



Aim High With Praise

# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	
01	School Photos
03	Mobile Library Van
04	Under 8s Day
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
17	Book Week Costumes Mobile Library Van P & C Meeting
18	Soccer/Netball Carnival Last day of term
<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
05	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
06	First day of Term 4

## 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.)

**07-18/09** Long Service Leave

## Book Club

Please note that Book Club orders are due back to the school no later than Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Students of the Week

Toby and Reuben were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

## In the Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Toby:	Ruby Words
Zharlea:	Purple Words
Grace:	Turquoise Words Olive Words
Clayton:	Cobalt Words
Damon:	Crimson Words
Lachlan E:	Ruby Words
Reuben:	Topaz Words Turquoise Words

## Homework Heroes

Each week your child is given a home reader to read each night and homework to be completed by the end of the week.

Last week's Homework Heroes were: *Dusty, Chase, Samuel, Toby, Deena, Matthew, Teejay, Lachlan T, Alex, Sasha, Cindy, Zharlea, Sam, Jasper, Trent, Shanoa, Jenayah.*

## Gardening Report

Over the last two weeks, we have dug up, shifted and replanted all Hippeastrum bulbs from beside the office building.

Let's hope we get a bit more rain to make them flower soon. A special thank-you to Alex's and Clayton's families for donating the manure to make our gardens grow better and more delicious vegies. It has been very much appreciated.

We have also put climbing bean seeds into punnets to sell at the next

Ma Ma Creek Markets on Saturday, 12th September.

Please come along and support our school stall. We will be selling notebooks, shredded paper for pets/gardens, plants, seedlings as well as other homemade goodies.

## Long Service Leave

I will be on Long Service Leave from next Monday until the end of this term. Mrs King will be taking my class for this period of time and we welcome her to our school. Mrs Hazeldene will be Acting Principal during my absence.

## Under 8's Day

Friday the 04<sup>th</sup> September from 9:00am until noon is the Annual Lockyer Valley Under 8's Day held at Gatton State School.

It is expected that all of our Prep – Year 2 students will attend this morning of great activities.

A program for the day was sent home last week.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to organise transport for their child to and from this event.

## Teacher Aide Day 4 September

We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers.

The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise

engaging and educational activities each day.

We are very fortunate to have such a committed and professional group of Teacher Aides at our school and on behalf of the school community would like to thank Mrs Sutton, Mrs Brand and Mrs Schmidt very much for the work they do in our school.

## **School Support Staff Week**

This week is School Support Staff Week where we acknowledge the wonderful work of our support staff such as Administrative Assistants, Cleaners and Groundspeople.

At our school we have a very competent and dedicated group of people who provide valuable services to us.

On behalf of the school community would like to thank Mrs Bruntflett, Miss Jemma and Mr & Mrs Halstead very much for the work they do in our school.

## **Chappie's Corner**

### **Helping your children learn**

As a parent you have a crucial role to play in helping your children learn. They absorb their values and attitudes from you as they watch and listen to you. You can choose to be more strategic about how you help them develop their attitudes and habits. To be successful problem solvers and confident at tackling seemingly difficult questions in schoolwork, children need to learn **resilience**.

Resilience in learning is a very important habit that leads to success. As a parent you can help your children develop this trait. It's not hard really.

By giving your child small responsibilities at home and insisting they complete these tasks you help them learn to stick at something till it's done. How important is this in tackling a maths problem!

When they attempt to solve some small problem eg tying shoelaces, using a knife and fork, training a pet, they learn that success usually doesn't come first time. They need to

try again and again, to actually struggle with the problem to achieve success. Allow them to work on this with your support and encouragement, perhaps help them think through a better way by asking a pertinent question. Don't jump in and do it for them; curb your impatience and allow them to think things through.

Their pleasure at achieving their goal is powerful. As well they are learning to stick with it and not to give up – resilience. They are learning to solve problems – that they can do it. This way, children develop confidence in their ability to solve problems and don't give up too easily.

As parents you are your child's first and most important teachers.

## **P&C News**

### **Catering Help Needed**

The P&C Association are catering for two events in the near future on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and would appreciate it if you were able to provide items of baking for these events or help out on either day.

If you are able to provide baking could this please be dropped to the school by the Friday before the event.

If you are able to help out on either of these days, please contact a member of the executive for more details.

### **Pub Raffles**

The following dates are those where our P&C Association conducts the raffles at the Tenthill Hotel.

02/10; 04/12.

If you are able to help on any of these evenings, please let the P&C Executive know.

### **Toy Catalogue**

Please note that Toy Catalogue Fundraiser orders are due back to school by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will be every Monday and orders need to be in by Thursday of each week.

Please place your money in an envelope and write your order on the order form attached to each week's newsletter.

We would like to thank Tenthill Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

## **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 08<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm.

## **Community News**

### **Lions Club of Gatton's Father's Day Breakfast & Market**

Lions Club of Gatton's Father's Day Breakfast & Market to be held in support of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. Breakfast served from 7am at the Ma Ma Creek Community Hall.

### **Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets**

The Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 7am until 12 noon.