



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

February	
23	Student Leader Induction
26	Cyber Safety
28	GRIP Leadership
March	
27	Circus
29	Last day of term

From the Principal

Principal's Update

Hello Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome to 2018!

It has been a great first week for me at Ma Ma Creek State School!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nathan de Mey and I will be the Acting Principal for the term, while Ms Rosier is on leave.

Can I say, 'what a fantastic school we have here at Ma Ma Creek.' We have a hardworking team on staff, an engaged parent and school community, impressive facilities and all set in a truly picturesque environment! However, above all of this I have been most impressed by our students. I have already witnessed countless examples of students demonstrating Ma Ma Creek's school expectations of:

- Respect
- Integrity
- Safety
- Effort

We have much to look forward to in the weeks ahead and I am excited

about continuing the work towards a shared common goal in achieving the best outcomes for all of our students!

We have commenced the school year with 14 students. We have 3 new students to the school and I would like to extend a warm welcome to those families and trust they will enjoy their time at Ma Ma Creek SS.

School Staff

Our school staff remains mostly unchanged. Our current staffing model:

Teachers: I will be on class, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **Mrs Muirhead** will be teaching Tuesdays.

Mrs Martin is our Music teacher who will be here Monday morning.

Mr Belle our LOTE teacher will take the 3-6's for German on Thursday from 11:30 -1:00.

Mr Donaldson will take PE Friday mornings.

Ms Steele is our support teacher for literacy and numeracy and will be onsite every Monday afternoon working with students.

Teacher Aides:

Mrs Sutton will be working Monday's and Thursday's

Ms Schmidt will be on class Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs Stepanoff will be on class Friday's.

Administration Officer:

Mrs Mouzouris has stepped into the admin role for the beginning of the year. We thank Mrs Mouzouris for her work during this time and wish her all the best. **Mrs Stepanoff** will be returning to the role next

week. Mrs Stepanoff will be here Monday's and Tuesday's so please contact the office on these days if you have any questions for her.

Cleaner:

Mrs Staatz is our cleaner and is in each afternoon Monday-Friday.

Groundsman:

Liam Geissler is our new groundsman.

This staffing model may change and is dependent on our day 8 census which is this Thursday. The 8th day of the school year is when the department takes a snapshot of our enrolment and all funding and teaching allocation decisions are based on these figures.

If you know of any family members that are moving around, please encourage them to be settled in their respective school by this Thursday as it has a big impact on staffing – especially in little schools.

PBL

During 2017 the school undertook the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) process and is tracking well as we roll out in 2018.

The process is about acknowledging all the good behaviours that occur during the day and carefully analysing data to plan for areas or behaviours that need further support. You are most welcome as a parent to join the PBL committee. If you are interested in this important role please contact the school for necessary details.

One of the keys to a successful student is what we call the perfect



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triangle. When we have an engaged enthusiastic student combined with Parents /carers who value and support their child's learning, along with an efficient, professional learning environment, you have all the ingredients for student learning and success. I strongly encourage if you have not done so as yet to contact your student's teacher to discuss 2018 and your students' progress.

Homework

Homework for older students will include a spelling list to learn, as well as a set of times tables. Please encourage them to practice these for their weekly tests which fall on Fridays. There will also be a worksheet to complete each week. Every student will receive their homework on Monday, and it is to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Reading will continue to be an important activity. Please encourage your student/s to find time, and help them to see it as an enjoyable activity. Kids who love reading, learn more readily.

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 every evening. Help your student to get into the routine of setting aside 20 minutes for homework each week day. In doing this they will also learn some valuable lessons that have nothing to do with homework. If you have any questions regarding

homework, please don't hesitate to call me.

Attendance

I'd also like to start the term with some reminders about our core business. With less than 50 days in each term, it is important to remember that every day counts. Our aim is to achieve an attendance rate of 95% or above. We cannot overstate the importance of making the most of every learning day. This includes having your child/ren at school well before the bell. We have a whole school activity that begins at 8.30, and the fruit and assembly bell rings at 8.50. Together we can help them make the most of their learning time.

Thanks

We are very grateful for the hard work of the parents who organise and attend our P&C Meetings, and who contribute to the school's major fundraising activity by volunteering their time to cater for functions. We are always looking for additional support, and if you are able to help, please drop in and get some details or attend our next P&C meeting. Please keep an eye out for the dates of our next meeting and AGM.

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.

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.

A big thank you to those parents who are also doing a great job with home reading with their children. It is so important that this is done every night.

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

Community News



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Markets at Ma Ma Creek Village are held every 2nd Saturday of the month, so the next one will be on Saturday, 10th February from 7 am to 12 noon. There will be plants, fresh produce, craft, bric-a-brac, antiques, books, tools, woodwork products, as well as activities for kids and much more.



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