



Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School and Community

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26th July 2017

Dates to Remember

July	
27	Step into History (incursion)
29	Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
August	
1	Fire Education Day
7	Vision screening (Prep)
8/10	Caffey Athletics
11	Upper Lockyer Athletics
14	Show holiday

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.)

From the Principal

It's been a busy couple of weeks with Gatton Show last weekend and Ma Ma Creek Exhibition next weekend. Our extraordinarily talented budding artists have once again impressed the show judges, with Zharlea taking out the Grand Champion Exhibit, and collecting an

additional trophy for her Design and Printing submission, and Cristyn taking out the Best Exhibit in the Fine Arts Division! Almost all of the students won sections or got runner up awards, all of which contributed to Ma Ma Creek School taking out the most points for a school with under 40 students for the second year running! We're aiming to make it a hat-trick next year! Any mention of Art at our school must be accompanied by an enthusiastic acknowledgement of the fantastic program Mrs Sutton provides, and the results of her expert tutelage are evident!

If you missed seeing the school's artwork at the Show, please come along to the Exhibition on the weekend, where there will be more on display. The students are also invited to participate in the school sports activities, which kick off at 9.30, and they will be singing in the combined schools' choir, so we need them to stay until 1.00 for this performance. We are also looking for parent helpers to help with the burger stall we run each year at the Exhibition, and student helpers for the accompanying activity (this year it involves paper planes!). Thank you for supporting this wonderful event.

Just a reminder, too, that our morning activities start with reading time at 8.15, and this is followed by a morning activity. On Monday mornings Kirsten Murray is coming in for Athletics training from 8 am till 9 am this term. With the Athletics Carnival just two weeks away, it is a

great opportunity for your child to get some personalized coaching. We were successful in obtaining another Sporting Schools grant to fund this, and we are very grateful for their contribution to our school.

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.

History Incursion

This Thursday students will have the opportunity to be immersed in Australian History. We will be investigating the period from colonial times to the 1950s. We will look at people's daily lives, the technology they used and the food they ate. Students are invited to dress up in costume for the day. This is optional, there will also be items available at school for dress ups on the day.





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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.

Student of the Week:

Week 1 – Teejay Krause

Week 2 – Cristyn Gray



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.

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 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

The landscaping works at the front of the school are now well underway with our new sandstone path to the office being laid over the past week. The front gate is now open again, please pick up and drop off through the pedestrian gate.

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