



# Ma Ma Messages

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*Aim High With Praise*

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## Dates to Remember

<b>November</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	
07	Camel Calendar Orders Swimming
<b>Week 6</b>	
12 - 14	Whole School Camp
<b>Week 7</b>	
19	Pre-Prep Morning
20	Open Morning P & C Meeting
21	Swimming
<b>Week 8</b>	
24	Pre-Prep Morning
27	Caffey Swimming Carnival Mobile Library Van
28	Swimming
<b>December</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	
04	End of Year Concert
05	Pre-Prep Morning
<b>Week 10</b>	
12	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.)

## Students of the Week

Damon and Shanoa were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

## In The Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Toby: Pink Words

Matthew: Aqua Words

Damon: Pink Words

Reuben: Lime Words

Jaden: Red Words

## Numinbah Valley

### Camp

Next Wednesday we leave on our whole school camp to Numinbah Valley.

A reminder that the students attending camp must be at school no later than 7:45am on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November for departure and that we are due back at school at approximately 3:30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

## World Teacher's Day

Last Friday was World Teacher's Day where we took the opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work our teacher's do each day.

We are very fortunate to have a teacher of the quality of Mrs Hazeldene at our school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her very much for the dedication she

shows towards our school and students.

## Open Morning

Our school is having an Open Morning on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9am – 11am. The first part of this session will involve visitors being able to observe the normal school routine as it happens and this will be followed by an information session with staff and morning tea.

## Caffey Swimming Carnival

The Caffey Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This carnival is for 9-12 year old students and a permission note, medical form and program have been sent home with this newsletter.

## Pre-Prep Days

It is that time of year again when we spread the word about our great school and our Pre-Prep Days. This year Pre-Prep children are invited to the school to join in a number of activities on three days.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 11am**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 1:15pm** (this day includes a Music lesson from our specialist Music teacher as well as Tuckshop)

**Friday 05<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 1pm**  
(this day includes a PE lesson from our specialist PE teacher as well as a Library lesson)

We welcome all children who are entering Prep next year. Children who were born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol for Prep in 2015. If you know of anyone who is in this situation, please let them know of our days.

## Chappie's Corner

October 31<sup>st</sup> was International Teachers Day, and teachers everywhere are grateful to be acknowledged for the work they do. In our schools we know also that teacher aides work just as diligently for the best educational outcomes for your children. The well-being of your children is important to us all.

As parents we are really the first and life-long educators of our children. We attempt to teach them the important things in life and hope we do a good job. Sometimes it's a bit of a worry to hear or see your child and realize they are doing or saying things we'd rather they didn't. Where did they pick that up from? Are their friends saying or doing things that are a bad influence? Is it a result of what they see and hear on TV, online or DVDs? Do they see us doing or hear us saying things we'd rather they didn't?

My experience of parenthood is the understanding of the beginning of a life-long guilt... did I fail in some small way.... could I have handled that issue better... how should I respond to that. The worry for your children apparently stays with you forever, or so my elderly mother warned me.

I remember when my daughter (my first child) was a baby; I was so determined to not make her a "girly girl". Remember this was about 30 years ago! So I dressed her in colours that weren't pink and ensured she had a range of toys that included trucks and dolls. Needless to say as she moved through Prep and school her favourite dresses were pink and purple! I am proud of her now; she is a strong independent woman.

Often it seems our best efforts seem to be powerless against the influences of modern life. Don't despair or give up though. As parents the influence we have on our children is immense and the attitudes and values they develop will come from you. They will model themselves on you whether you like it or not!

So remember you are the most important people in your child's life and the love they receive from you is the best gift for their future development that you can ever share.

Chappy Margaret Thorpe

## P & C News

### Christmas Raffle

This year the P & C are running another Christmas multi-draw raffle and are asking for donations to go towards the raffle. If you are able to assist with donations for this raffle, please send them in to the school office.

### Camel Calendars

Once again the P&C Association is participating in the 'Crazy Camel Fundraising'. Flyers with more information and an order form was sent home with a previous newsletter.

Please note that these orders need to be returned to the **school no later than Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> November** to allow the orders to be returned before school finishes for the year.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 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

### Markets

The Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 7am until 12 noon.