

# Ma Ma Messages



## Principal's Report

Hello Parents and Care Givers

Welcome back to the new semester and to a very cold start to the second half of our school year. Winter has well and truly arrived with some very chilly mornings this past week.

Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy one right from the start. Some of the many exciting things coming up this term include,

- \* Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
- \* Jump Rope for heart
- \* National Tree Planting day
- \* Brag and Snag evening
- \* Book Fair
- \* Athletics
- \* Digital technologies
- \* Sporting Schools
- \* Fire Ed
- \* Rewards day

These are just a few of the upcoming events that are planned for the term.

Our whole school attendance for last semester was 91.8%. This is a pleasing improvement, when compared to 86.9% for semester 1 last year. Our goal for attendance this semester is a very achievable target of greater than 92%. We will be tracking our progress towards this goal throughout the semester.

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The following table shows how frequent absences reduce the overall time in attendance at school which is highly likely to have a significant impact on student achievement.

<b>If your child misses ....</b>	<b>That equals ....</b>	<b>Over 13 years of schooling that's .....</b>	<b>Which means the best your child might perform is .....</b>
<b>1 day per fortnight</b>	(90% attendance) 4 weeks per year	Nearly <b>1.5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in Grade 11
<b>1 day per week</b>	(80% attendance) 8 weeks per year	Over <b>2.5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in Grade 10
<b>2 days per week</b>	(60% attendance) 16 weeks per year	Over <b>5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in Grade 7
<b>3 day per week</b>	(40% attendance) 24 weeks per year	Nearly <b>8 years</b>	Equal to finishing at Grade 4

If you have the opportunity to attend the Gatton Show this weekend make sure you have a look at the school art section. The wonderful work of our students will be on display.

### 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.)

Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> of July – Gatton SS – Digital Futures Workshop

Wednesday – 25<sup>th</sup> of July – Gatton SS – Age Appropriate Pedagogies Workshop

Friday – 27<sup>th</sup> of July – Highfields Cultural Centre – Deslea Konza – Reading the Big 6 – Professional Development

Thursday- 2<sup>nd</sup> of August – Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director School Visit

Wednesday – 8<sup>th</sup> of August – LDSHS – Lockyer Schools Cluster meeting

Thursday – 30<sup>th</sup> of August – Highfields Cultural Centre – Regional Development Day

### Ma Ma Creek Exhibition

Speaking of the wonderful art work our students complete under the tutelage of Mrs Sutton. If you are unable to make it to the Gatton Show you will still be able to see our students work on display at this year's Ma Ma Creek Exhibition. This wonderful community event will be running next Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Along with students' art work there are also activities for the students to participate in which will kick off at 9:00am as well as a combined schools performance on the day.

## For the combined school performance:

**Performance time** - 1pm

**Meeting time** - 12.50 near the stage

**Attire** - free dress but please bring caps from Singout performance

**Schools performing** - Ma Ma Creek, Flagstone Creek, Ropeley, Mt Sylvia ( Mt Whitestone is welcome also)

**Song** - Can't Stop This Feeling

As in past years our school P&C will be running a burger stall on the day. We are looking for parent helpers to help with the stall. The stall will be set up around 8:00am and run through to 2:30pm. It takes a lot of work for a few to organise and run these stalls and any effort to help ease the load of a few will be greatly appreciated. Please remember funds raised from these events go back into the school to benefit the education of all students. Please contact the school if you can help out on the day. We will also need student helpers to help run the school's project club stall on the day. The Exhibition committee requires help at the hall on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Midday to help with unloading trucks with show stands and setting up of the hall – also on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> from 2pm onwards for setting up the outside tents etc at the hall. Donations of cakes and slices for the kitchen would also be greatly appreciated.



## High School Transitions

It is imperative that parents are proactive about their child's enrolment in high school for 2019. Our local high schools—Lockyer and Laidley District High Schools, as well as Faith Lutheran College will be running their individual enrichment and transition days throughout semester two, as well as parent information evenings. Please ensure that dates for these events are added to your calendars.

## Brag and Snag evening

All parents and community members are invited to our Brags and Snags evening this term. This is a great opportunity to check in and see your child's work and speak to their teachers regarding their progress. It is also an opportunity to discuss our school's direction and expectations over the rest of this year and continuing into 2019. We will be holding this on August the 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm.

## P&C General Meeting

Following our Brag and Snag evening we will be holding our P&C general meeting at 5:30. Among other things some of the Agenda items to be addressed at this meeting will be:

- School Camp
- Communication booklet
- Responsible Behaviour Plan
- After hours School Care
- Formation of Playgroup Queensland

## Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the man put his money in the freezer?

