



Aim High With Praise

# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

March	
Week 7	
11	Grandparents Day
12	P&C AGM
Week 8	
19	Mobile Library Van
Week 9	
27	Cricket, Kanga, Softball Carnival
April	
Week 10	
02	Mobile Library Van 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.)

27 Mar Cricket Carnival

## Book Club

Please note that the latest Book Club orders are due back to the school no later than Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## Students of the Week

Dusty and Shanoa were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

## In the Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Trent: Aqua Words

Grace: Scarlet Words  
Crimson Words

Lachlan E: Green 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.

To acknowledge those students who commit to completing these tasks each week we have initiated our Homework Heroes where students will receive recognition both in class and through the newsletter.

Last week's Homework Heroes were: *Teejay, Katie, Sasha, Jasper, Matthew, Cindy, Alex, Trent, Jenayah, Shanoa, Toby, Chase, Zharlea, Koby.*

## LOTE (German) News

Hello everyone and a belated welcome back to 2015! Students are working very hard in German lessons and have been learning about school and talking about their favourite subject as well as learning to tell the time in German. I have been impressed by the effort students have put in to learning to tell the time and also the focus and enthusiasm that students are showing in German lessons. They will have two pieces of assessment by early next term, a written letter in the form of an in class test and a listening test which will occur during class time.

I am looking forward to working with students this year and in seeing their growth in their understanding of German. Alles beste, Frau Chapman

## My New Sister

Below is a letter written by Jaden to welcome the birth of his new sister on Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> March.

*I am talking about my new baby sister. She has some beautiful bright blue eyes. She has lovely cheeks and long toes. Her name is Azura Grace. My brother Reece told me Azura's name. She was born last Monday and she sleeps a lot and Azura is 8 pounds.*

Congratulations to Jaden, Majenta and his family on the new arrival to their family.

## School Review

As mentioned in the last few newsletters, our school was involved in a School Review with members from the School Improvement Unit visiting our school for two days.

This review is now complete and a report with the findings of the review will be sent to the school in the next few weeks.

I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and school community for the positive way in which they were involved in this review and look forward to sharing the findings with you.

## CHAPPIE'S CORNER

### Teaching our children how to be cyber smart

Does your child take their phone, ipad, ipod or other tech device into their bedroom at night?

Do you know if they are woken during the night by someone wanting to connect with them?

Do you really want them connecting with someone, whether it is friend or stranger when they really need to be asleep?

As a parent we need to be tech wise and establish guidelines and boundaries. It's okay to say "No you can't have your device in the bedroom at night."

Australian psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg tells how he has a hall table set up with all the chargers for his families' devices. When his children go to bed (even the teenagers) they have to put their device on the charger and not access it until the next morning. He knows how important good sleep is to his children – to growing, coping and learning.

We also need to monitor regularly how safe they being when online, show them how to block and avoid risky sites and contacts. This website is a good teaching playground to help your children learn cyber safety:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

## P&C News

### Pub Raffles

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

20/03; 29/05; 31/07; 02/10; 04/12.

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

### 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 P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm where the executive for 2015 will be elected. I would encourage any member who wishes to nominate for an executive position to come along to this meeting.

## Community News

### 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.