**Ma Ma Messages**

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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.)

**Students of the Week**

Dusty and Sasha were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week awards.

**Back to school in 2016**

Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Wednesday 27th of January 2016.

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**In the Classroom**

**Sight Words Certificates:**

Matthew: Salmon Words
         Cranberry Words

Zharlea:  Rose Words
         Lemon Words

Trent:  Olive Words
        Cobolt Words

Reuben: Mustard Words

Dusty: Red 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, Samuel, Toby, Deena, Matthew, Lachlan T, Cindy, Sasha, Zharlea, Lachlan E, Grace, Trent, Jenayah.

**Ma Ma Creek’s 135th Birthday**

Last Thursday afternoon the school hosted an afternoon tea to celebrate our 135th Birthday. This was a great afternoon despite the very hot weather and we thank all of those who attended for making it so memorable.

Special thanks must go to the staff of the school for all their hard work in preparing for the afternoon tea.

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**Report Cards**

Reports will go home on Thursday 10th of December.

**Concert**

Our end of year concert will be held this Thursday 03rd of December commencing at 5:15pm.

The concert will this year involve students performing music items from both classes as well as a whole school nativity play.

These items will be followed by our book presentations to students.

The order of events will be:

- 5:15pm – sausage sizzle (kindly provided by the P&C Association)
- 6:15pm – 2014 in review
- Concert Items
- Book presentations
- Supper (please bring a plate of food to share for supper)

**Chappie’s Corner**

Q. What never eats at Christmas time?
A. The turkey - it’s usually STUFFED!

Q. What goes “oh, oh, oh”?
A. Santa walking backwards!
Q. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
A. Jungle bells, jungle bells!

Q. Which of Santas reindeer has bad manners?
A. Rude-olph!

I would like to wish you safe and happy holidays as you begin to prepare for having your children home all the time! Here is a recipe for biscuits you could make together with your children:

**Star Biscuits**

You will need

- 100 grams margarine or butter
- 150 grams plain flour
- 1 egg
- 75 grams sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice.

Baking tray lined with baking paper or greased with oil / butter.

Rolling pin, star cutters.

Wash your hands first!

**Method**

1. Heat the oven to 180 degrees
2. Mix the spices into the flour.
3. Rub the butter into this flour mixture – have fun here!
4. Cream the egg with the sugar
5. Stir the egg mix into the flour mixture. It should be like a dough
6. Dust a rolling pin and work surface with flour.
7. Roll out the dough and using the cutters create your star shapes
8. Put the stars onto the baking tray
9. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown
10. Allow to cool on tray before putting on a rack or towel.
11. If you wish you can ice and decorate.

May your Christmas be a precious time with family and loved ones as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

**P&C News**

**Funeral Catering**
The P&C Association are catering for a funeral on Friday and would like your support in providing baking or helping out on the day. If you are able to provide baking, please have it to the school on Friday morning. This is expected to be a large funeral so if you can help out on the day, please let a member of the P&C Executive know.

**Christmas Raffle**
Thank you to all those people who have made donations to our Christmas raffle this year. A book of tickets was sent home last week and a reminder that the money and any unsold tickets need to be returned to the school no later than tomorrow Wednesday 02nd December.

**Pub Raffles**
The following dates are those where our P&C Association conducts the raffles at the Tenthill Hotel. 04/12.

If you are able to help on this night, please let the P&C Executive know.

**P&C Meeting**
Please note that the next P&C Meeting will now be held at the Tenthill Hotel on Thursday 10th December at 5:30pm.

**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.

**Community News**

**Deepest Condolences**
Our school community would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ester Cook (Webster) who passed away recently. Ester was a past student of our school and will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

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

**Rope Hill Community Christmas Carol Evening**
This event will be held at the Rope Hill Community Sports Centre on Monday 07th December commencing with a BBQ meal at 6 pm. Steak burgers, sausages and drinks will be on sale. The program will follow a similar format to that of past years. In the event of wet weather, the alternate venue of the Tent Hill Baptist Church will be available. The special guest this year is Brendon Walmsley, accompanied by his brothers.