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### Dates to Remember

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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

Crystal and Alex were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week awards.

### In the Classroom

**Sight Words Certificates:**

- Grace: Flamingo Words
- Clayton: Yolk Words
- Koby: Red Words
- Lachlan E: Peacock Words
- Dusty: Blue 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: Chase, Toby, Matthew, Teejay, Lachlan T, Alex, Sasha, Cindy, Zharlea, Grace, Trent.

### Project Club Report

This Saturday, 12th December, will be the last Ma Ma Creek Markets for this year. Please support our student-run stall once again.

We will be selling plants, gingerbread, notebooks etc, but there will also be a gingerbread decorating activity for kids. For a gold coin donation you can take a photo of your child with "SANTA" at our stall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our student helpers as well as those people that have donated items for us to sell. A special thank-you must go to Cindy Storey who attended every market stall we ran this year.

With the proceeds of the market stall as well as the Lucky Dip at Exhibition time, we managed to purchase a "Striker -XB" Football Table, which will be used for the first time tomorrow.

### 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.

### Thanks

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to many people.

I would like to thank the staff of the school who continually put so much work into our school and consistently show so much pride in our school. The work that they do is often way beyond what would be reasonably expected from staff. They really are a credit to our school. I would like to thank them for their support and really look forward to working with them in 2016.

Thanks must go to the small band of people who make up our P & C Association for all their hard work to provide our students with great resources and wonderful opportunities. These people lead busy lives but always make our school a high priority and give up so much time for us. Special mention to the executive of Grant Storey, Janelle Warburton and Mandy Roworth.

A special thanks must go to Jill and Dave Halstead for the work that they put into our school grounds. We are so lucky to have people who take so much pride in what they do. The school always looks magnificent and it is something that we can all be proud of.

We would also like to thank Kerry Lyness and Monique Bennett for their volunteer work in our classrooms this year.

I’d also like to thank our most valued assets in our school, the students. I feel so much pride in being part of the Ma Ma Creek State School when I am with the students because of the way they conduct themselves wherever we are.
I wish our Year 6 students Cindy, Jenayah and Katie all the best as they move on to meet many new and interesting challenges in life beyond Primary School. Finally, I would like to wish all of our families all the best for the Holiday Season and a safe and happy New Year.

Report Cards
Reports will go home this Thursday 10th of December.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Break-Up Day
Friday 11th of December is our last day of the school year. There will be a sausage sizzle and ice blocks provided at school at 12.00 pm as lunch for the whole school. Please come and join us if you are able.

Chappie’s Corner
I am very pleased to be able to announce that we have been successful in receiving funding to retain our Chaplain for the next 3 years. This is great news for our school as we value the great contribution Mrs Thorpe makes to our school community.

P&C News
Catering Thanks
The P&C Association would like to thank all those people who assisted in any way with the funeral catering last Friday. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Raffle
Thankyou to all of those people who made donations to our Christmas raffle. Thanks also to all those people who purchased tickets in the raffle. The raffle was a huge success with over 700 tickets being sold. Your support is very much appreciated.

Tuckshop
We would like to thank Tenthill Store who have been the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop this year.

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.

Community News
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.

Help the Farmers
As you would be aware the farmers in the western parts of our state are suffering one of the worst droughts in history. If you would like to support these people by donating non-perishable goods, these can be dropped at the school by Thursday afternoon and we will arrange to have them sent to these needy communities.

Lockyer Valley Libraries
GET LOST in Lockyer Valley Libraries these Summer Holidays and break the boredom. Lockyer Valley Libraries will be launching its National Summer Reading Club for over the school holidays on 1st December. Pop into your library to register and receive an activity book, activities calendar and incentive prizes. Remember the more times you borrow, the more chances you have of winning a SUPER prize.
There is a range of Summer Reading Club activities at Lockyer Valley Libraries during January, that will take you and your children (ages 3-12 yrs) into a Lost World. Transform into a wild thing, create your own prehistoric creature, take on the ‘Lost World’ Lego challenge, join us for a scavenger hunt and much, much more. If you like technology we have Ardublock programming fun, MakiMaki inventions and Ozobots – code, move and groove.
Register with Summer Reading Club NOW!! For more information contact - Gatton Library Ph: 5466 3434 / Laidley Library Ph: 5466 8867