



Ma Ma Messages

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Aim High With Praise

12th October 2017

Dates to Remember

| October | |
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| Fridays | Swimming |
| 14 | Ma Ma Markets |
| 16 | Student Free Day |
| November | |
| 3 | Whole staff PBL Training |
| 19 | Social Tennis |
| 23 | Swimming Carnival |

The calendar will also be available on the school's website for your perusal at any time.

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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.)

12th of October: State Schooling Roadshow, Highfields.

18th-20th October: Quality Leadership Capability Enhancing Program, various schools.

4th November: Writing Workshop, Brisbane.

From the Principal

Welcome back to the final term of 2017. It's hard to believe we're here already, except when you look

back at how much we've achieved so far this year!

You will have noticed that progress is finally underway in our landscaping project, we have engaged a new contractor, and look forward to completion in a timely manner.

It is, of course, another busy term. Already the Year 5s have had the opportunity to meet and speak with Commonwealth Games athlete Tessa Wallace. She talked about her journey, and the rigorous training she keeps up to maintain peak performance. She also spoke about how important healthy eating is to maintain healthy bodies.

We have added a spectacular chook caravan to our infrastructure, and we are entirely indebted to the Poole family for their generosity and ingenuity.

The students have begun their robotics program. We are very fortunate to have Mr Shane Krog delivering the program to the students. The upper class is working with the LEGO Mindstorm robots, and the lower class are working with BeeBots. We are growing the robotic geniuses of the future!

The 4s and 5s are yet to launch their rockets, and are looking forward to the opportunity to do that in Week 4, on Monday. It will happen first up, so if you are around, you are welcome to join in the countdowns! The students will

fill you in on the very strict safety requirements for the day.

Last term we entered the Cobb & Co Carnival of Flowers Hanging Basket competition, and although we didn't win, our entry sat very proudly amongst the multitude of entries. It was entitled "You've got to Nourish to Flourish."

We hosted 75 Year 4 students from Gatton State School today. They joined us for lunch as part of their annual history excursion. We always enjoy the visit, and our students get to briefly appreciate what it would feel like to attend a bigger school.

Camp will be held for Years 3-6 in Week 9 of this term (29th of Nov to the 1st of Dec), at the Currumbin Community Farm Campus. Details will follow. An alternate activity will be organised for the P-2s.

If at any time you are not sure what's coming up on the school calendar, please visit our school website, where upcoming events are listed on the front page. You will find the address/ link in the first column of this newsletter.

Rewards Day

By Nicola

On rewards day for Term 3 we went to **Kloud9**. It was so much fun! They have this really cool indoor tramp dodgeball area. We had races on the trampoline squares, and you had to jump all the way to the wall and back without falling over!



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P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting has been postponed till a later date.

Student Free Day

By Chase

Don't forget that Monday the 16th of October is a student free day.

New Chook Pen

A big thank you goes to Des and Linda Poole for designing, building and delivering our new mobile chook pen. Steve, Red and Hughie really appreciate their new home.

Ma Ma Market Report

Our Student Project stall at the last MMC Markets on 9th September was another good effort, with a profit of just under \$100 made. The fresh fruit and vegies, organised by Mr. and Mrs. Sutton from Fordsdale Organics, are always a big drawcard. For our remaining 3 markets for this year, that is this Saturday 14 Oct, Saturday 11 November and the big Christmas Market on Saturday 9 December, we need a firm commitment of a couple of students to help out, as it can get very busy and there are lots of jobs to do. You can also help by telling your friends and relatives about our budding market, they can get all their gift, plant, craft, fruit and vegetable shopping done in the one place.

Please come along this Saturday from 7 – 12 to support our local

community and Ma Ma Creek S.S. Student Project Club.

PBL

By Clayton and Krystal
Congratulations to all our award recipients this past fortnight.

Student of the Week:

Teejay Krause

Homework Heroes:

Teejay, Nicola, Zharlea

Just a reminder that we would like to include a community representative on our PBL panel. This will require a commitment of one full day of training each term, and attendance at PBL meetings once a fortnight. If you are interested, please contact the school on 54627271.

Social Tennis

Thank you to all the members of our community who have attended social tennis. Our next tennis afternoon will be on Sunday, 19th November 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Please come along, and invite your friends and family. Children are welcome to bring their bikes and make use of the bike track on these occasions. The P&C will put on a sausage sizzle, and are looking for gold coin donations to support it.

Tuckshop

Our trusty Tuckshop Team will be providing a FREE Tuckshop for all

students next Thursday, 19th October.

Community Gardens

The landscaping works at the front of the school are back underway. We are very excited to see this amazing plan coming to life.

Swimming

Please remember to bring your swimming bags on Friday for week 2 of swimming.

Pre-Prep Day

We are running a Pre-Prep program every Thursday of this term. If you know of any pre-prep age children, please encourage their families to contact the school about joining in.

We would like to welcome Lacie to our classroom. The highlight of her first day here was meeting the chooks, and inspecting their mobile 5-star chook pen!

Homework

A brief reminder that homework is handed out every Tuesday, and it is to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Please ensure that your child or children return their Homework Folders daily for home reading, and complete their homework for a Friday submission.

Classroom Volunteers

A warm welcome goes to Mrs. Jennifer Buhse, who has kindly agreed to volunteer her time to



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help out at school on a Tuesday morning.

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 11.30am – 1pm (Mon – Fri). 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, so that routines can be followed, and learning time is maximised.

Ideas or Concerns

We really appreciate parents/carers raising any ideas or concerns they have around their child's education as soon as they occur. To ensure that these can be dealt with efficiently and effectively, we ask that you 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.

Thursday is my day off class. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with me, please do so

either before or after school or on a Thursday after 10:30 am.

We look forward to your continued support, as we venture fearlessly into the world of learning.

Warm regards,
Maree and staff

