



# Ma Ma Messages

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*Aim High With Praise*

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## Dates to Remember

<b>August</b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	
21	P & C Meeting
22	Lockyer Zone Athletics
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	
05	Under 8s Day
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
18	P & C Meeting

## 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.)

**01<sup>st</sup> Sept** Regional Principal's Meeting  
(Toowoomba – All Day)

## Fire Education

Last Friday the students participated in the annual Fire Education program. The presentation was very informative and the students enjoyed using the fire hose and sitting in the Fire Truck. The Preps particularly enjoyed setting off the lights and sirens on the truck.

## Students of the Week

Trent and Phoenix were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

## In the Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Hannah: Orange Words

Neika: Emerald Words

Chase: Orange Words

Trent: Pink Words

Phoenix: Golden Words

Damon: Indigo Words

## Lockyer Zone Athletics

We have several students who have been selected to attend the Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival at the Rope Hill Community Centre this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.

These students are:

- **Jelica**  
(High Jump, Shot Put, 200m)
- **Bernie**  
(Long Jump)
- **Connie**  
(High Jump, Shot Put, Discus)
- **Reuben**  
(Sprint, 200m)
- **Cindy**  
(Shot Put)
- **Reece**  
(Sprint, Shot Put, 800m, 200m)

Congratulations to all selected students and we wish them all the best at the Zone Carnival.

## Chappie's Corner

### The Secret to Raising Confident Kids

(by Michael Grose)

#### Part 1

The first habit from Stephen Covey's wonderful book "The 7 habits of highly effective people" states that we should start every project or undertaking with the end in mind. This principle holds true for any activity whether it's planting your vegie patch; renovating a house or raising children. When you know what you are trying to achieve then choosing the right strategies becomes easy. The end game or goal for parents is Redundancy. Yep, you read it right. Your job is to make yourself redundant as a parent from your child's earliest possible age. It always has been and always should be. When redundancy is your aim most of your time, effort and energy will go into promoting independence. You'll stop doing things for kids and start giving them opportunities to do things themselves. You'll spend most of your active parenting time teaching, explaining and prodding your child toward independence.

## Independence leads to the 4 C's

When independence becomes your priority then suddenly you've found a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children including the key four - confidence, competence, creativity and character. Here's how:

**Confidence** comes from facing your fears and doing things for yourself.

**Competence** comes from the opportunity to develop self-mastery that independence offers.

**Creativity** is developed when kids solve problems themselves as opposed to someone solving them on their behalf, or worse, keeping kids safe. It's amazing how resourceful kids can be when they are given the chance to resolve their own problems.

**Character**, which is essential for success, is forged under hardship and is needed if kids are to live a sturdy life. Kids need to be exposed to disappointment, failure and conflict if character strengths such as grit and perseverance are to be forged.

<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/August-2014/The-secret-to-raising-confident-kids>

## P & C News

### New Playground

The company installing the new playground at the school has confirmed that they will begin installation on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 21st August at 5:30pm.

### 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.

## Community News

### Lockyer Valley Libraries

#### PYJAMAS & PIZZA READING HOUR @ Lockyer Valley Libraries

Lockyer Valley Libraries are celebrating Book Week and Reading Hour by holding a Pyjamas & Pizza Reading Hour from 6-7pm Tuesday 19th August at both Gatton and Laidley branches.

It will be a fun and interactive storytime evening for the whole family. The evening is **free**, however **bookings are required**.

The Reading Hour is to remind parents and caregivers that reading together doesn't have to be a massive undertaking in their busy lives, and that sharing a book with a child for 10 minutes a day - or just over an hour a week - will still give their child the best chance of becoming a good reader along with all the social and educational benefits it brings.