Aim High With Praise

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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.)

14 Nov - Cluster Principal’s Meeting (Gatton)

Students of the Week

Terry and Matthew were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week Award.

In The Classroom

Sight Word Certificates:

- Sasha: Magenta Words
- Bernie: Fuchsia Words
- Tiffanie: Golden Words
- Terry: Sapphire Words
- Mint Words
- Navy Words

Welcome Back Miss M-G & Farewell Mr Clark

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Miss M-G back to our school full-time. As a result of Miss M-G’s return we farewell Mr Clark who has filled in so capably for almost 3 terms. We would like to thank Mr Clark very much for his commitment to our school over this time. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Clark who contributed approximately 300 hours of voluntary work in our school over this time. This is very much appreciated by all the staff and students.

Remembrance Day

The Grantham Ma Ma Creek RSL Sub Branch is conducting a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Memorial next Monday and has invited our students to take part. Further details in regard to this ceremony are included in the Community Notices at the end of this newsletter. The students will be making a wreath to lay at the ceremony and we are seeking donations of flowers for this wreath. If you are able to assist by donating some flowers, please send these in to school with your child on Monday morning. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for this service on Monday.

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 20th November** 9am – 11am
**Monday 25th November** 9am – 11:30am (this day includes a Music lesson from our specialist Music teacher as well as Tuckshop)
**Wednesday 04th December** 9am – 1pm

We welcome all children who are entering Prep next year. Children who were born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 are eligible to enrol for Prep in 2014. If you know of anyone who is in this situation, please let them know of our days.

**Caffey Swimming Carnival**
The Caffey Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 28th November. This carnival is for 9-12 year old students and a permission note, medical form and program will be sent home in the near future.

**Chappie’s Corner**

**Indigenous Cultural Day**
I had the privilege on Tuesday of participating with the students and the staff at the Indigenous Cultural Day at Helidon State School.
It was a great event and credit goes to both the staff and willing parents at Helidon who enabled the hundreds of us to be there and also fed us. The organising committee of this event should be well pleased with how it turned out.
To see the pride of the young people from Oakey State High School and Lockyer District High School as they shared their particular talent and culture was heart-warming. Whether it was playing the didgeridoo, dancing, leading games or painting, these young folk took their responsibility seriously and strived to do their best.
We could learn from their example: take pride in who we are and be prepared to share some of the wonderful things we know with others.
I would also like to note that the children from our schools participated in ways that made me feel proud. Well done!

**Measles health alert**
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).
Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.
If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 14 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 Patricia and Cecil Stuart at the Ma Ma Creek Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

**Help Required**
This Saturday, the 09th of November, the P&C Association are catering for a Landcare function. If anybody is able to assist the P&C by providing baking for this event it would be greatly appreciated.
Any items you are able to bake for this event can be dropped at the school between 9am and 12 noon on Friday.
If you are able to assist the P&C in preparing food on the day please be at the Ma Ma Creek Hall at 10:30am.
Remember that all of these fundraising events directly support your child’s education.

**Camel Calendars**
Once again the P&C Association is participating in the ‘Crazy Camel Fundraising’. Flyers with more information and an order form having been sent home with last week’s newsletter.
Please note that these orders need to be returned to the school no later than tomorrow, Wednesday 06th November to allow the orders to be returned before school finishes for the year.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Remembrance Day Service**
Again this year Grantham Ma Ma Creek RSL Sub Branch will be conducting a Ceremony at the Ma Ma Creek Cemetery on Remembrance Day the 11th November 2013 commencing at approximately 10:30am.
The RSL Sub Branch members invite Parents and Friends of the School to be part of the Ceremony of Remembrance.
Refreshments in the Ma Ma Creek Community Hall will be provided after the Ceremony.