



Ma Ma Messages

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26th October 2017

Dates to Remember

October	
Fridays	Swimming
27	World Teachers Day
November	
3	Whole staff PBL Training
11	Remembrance Day Ma Ma Markets
19	Social Tennis
21	Hall Meeting
23	Swimming Carnival
29	School Camp begins

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.)

4th November: Writing Workshop, Brisbane.

From the Principal

As we welcome in November, we know that the pace will be hectic between now and Christmas. Please encourage your students to turn up every day, ready to be the

best person they can be. Learning becomes enjoyable, and almost effortless.

Our behavior focus for this week is to be an active class member, which comes under our values of respect (for self), integrity, and effort. Please ask your students to tell you what that means, and how they do it. It would be an added bonus if you ask them in the afternoons whether or not they were active class members today. This will help them to understand that you think it is important that they try their best.

Next week's behavior focus will be "I am a good sport." You might like to talk to them about what that means to you.

We are expecting the turf to be laid in the morning, so we would appreciate it if you could drop the students off at the bottom gate, just for Friday, and ask them to walk up through the flagpole area.

In line with our sustainability focus, we are having a litter-free lunch week next week. It would be great if you could support us in this. We've asked students to think about types of lunches that don't come in packaging, for example fruit and sandwiches, so that we have no litter from our lunches next week. This also has a side bonus. If we stay away from packaging, we tend to make healthier choices!

The chooks are VERY happy in their new enclosure. I think they're wondering what they did to deserve it, we know it's all those wonderful eggs they lay. I'm not sure about Steve's reason.

The Year 4 and 5 students have successfully launched the rockets they built last term. What a spectacular display! All different types of rockets, and all with different recovery systems, and... they all landed in the school grounds! Well nearly all. Toby's landed just outside, and Ty's... well, sorry Mr Sippell. We're very grateful to Chappy Tim for the opportunity.



Camp forms are coming home today for the 3 -5s. Please fill out the form, and return it with the \$30 bus fare at your earliest convenience.

Tomorrow we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Please encourage your students to express their gratitude for the VERY hard working, VERY caring and VERY



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dedicated staff that look out for their well-being, day in, day out.

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.

PBL

Congratulations to all our award recipients this past fortnight.

Student of the Week:

Week 3- Clayton Allen



Homework Heroes:

Week 2- Deena and Teejay

Week 3- Caleb, Krystal, Zharlea, Nicola and Teejay



Sightword Achievement Awards

Congratulations to Caleb, Jakobi, and Lillian



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 when the weather

permits. 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

The children really enjoyed the 'red food' tuckshop day last Thursday. Mrs Schmidt and some of the students also made a delicious salad and dressing for us all to enjoy at lunch time.

Litter Free Lunchboxes

It has been wonderful to see everyone making healthy choices for morning tea and lunch time. In Health, the students have been looking at food labels and how to meet their body's needs. Together with our science unit focussing on pollution and helping our Earth we have decided that next week we will be aiming for litter free lunch boxes. This is to reduce the amount of litter our school produces and also to encourage healthy eating.

Swimming

Please remember to bring your swimming bags on Friday.

Pre-Prep Day

We are running a Pre-Prep program every Thursday of this term. If you



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know of any pre-prep age children, please encourage their families to contact the school about joining in.

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

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.

Camel Calendars

Once again the P&C Association is participating in the 'Crazy Camel Fundraising'. Flyers with more information and an order form are attached to this newsletter.

Please note that orders need to be returned to the **school next week no later than Thursday 2nd November** to allow the orders to be returned before school finishes for the year.

Market Report

Our last market was held at the Community Centre grounds on Saturday, 14th October. Student Project Club Stall had the usual variety of fresh fruit and veggies, as well as lots of plants and of course, our famous herb and garlic butter. Due to uncertain weather conditions and quite a few other community events on that day, we

did not have a large crowd of customers.

As at most markets, Nicola was our only student helper on the day. She did a great job serving people and working out total spending as well as the correct change to give back to our customers.

Thank you also to Stephanie and Alan Muirhead for delivering the produce and equipment to the site in the morning.

Our next market will fall on Remembrance Day, Saturday 11th November 2017 from 7 – 12. Student Project club is hoping to make and sell fresh lemonade on the day, as well as fresh Anzac Biscuits made at school. Please talk about the need of students being involved in this very educational activity. Ultimately, the students at Ma Ma Creek S.S. are the ones that will be involved in how the money, raised by Project Club, will be spent.

School Gardens

A big thank-you must go to Alan Muirhead for helping out in the cottage garden beside the library. The large dietes bush he skilfully pruned with his chainsaw is re-growing already and the students have replanted the garden with Petunias, Lavender and Dianthus. With a bit more rain, we should have a burst of colour, as our Hippeastrum bulbs are just about to flower.



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Ma Ma Creek Community Centre Inc.

The Ma Ma Creek Community Centre Inc. had its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th October.

The new committee consists of Debbie Murray (President), Brendon Sippel (Treasurer) and Eva Schmidt (Secretary). There are exciting times ahead for this multi-purpose hall and we would like to encourage everyone in the wider community to become more involved, come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 21st November to discuss "the big event- The 83rd Ma Ma Creek Exhibition 2018" and exciting future grant applications to update parts of the facility.

Mark Pennycuick, Joann Sutton and Anne Cole, the Executive of the Exhibition Committee that has run the event over the last 3 years, has done a wonderful job in streamlining and documenting all areas of organisation.

This means that the way is paved for a new team to come in and get to work. We are calling on you to participate to ensure that this very unique, fantastic display of local skills can continue into the future. If you have any questions about how you can get involved, please contact Eva at Ma Ma Creek State School weekdays after 3:30 pm.

Warm regards,

Maree and staff