

# Ma Ma Messages



## Hello Parents and Caregivers

### Principal's Diary

Wednesday Nov 14 – Finance meeting at Ma Ma Creek SS

Thursday Nov 15 – Cluster planning Gatton SS

Camp is nearly here! We are looking forward to taking the Year 4 to 6 students away on their annual camp to Numinbah Environmental Education Centre in the Gold Coast hinterland.

We will be joined by Mt Sylvia and Mt Whitestone Schools. Along with myself and Mrs Sutton, Mr Thompson from Mt Sylvia and Mrs Bauer from Mt Whitestone will be joining us, to ensure that we have more than enough people to help our campers.

As there are only 2 weeks left before we depart, please ensure that you're very thorough and vigilant in organising what is needed to take on camp, as it's not very nice for a camper when something is forgotten. I am sure we will be in for a thoroughly enjoyable and engaging 3 days.

Whilst the year 4-6's are away on camp we will be holding our second Pre-prep morning. Mrs Muirhead and Mrs Schmidt will be organising the session. If you know of any families with Prep aged children for 2019, please let them know of the program on offer.

Our Prep – 3 students will be participating in an excursion to the Queensland Museum on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov to see the Star Lab exhibit. More information regarding this will be sent home as the date nears.

### Christmas Concert

We've managed to book the dining room at the Tent Hill Hotel for our Christmas Concert this year. This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Information about the evening will be sent out to parents in due course.

### Remembrance Day

This year Remembrance Day falls on this coming Sunday. There will be a service at the Ma Ma Creek hall with the laying of Wreaths commencing at 10:30am. A note will be sent home to our student leaders to indicate if they will be attending the service and participate in the laying of the wreath on behalf of the school.

### Joke of the Week

**Q. What has 8 wheels and flies?**

A. Garbage truck.

**Q. How do you get straight A's?**

A. Use a ruler.



### Digital technology – Parenting Tips

I've included an article by Martine Oglethorpe, regarding some guidelines for parents.

This week's article includes two of her nine guidelines. The remaining guidelines will appear in sub-sequent newsletters.

Technology is everywhere now, in our homes, in our pockets, and perhaps worryingly for many parents, in our children's hands. Every family is different, and will have their own ideas around what's considered 'normal' or acceptable use of our beloved devices, which means there's no universal answer.

However, there are some suggestions that can help you build some rules of your own and bring some order to the way your children use digital devices at home. Before we help our young people, it's best to look at our own digital habits to make sure we are providing them with what they need – that is, leading by example and being balanced role models who know when to use and when not to use their devices.

#### **1. Know what the rules and expectations are at school**

School digital device policies make a great starting point for families. Every school is different – some let students keep mobile phones in lockers or backpacks, while others allow limited mobile phone usage between classes or even during class time to aid with assignments. Make sure that you and your child know what the rules are at school. Importantly, support the school and keep your own expectations in line with theirs.

#### **2. Specify hours for digital use**

Set the ground rules for when your youngsters can use their tablets and phones, and when they need to shut them off for the night. It's just a smart way to build a habit for the whole family so it becomes ingrained and just the way things are done in your home. Keep in mind that this age group faces tremendous peer pressure to be online 24/7, and even though they'd never admit it, it might be helpful for them to have an acceptable 'way out' from their demanding digital life.

Have a great week,

Nathan de Mey

## Behaviour Focus

Week 5&6 – Effort – *Always strive for best effort*



### **Market Report**

Ma Ma Creek Markets this Saturday 7-12noon. Once again, we will have fresh fruit and vegies, as well as fresh muffins for morning tea.

Please Continue to support our quaint markets, as funds raised at our stall go to the Student Project Club here at Ma Ma Creek State School.

As part of recycling week we will have a kids activity using recycled materials. Please come along, do your general shopping, as well as local pure honey and all your Christmas present requirements.

### Students of the week:

Congratulations to the following students for an awesome effort!!



**Teejay Krause – Student of the Week** – *Great teamwork and effort in the Lockyer Zone STEM Challenge!*

## Dates to Remember

Swimming Commences	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October (Week 1-8)
Ma Ma Creek Markets	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day and “Friends of Ma Ma”	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Yr 6 High School Afternoons	12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Camp	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Swim Carnival	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Concert	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Behaviour rewards afternoon	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Whole school end of year celebration	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
First day of Term	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January

### Quote of the Week

*“When writing the story of your life, don’t let anyone else hold the pen.”*  
Harley Davidson.





**Jakobi busy in his digital technologies lesson.**



**Well done Teejay!**



**Congratulations Nicola on your winning Student entry 'The Life of a Meat Ant' for the Lockyer Upper Catchment Link photo competition.**