A: *He wanted cold hard cash!*

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: *Frostbite.*



## Digital Technologies

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

In line with this we are continuing our digital technologies lessons. This term the students will be working with robotics. This began last Monday and observing the lessons all students were highly engaged throughout the session. As in last term we are joining Mt Sylvia and Mt Whitestone schools at Mt Whitestone. The program will be run by Mr Shane Krogg. The yr 4-6 students will work with Mr Krogg for the first 4 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 Whitestone they will need the attached permission note completed and returned to school by Friday.

## Breakfast Club

Mrs Krust and Mr Stubbersfield will again be providing breakfast club for our students each Monday morning. Mrs Krust provides warm Milo and toast for breakfast club, which should be very popular on these cold mornings.

### Homework

From week 2 homework will be sent home each Monday afternoon. Students will have 10 new spelling words each week as well as 10 revision words from previous weeks. There will be times tables, some maths and general knowledge questions for children to complete. Readers are also sent home and it is expected that they read at least 10mins a day. Homework is expected to be completed and returned each Friday for marking. Students will be tested on their spelling and times table's each Friday as part of their formative assessment.

### Behaviour Focus

Each week here at Ma Ma Creek School, we choose a behaviour from our expected behaviours matrix to focus on. We introduce the behaviour on Parade on Mondays, and we discuss our expectations each morning before school as well as at break times. Our 'Student of the Week' is awarded the following week to the student whose behaviour in regard to the focus has been exemplary. Students are expected to conduct themselves in line with all our expected behaviours at all times. The first 4 weeks of term we will be focusing on the following behaviours:

Week 1 and 2 - Review of Term 2 Behaviour Expectations  
Week 3 and 4- I use equipment appropriately



### Parent Tips

#### **ANNOYED OR DISAPPOINTED?**

By Michael Grose

Do you say you're annoyed with your child when really you are disappointed with how they have behaved? Do you or anyone you know get angry, when really they are just sad? I see these emotional miscalculations all the time. Parents who get really peeved at their kids for some type of misbehaviour so they over react, when deep down they are disappointed at how their child acted. I see lots of dads and mums get really angry with their early teen sons who have developed 'an attitude' when deep down they are grieving the fact their child is no longer there. So grief is expressed as anger. Being an emotionally intelligent parent can help prevent this from happening. It helps parents as well as kids to identify and put a name to how they are feeling. It also helps to know there is no on/off switch to emotions. Instead there is a thermostat that can be adjusted.

### This day in history

July 17, 1799. : **Matthew Flinders first sights and names Red Cliff Point, now Redcliffe, in Queensland.**

The city of Redcliffe is so named for its red cliff faces. The first known European to visit the area was Matthew Flinders who, on 17 July 1799, landed and named Red Cliff Point. The area was first recommended by Captain John Oxley as the site for a new convict settlement. In 1823, he set out to explore the Moreton Bay area, and it was there that he came across the stranded ticket-of-leave timber-cutter, Thomas Pamphlett, who together with his companion Finnegan had been living with the aborigines for seven months, after being shipwrecked off Moreton Island. Oxley and Settlement Commandant Lieutenant Miller, together with a crew and 29 convicts, sailed on the 'Amity' from Sydney and arrived at Redcliffe in September 1824 to found the new colony. The settlement was established at Humpybong, but abandoned less than a year later when the main settlement was moved 30km away, to the Brisbane River. The name "Humpybong" was given by the local aborigines to describe the "dead huts" left behind, "humpy" being huts, and "bong" meaning "dead", or "lifeless". The name is still used for one of the regions on the Redcliffe Peninsula

#### Quote of the week

***"There is only one rule for being a good talker: learn to listen."***

Market Report

Last Saturday Ma Ma Creek State School Project Club stall once again sold the most beautiful fresh fruit and vegies. We had lots of kids join us at our regular playdough table. The cold may have kept some stallholders away, but Mrs. Sutton and I, with our trusty helper Emily, still managed to make a profit for Project Club. We would really love to see more students and their families support these friendly, quaint country markets. The MMC hall supplied morning tea of banana and blueberry muffins, as well as delicious pumpkin soup. Come along to the next markets in August, Saturday 11th August from 7 – 12. Stall sites are still available for only \$5.00, please contact school or Eva on 0407122325 for more information. (By: Mrs Schmidt)

## Dates to Remember

Digital Technologies Program	Monday of Week 1 to 4 for years 4 - 6
National Tree Planting Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am
Ma Ma Creek Exhibition	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> July
Regional Director Visit	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Sporting School Excursions (details to come)	Fridays – Starting date to be confirmed
Caffey District Athletics	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August for Years 4 - 6. Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August for all year levels
Ekka Show Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August
Snags and Brags with P&C Meeting to Follow	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August
Fire Ed	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August
School Opinion Survey Due	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 2 Excursion to the Empire Theatre	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Under 8's Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Jump Rope For Heart	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September

