



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

February	
Week 2	
06	Mobile Library Van
Week 3	
13	P&C Meeting
Week 4	
17	School Leaders Speeches
20	Mobile Library Van
21	Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
24	School Leaders badge Presentation
March	
Week 6	
06	Mobile Library Van
Week 7	
13	P&C Meeting
Week 8	
20	Mobile Library Van
Week 9	
April	
Week 10	
04	Last day of Term

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.)

26 Feb Cluster Principal's Meeting

Students of the Week

Terry and Samuel were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2014 school year. We would like to welcome back Miss McConnell-Green, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Schmidt, Mrs Bruntflett, Miss Jemma and Mrs Thorpe. Miss McConnell-Green will be teaching in our school 1 day a week (Thurs) to provide my Administration Day. We are really looking forward to once again working with the staff, parents, students and community to maintain the excellent reputation and outcomes that Ma Ma Creek has achieved in the past. Please note that the newsletter will be coming home with the eldest student in the family each Tuesday. Also note that parades are now on a Monday morning at 8:45am. Please ensure your child is at school no later than 8:45am each day.

New Students

Welcome to our new Prep student, Zharlea, as well as our other new enrolments Clayton, Phoenix, Katie and Jelica.

Thanks

Thank-you to David and Jill Halstead for their efforts over the holidays in maintaining the grounds and having them look fantastic for the first day of school.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated groundspeople who make it a pleasure to come to work each day.

Thank-you also to Cecil and Pat at the Ma Ma Creek Village Store for collecting the school mail during the holidays.

Bookwork and Homework

Your child should have brought home with this newsletter a booklet which contains our school's Bookwork Policy and Homework Policy. Please take the time to read through these documents.

We have provided an induction into these policies to the students last week and would appreciate your support in reminding your child about the importance of these two aspects of their schooling.

Book Club

The first Book Club for the year was sent home with this newsletter. Please note that these orders are due back to the school no later than Friday 14th February.

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 9am – 10am (Tues – Thurs). 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.

It can become quite disruptive for the students routine if volunteers do not show up when planning has been done around their attendance.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these sessions please don't hesitate to contact Mr P at the school.

Issues or Concerns

We really appreciate parents/carers raising any issues or concerns they have around their child's education as soon as these become apparent. To ensure that any issues or concerns can be dealt with efficiently and effectively parents/carers need to 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.

Mr P will be taking an Admin Day every Thursday this year. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Mr Pearen, please do so either before or after school or on a Thursday after 10:00 am.

In the Classroom

Homework

Below is an outline of how homework will be structured for the students. Please note that as outlined in the Homework Policy sent home with this newsletter that students who do not complete the set homework will have to complete this in their playtime.

Each student will receive homework on a Friday of each week which is to be completed and returned by the following Friday.

Students will also have a Home Reader which is to be read each night by the student and brought back to school the next day. It is important that parents support us in this by ensuring these books and

recording forms are signed and returned each day.

Homework is not meant to be an onerous task for families but is valuable in reinforcing the work that is being done at school.

If you have any questions regarding homework, please don't hesitate to contact Mr P.

School Leaders

This week our three Year 6 & 7 students, Jelica, Bernie and Terry will receive a letter regarding the School Leader position.

These students are not automatically given this important role in our school. They must agree to follow the school rules to the best of their ability and set a good example for their schoolmates. They will also need to be available to represent the school at official functions.

If they cannot maintain a high standard of conduct, they will lose their position.

These students will present a speech on parade on Monday 17th February outlining how they will be able to fulfil the role.

Library Borrowing

Our school library borrowing will be every Friday afternoon. **Students should have a library bag to put their books in to help keep them in good condition.** It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child/ren to borrow from the library regularly and support them with their reading.

School Parking

In the interests of playground safety, I am asking all parents visiting our school in school hours (8 am – 4 pm) to please **park outside the school grounds** unless it is necessary to park inside (wet weather, deliveries etc).

Our school can get very busy some mornings and afternoons and it is too difficult to keep an eye on all students in the playground.

We cannot knowingly compromise the safety of our children.

Great Results

Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.



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CHAPPIE'S CORNER

Welcome to a new year at our school!

2014 should prove to be a great year of learning and development for our children.

This is my second year as your school chaplain and I am excited to be with you again. I hope that this year I can serve you and your children as well as the staff of our school in a range of ways. I love to assist in the classrooms, to help children with their learning and assist them in their social – emotional wellbeing.

We know that if children are not happy or feel unsafe that it is very hard for them to learn. That makes sense; they are distracted and often worry during the day. Thus learning becomes a lesser priority. When children feel safe, loved and secure they are better able to learn. We all want the best for our children. I hope and pray that I can be of use in this way to you and your children.

Ten Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting
2. Speak without accusing
3. Give without sparing
4. Pray without ceasing
5. Answer without arguing
6. Share without pretending
7. Enjoy without complaint
8. Trust without wavering
9. Forgive without punishing
10. Promise without forgetting

Do you agree with these? I know that some of them would be hard for me! I came across these online and found myself challenged. Hope the challenge makes you think too.

Chappy Margaret Thorpe

P&C News

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 Patricia and Cecil Stuart at the Ma Ma Creek Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting of the year will be held at the school on Thursday 13th February at 5:30pm. If you would like to become a member of the P&C please come along to this meeting to register.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 13th March at 5:30pm where the executive for 2014 will be elected. I would encourage any member who wishes to nominate for an executive position to come along to both these meetings.