



Aim High With Praise

Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School and Community

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11 July 2017

Dates to Remember

July	
16	Social Tennis
25	School Photos
29	Ma Ma Creek Exhibition

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.)

18 July: Workshop on Domestic Violence, Highfields

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3, and the second half of the school year. We have had a great start to the term, and your students are to be commended on their readiness and their positive attitudes.

Thank you to all the people who helped to make our Open Day/ Snags and Brags/ Bush Poet Camp Over a huge success. It's hard to beat the wonderfully quintessential Australianness of sitting around a campfire under the starry Southern skies, and listening to Bush Ballads. What a delight to be entertained by renowned Bush Poet, Denleigh Stenzel, and hear a few stories with

a local flavour, especially one from Mr. Jensen that we are unlikely to forget.



This term we hope to get our community gardens underway, and to kick it off, we're looking for donations of established fruiting trees. If you know someone who can help us with this, please let them know.

The year 4s and 5s will participate in a rocket building program this term, tied to our school motto of Aim High, and our RISE behaviour acronym, under the tutelage of our rocketeering Chappy! After learning about rockets and their construction, the students will have the opportunity to build and launch their own, if they honour the contract they have signed, and our school values.

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday the 25th of July. We request that all students wear the new school uniform on that day, and white socks. If there is any difficulty in doing this, please let us know, we can help out.

Caffey Sports will be held in Week 5 of this term, and Kirsten Murray

has been sharing her expertise one morning a week before school. This will continue this term, we are just waiting on confirmation of Kirsten's university timetable. Please encourage your students to go for a daily run/ walk in the lead up to the carnival. Perhaps you could make it a family affair!

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

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.

Term 3 Behaviour Foci

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 place focus posters up around the school as reminders. 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



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expected behaviours at all times. This term we will be focussing on the following behaviours:

Week 1: Review of Term 2 Behaviour Expectations

Week 2: I use equipment appropriately

Week 3: I will be in the right place at the right time

Week 4: I wear shoes and socks at all times

Week 5: I do the right thing even when no-one is watching

Week 6: I care for myself and others

Week 7: I wait my turn

Week 8: I am honest and reliable

Week 9: I wash my hands with soap

Week 10: I only access approved online sites and games

Term 2 Rewards Day

Mrs Karrasch and Ms Chandani had a fabulous trip to Queens Park in Ipswich with the 10 students who reached reward level in term 2. Students very much enjoyed the trip around the zoo, where they observed a variety of Australian native animals. They were even lucky enough to pat some lizards!



The students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and many community members commented on their good behaviour.

Attendance

Congratulations go to the following students who are achieving our attendance expectation of 95% or better:

95 - 100%		
Krause, Teejay	05	5-6
Poole, Zharlea	03	3-4
Storey, Toby Patrick	04	3-4
Walker, Chase	04	3-4

Particular mention must go to the outstanding record of Teejay Krause, who has maintained his attendance rate of 100%! We look forward to seeing more students in this group.

Unfortunately some students have fallen below the 90% attendance rate, which means they miss one day in every 10! This makes it very hard for them to keep up with the work in the classroom.

Please encourage your student to be at school every day, because here at Ma Ma Creek State School, **every day counts!**



Ball Games

Thank you and congratulations to all the students and parents who attended Ball Games at Tenthill State School. It is always fantastic to see our school represented so well at these occasions.



Social Tennis

Thank you to all the members of our community who have attended social tennis. This will continue every third Sunday of the month, between 2 and 5 pm.

Please come along, and invite your friends and family. Children are



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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.

Community Gardens

Landscaping works have begun to create our new front entrance and to correct the drainage issues in front of the office. These works were delayed by rain over the holidays and will hopefully be completed over the next fortnight.

While this work is in progress please enter and exit via the bottom gate. The top gate will remain locked.

Ma Ma Creek Market Report

Student Project Club stall at last Saturday's market was another great success. The fresh fruit and veges as well as our famous Herb and Garlic Butter were a big seller.

Due to the holidays, we did not have any student helpers, so please make sure you can help at the next markets on Saturday 12th August from 7-12.

A big thank-you must go to Margaret and Edna Smith from Toowoomba and Diane Guthrie from Upper Lockyer Catchment Inc. for donating so many plants for us to sell. We are also very appreciative of Bev and John Sutton from Fordsdale Organics for supplying the produce.



Homework

A brief reminder that homework is handed out every Tuesday, 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.



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