



# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>October</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
10	Swimming Starts
<b>Week 2</b>	
16	P & C Meeting
17	Swimming
<b>Week 3</b>	
20	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
24	Swimming
<b>October</b>	
<b>Week 4</b>	
31	Swimming
<b>November</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	
07	Swimming
<b>Week 6</b>	
12 - 14	Whole School Camp
<b>Week 7</b>	
20	P & C Meeting
21	Swimming
<b>Week 8</b>	
28	Swimming
<b>December</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	
04	End of Year Concert

<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.)

**22 Oct** – Finance Workshop (Toowoomba)

## In The Classroom

### Behaviour Charts

Attached to this newsletter is your child's Attendance and Behaviour Chart for term 2.

A reminder that these charts reflect the daily behaviour of the students and are colour coded as follows:

Green – Excellent Behaviour

Orange – Disruptive Behaviour

Red – Unacceptable Behaviour

Blank – Absent

On the last day of each term the students who have demonstrated appropriate behaviour throughout the term will be rewarded with a special activity while those students with 5 or more Orange days or any Red days will be working in another classroom with the Principal.

## Pupil Free Day

Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October is a Pupil Free Day and students are not to attend school on this day.

Staff will be involved in Professional Development activities in Gatton on this day with colleagues from our cluster schools.

## Deepest Condolences

Our school community would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Vern Andrews who passed away recently.

Vern was a past student and very strong supporter of our school and will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

## Whole School Camp

Our whole school camp to Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre is planned for Week 6 of this term.

Permission and Medical Forms were sent home last term and were due back by the end of term.

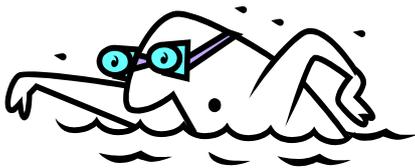
These forms and a payment of \$25 per child need to be returned to the school ASAP so that final numbers can be sent to the camp.

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming will start for all students on the first Friday of next term. We will travel by bus to the Gatton pool and lessons will take place from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm.

Please ensure that your child has all the required gear for swimming when they come to school on a Friday morning.

Permission notes for swimming were due back last term. If you have not returned these notes, please do so ASAP.



## Alcohol supply: no minor offence

As end of year celebrations approach, parents and guardians are reminded that the supply of alcohol to anyone under 18 for unsupervised consumption in a private place is an offence. It carries a fine of up to \$9108. For more information visit

<http://www.qld.gov.au/families/education/pages/drug.html>

## Chappie's Corner

### Children and Grief

Grief can be the loss of a loved one in the family or friendship circle, even the loss of a pet or a good friendship. You can help your children cope with grief.

It is unhelpful for children to be told that they should be brave or that "big boys don't cry" - we need to teach children that

emotions are a normal part of loss, for boys and girls, for big kids and little kids.

Given the opportunity and a safe environment, many children are keen to talk about issues surrounding death. They can be endlessly curious and their grief may involve asking many questions - simple, factual answers are the best response rather than a sweeping reassurance that "everything is fine", which may not match what the child is observing. When a child's need for involvement and information is not met, often they rely on their imagination to fill in the gaps.

It is important for children to know that dead is NOT like sleeping. It is about life ending - this means that the normal things your body does when you're alive can't be done anymore. It's important for the child to know that dead people don't feel anything - this is often an issue for them when it comes to being buried or cremated.

Be aware that children's grief is often not expressed in words, but through their actions instead. You can expect angry outbursts, regressive behaviour like thumb-sucking, bed wetting, clinginess, fear of you being out of their sight or wanting your constant attention. They may develop a fear of the dark or sleeping problems. Children might also 'act out' what has happened - play dead games and re-enact

hospital or ambulance or funeral scenes through their play. Don't worry, this is their way of taking in information and trying to absorb it and make sense of it.

[http://www.mygriefassist.com/lib/downloads/Factsheet\\_05\\_ten\\_ideas\\_about\\_children.pdf](http://www.mygriefassist.com/lib/downloads/Factsheet_05_ten_ideas_about_children.pdf)

## P & C News

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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.