



# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

May	
9	P&C AGM 5:45pm
11	Zone Cross Country
12	<b>Mother's</b> Day Markets
15-17	NAPLAN
June	
4	Sing Out Rehearsal
13	Sing Out
29	Ball games Tent Hill Lower SS

*Hello Parents and Care Givers,*

Here we are half way through Term 2 already, and the students are well immersed in their Term 2 units!

Congratulations to our students who represented themselves and the school proudly at the Anzac day ceremonies at both Gatton and Ma Ma Creek. Special mention to Teejay, Deena and Mathew who delivered the resolutions at the Ma Ma Creek service. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but a number of people have spoken highly of our students' conduct at the services.

## P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:45pm. During this meeting reports from 2017 will be tabled, and all executive positions will be declared vacant.

We have a small, but very active P&C group who do a fantastic job in providing fantastic school uniforms, tuckshop, stalls and numerous other fundraising activities. Most importantly the P&C create a sense of community for our wonderful school, making it a unique and nurturing environment for children, parents and staff.

I would encourage as many people as possible to attend.

## Cross Country

Students aged nine (Born 2009) and above this year, will be participating in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Lake Apex.

The expectation is that all of our students in these age groups will participate on this day.

We are asking for parents to be responsible for taking their children to and from the Cross Country or organising transport for their children.

The students have been training hard with Mr Donaldson and have been training themselves during the week.

## NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 5 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 15-17 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

## German News

Hallo Liebe Leute,

This unit we are writing about a „Super Figur,“ an imaginary character or our improved selves. This is a great opportunity to experiment with the German language.

I am also taking the opportunity to introduce facts about German speaking countries. Not many people know that by using toll roads in Queensland,



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you have a business connection to the Kapsch family, who have been in the high-tech business for over 125 years. Other major Austrian businesses include Spar and RedBull. You may have a solar inverter or some car parts made in Austria, too. Great achievement for a nation of less than 9 million and almost 16 000km away.

## Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mums for this coming Sunday. We certainly hope you have wonderful day and are able to put your feet up for the day.

## Classroom News

This term in English our yr. 4-6 students are working on a multi-age unit of work. They are examining a range articles and reports from journals and newspapers. The students are specifically looking at different viewpoints and how the language used can influence the perspective of the reader. At the end of the unit, students will select information and create a multimodal feature article that presents a particular point of view about an issue.

The P-3 students are examining a series of narrative texts. They will chose one to innovate on the story and use software to create a digital version.

## Minecraft

As mentioned last term, our school was chosen to participate in a pilot program to work in conjunction with Microsoft and the Department of Education in implementing an education edition of Minecraft. This format of Minecraft is a new edition specifically designed for use in the classroom.

We had an introductory lesson last week. The students will be recreating the school layout and buildings in Mine Craft to scale. The students will apply mapping and measurement skills in order to complete this activity.

## School bike track

We are fortunate to have our very own bike track which is very popular with the students. It is great to see them enjoying the track and being active.

However as our number one priority at school is the safety of our students we are stipulating that the children wear bike helmets if they are going to be using the track.

The children use the track Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We ask they bring their helmets to school those days if they are going to use the track.

## Joke of the week

Q: Why are pirates called pirates?  
A: Cause they arrrrr.

Q: What washes up on very small beaches?  
A: Microwaves!

## This month in history

May 8 1942 – The battle of the Coral Sea began

May 10 1994 – Nelson Mandela is inaugurated as President of South Africa.

May 12 1937 - George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London, following the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII.

## Student of the Week

Chase Walker

and Clayton Allen





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