



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

February	
Week 2	
Week 3	
12	P&C Meeting
Week 4	
17	School Leaders Speeches
20	Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
24	School Leaders badge Presentation
March	
Week 6	
Week 7	
12	P&C Meeting
Week 8	
Week 9	
April	
Week 10	
02	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

Majenta, Crystal, Koby, Dusty and Phoenix were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Grace: Lemon Words
Rose Words

Clayton: Aqua Words
Rose Words
Purple Words

Damon: Lime Words

School Leaders

On Tuesday 17th February (8:45am) our 4 Year 6 students will be presenting speeches to the school outlining the qualities they will bring to the role of School Leaders.

The following Tuesday afternoon (2:30pm) our Student Leaders will be presented with their badges of office.

Library Borrowing

Our school library borrowing will be every Friday afternoon. **Students should have a library bag to put their books in to help keep them in good condition.** It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child/ren to borrow from the library regularly and support them with their reading.

No Smoking Within 5 Metres Of Our School

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation.

Book Club

The first Book Club for the year was sent home with this newsletter. Please note that these orders are due back to the school no later than Thursday 19th February.

CHAPPIE'S CORNER

Tips for settling in to school

Whether your child is starting Prep or going back to school, leaving the relaxed lifestyle of holidays can be upsetting. The first few days / week will be a time to settle in, get used to the routine, new teachers, friends.

Some handy hints by Jenni Connor may be of help:

- Make sure your child is on time for school in the morning, has all necessary equipment and has a relaxed, organised start from home.
- A steady routine and being equipped with information will help your child feel in control and more at ease with all the change of a new beginning.
- Young children often have changing friendship circles. Some may turn into lasting friendships, while others may be short-term, based on current interests. Reassure your child if friends fall out, that this happens; it's part of life and it doesn't mean there's anything wrong with them. However, if you can see that your child is pushing others away by being too timid or too dominating, you'll need to intervene and build their social skills.
- Starting school is a tiring business for a young child. The first thing parents can do is to provide the child with 'down time' when they walk in the home door.
- So, the first thing parents can do is to provide the child with 'down time' when they walk in the home door without heavy demands like 'tell me about your day?'. Secondly,

ensure that your child has plenty of sleep during the school week. Sitting quietly with the parent in a warm hug, hearing a favourite story and/or having a massage or soothing bath before bed-time may help ease them into sleep if they are anxious or over-excited.

- Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast, with fruit and fibre-based cereals to provide 'fuel' for a busy day at work and play. Involve them in selecting what goes in their lunch boxes – they're more likely to eat it if they choose it!
- Discourage late night TV viewing or the use of digital devices after tea; stimulated brain waves don't encourage sleep.
- Children do best at school when their parents and teachers work together and support each other. Communicate to your school anything that happens at home that might affect your child's wellbeing, disposition or ability to learn. Follow up problems before they become a major crisis, in a spirit of cooperation and 'we can solve this together'.

http://splash.abc.net.au/parents/blog/-/b/1627643/settling-in-to-school?3243519?WT.tsrc=Email&WT.mc_id=Innovation_Innovation-Splash|Primary_email|20150114

P&C News

Election Day

Thankyou to those people who helped out in preparing the prizes and selling tickets in our Election Day raffle last Saturday.

Funeral Catering

The P&C Association have a funeral to cater for this Friday, 06th February. If you are able to provide any baking for this catering, please drop it into the school by 9:00am this Friday.

If you are able to help out on the day, please be at the hall by 9:30am on Friday morning.

Any assistance you could provide either in baking or helping on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be every Monday and orders need to be in by Thursday of each week. Please note the change in prices this year.

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 first P&C Meeting of the year will be held at the school on Thursday 12th February at 5:30pm. If you would like to become a member of the P&C please come along to this meeting to register.

The 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 both these meetings.