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**Students of the Week**

Matthew, Levi and Kasey were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week Awards.

**In The Classroom**

**Sight Word Certificates:**

- Deena: Sapphire Words
- Kasey: Fuchsia Words

**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 2014.

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, Kim Hyland and Kelly Cubis.

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 Kathleen Peacock and Kelly Cubis 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 7 students Ben, Chloe and Georgina all the best as they move on to meet many new and interesting challenges in life beyond Primary School. All of these students have done a wonderful job as school leaders this year.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families all the best for the Holiday Season and a safe and happy New Year.

**Back to school in 2014**

Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Tuesday 28th of January 2014.

**Concert**

Our end of year concert will be held this Thursday 12th of December commencing at 5:30pm.

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

These items will be followed by our book presentations to students.
This year we will not be presenting subject awards as we feel we would like to acknowledge the wonderful effort and work of all of our students.

The order of events will be:
- **5:30pm** – sausage sizzle (kindly provided by the P&C Association)
- **6:15pm** – 2013 in review
- Concert Items
- Book presentations
- Supper (please bring a plate of food to share for supper)

**Report Cards**
Reports will go home tomorrow, Wednesday 11\(^{th}\) 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 13\(^{th}\) of December is our last day of the school year. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and ice blocks provided at school at 12.30 pm as lunch for the whole school. Please come and join us if you are able.

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**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

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**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 yesterday and a reminder that the money and any unsold tickets need to be returned to the school no later than Thursday 12\(^{th}\) December.

**Tuckshop**
We would like to thank the Ma Ma Creek Store who has been the provider of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week this year.

**Thanks**
The P&C Association would like to thank those people who helped out at the BBQ last Saturday. Your help and support was greatly appreciated.