.mamacreess.eq.edu.au](http://www.mamacreess.eq.edu.au)

## 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.)

8<sup>th</sup> Aug: Lockyer Cluster Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Aug: Principal's Business Meeting

## From the Principal

What a great turn up for the 2017 Exhibition! Perfect weather provided the backdrop for another fantastic day. Things were in full swing when the school sports got underway, and there is clearly some outstanding athletic talent in this area. The skipping relays were a big hit; nothing quite compares with the fun of the simple pleasures. It is days like these that remind us of what is important; family, fun and community. It also provides a great opportunity for our local talent to show off their skills in each of the areas exhibited. Our school cemented its fine reputation as the artistic champions, taking out all the Champion awards for school age entrants. Well done Deena, Zharlea, and Caleb. There were many other winners amongst our students, and we're very proud to report that we also grow the best shallots in the area!

Our students are also to be congratulated, along with students from Flagstone Creek School, Ropeley, and Mt Sylvia for the great turn up, and entertaining performance they gave on the day. Thanks also to our inimitable music teacher, Ms. Martin.

Such days are fading from calendars all over the country, so we would like to acknowledge the small group of dedicated people who do a lot of the hard work, and the army of helpers who turn up on the day to

make the Exhibition the enormous success that it is. A big thank you goes to the parents who manned the P&C burger stand for the whole day. I don't know what their secret ingredient is, but they get the best burger award from me.

It is warming to see such a strong sense of community thriving in this area, and with the will of the people, it will continue to go from strength to strength. It is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about our community!

We had the first part of our two-stage athletics carnival at Ropehill today, and the students performed well. Thursday is a full day carnival, so there will not be anyone at school on the day. All students will be expected to attend the carnival, which gets underway at 8.20 am.

Don't forget that next Monday is a public holiday!

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.

## 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.

Student of the Week:

Week 4 – Krystal Connelly



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## Week 5 – Matthew Warburton



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.

## Fire Education

Thank you to Fire Fighters Josh and Jeff for an informative and fun lesson on fire safety. Everybody remembered the importance of getting down low to go, go, go!



## Social Tennis

Our wonderful Sunday afternoon get together is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. It's a great opportunity to catch up for a chat and a hit. Social tennis is on every third Sunday of the month, between 2 and 5 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!

## Staffing News

Ms Chandani will be taking maternity leave from August 16<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to welcome Mrs Muirhead to the P-3 classroom.

## History Incursion

Thank you to Kerry Griffiths from Step into History for giving our students a taste of life in the past. We had a fabulous day!

Students found out what it was like to make their own butter, squeeze their own fresh orange juice, make bread, wash their socks by hand, dance, and sit down to a good old fashioned morning tea!

Some staff members were a little alarmed to find that some familiar items from home, or their childhoods, are now considered museum pieces! A great day was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Chandani for organising the event.





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## Homework

This week is a homework free week due to our athletics commitments. Homework will go out as usual next week. We are very close to having 100% of the school receiving Homework Hero awards.

## 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.

Thursday 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 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*

