



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

February	
Week 5	
25	Prep/School Leaders Photographs – Gatton Star
March	
Week 6	
05	School Review Mobile Library Van
06	School Review
Week 7	
12	P&C AGM
Week 8	
19	Mobile Library Van
Week 9	
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.)

26 - 27 Feb State Principal's Conference (Brisbane)

05 – 06 Mar School Review

Students of the Week

Crystal and Matthew were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Matthew: Garnet Words

Neika: Flamingo Words

Grace: Ruby 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: *Jasper, Katie, Cindy, Sasha, Alex, Shanoa, Clayton, Damon, Matthew, Teejay, Deena, Neika, Chase, Toby, Samuel, Zharlea, Crystal, Koby.*

Gatton Star Photos

Tomorrow morning a representative from the Gatton Star will be at the school to take photos of our Preps and School Leaders.

Parents of these students, please ensure that your child is in full school uniform for these photos.

If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please let Mr Pearen know before 9:00am tomorrow.

School review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 05 – 06 March.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has introduced new school reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015.

The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits, and are designed to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but, rather, give schools independent and quality feedback to help them improve teaching and learning at the school.

As with the audits, all schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report will be made available to parents and the community via the school website.

As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from you, our school community, and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say.

Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers please be at the school at 2:30pm on Thursday 05 March.

If you would like more information about the review process please speak to Mr Pearen.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

CHAPPIE'S CORNER

30 Healthy Ways to Teach Kids about Consent For Children Ages 5-12

1. Teach kids that the way their bodies are changing is great, but can sometimes be confusing. The way you talk about these changes—whether it's loose teeth or pimples—will show your willingness to talk about other sensitive subjects.

2. Encourage them to talk about what feels good and what doesn't. Do you like to be tickled? Do you like to be dizzy? What else? What doesn't feel good? Being sick, maybe? Or when another kid hurts you? Leave space for your child to talk about anything else that comes to mind.

3. Remind your child that everything they're going through is natural, growing up happens to all of us.

4. Teach kids how to use safe words during play, and help them negotiate a safe word to use with their friends. At this age, saying "no" may be part of the play, so they need to have one word that will stop all activity. Maybe it's a silly one like "Peanut Butter" or a serious one like, "I really mean it!" Whatever works for all of them is good.

5. Teach kids to stop their play every once in a while to check in with one another. Teach them to take a T.O. (time out) every so often, to make sure everyone's feeling okay.

6. Encourage kids to watch each other's' facial expressions during play to be sure everyone's happy and on the same page.

7. Help kids interpret what they see on the playground and with friends. Ask what they could do or could have done differently to help.

8. Don't tease kids for their boy-girl friendships, or for having crushes. If their friendship with someone else seems like a crush, don't mention it. You can ask them open questions like, "How is your friendship with Sarah going?" and be prepared to talk—or not talk—about it.

9. Teach children that their behaviours affect others. Ask them to observe how people respond when other people make noise or litter, and ask them what they think will happen as a result. Will someone else have to clean up the litter? Will someone be scared? Explain to kids how the choices they make affect others and talk about when are good times to be loud, and what are good spaces to be messy.

10. Teach kids to look for opportunities to help. Can they pick up the litter? Can they be quieter so as not to interrupt someone's reading on the bus? Can they offer to help carry something or hold a door open? All of this teaches kids that they have a role to play in helping ease both proverbial and literal loads.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/summeranne/30-healthy-ways-to-teach-kids-about-consent>

P&C News

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 12th 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 2nd Saturday of each month from 7am until 12 noon.