



Ma Ma Messages

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Aim High With Praise

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Dates to Remember

February	
Week 3	
12	P&C Meeting
Week 4	
19	School Leaders Speeches Mobile Library Van
20	Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
24	School Leaders badge Presentation
March	
Week 6	
05	Mobile Library Van
Week 7	
12	P&C AGM
Week 8	
19	Mobile Library Van
Week 9	
April	
Week 10	
02	Mobile Library Van 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.)

16 – 17 Feb Peer Review Training (Toowoomba)

26 - 27 Feb State Principal's Conference (Brisbane)

05 – 06 Mar School Review

Students of the Week

Samuel and Jaden were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Trent: Lime Words

Neika: Watermelon Words

Jaden: Green Words

Reuben: Crimson Words

Homework Heroes

Each week your child is given a home reader to read each night and homework to be completed by the end of the week.

To acknowledge those students who commit to completing these tasks each week we have initiated our Homework Heroes where students will receive recognition both in class and through the newsletter.

Last week's Homework Heroes were: *Chase, Samuel, Toby, Matthew, Teejay, Sasha, Cindy, Zharlea, Jasper, Jaden, Shanoa, Majenta, Crystal, Dusty and Koby.*

School Leaders

Our Student Leaders speeches which were to be held next Tuesday morning will now be held on Thursday 19th of February at 8:45am.

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

School review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 05 – 06 March.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has introduced new school reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015.

The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits, and are designed to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but, rather, give schools independent and quality feedback to help them improve teaching and learning at the school.

As with the audits, all schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report will be made available to parents and the community via the school website.

As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from you, our school community, and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say.

Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers please contact Mr Pearen to arrange a time.

If you would like more information about the review process please speak to Mr Pearen.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

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

I am a fan of the ABC and receive their newsletter for schools; ABC Splash Primary Newsletter.

This month's letter has an interesting feature, I note it below:

*The first week of February is World Interfaith Harmony Week, which aims to promote harmony between everyone regardless of faith, and Splash has lots of videos about many of the world's religions. Find out how over a billion Muslims celebrate **Ramadan**, learn how a Jewish boy is **initiated** into adulthood and see what happens when a baby is **baptised** in the Catholic Church.*

I have had a look at these videos and they are interesting and informative; most suitable for upper primary, lower secondary.

So if you would like your child to know something of the many religions of the world – there are clips about Egyptian beliefs, Hindu practices as well as those noted above. Have a look yourself and see. The many cultures of the world are fascinating. It helps us to understand something of those who live elsewhere in the world or are coming as migrants to live in Australia.

Below is the website which enables you to see the overview of each of the clips and choose what you would like to watch:

http://splash.abc.net.au/search?years=0&keyword=religion&WT.tsrc=Email&WT.mc_id=Innovation_Innovation-Splash|Primary_email|20150204

Hope it proves interesting to you!

Chaplain Margaret Thorpe

P&C News

Catering Help Needed

The P&C Association have a function to cater for next Tuesday, 17th February. If you are able to provide any baking for this catering, please drop it into the hall by 8:30am on the morning of the 17th.

If you are able to help out on the day, please be at the hall by 8:30am on Tuesday 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 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.

Community News

Mount Sylvia State School - Student Bus Service

A driver is required for the afternoon school bus run for Mount Sylvia State School. Information about licence requirements can be provided by contacting Kerry the current owner/driver. The successful person may already have a truck licence and then have a successful medical for a bus licence.

If you or someone you know is suitable and interested please contact Kerry (Driver) on mobile 0411 162 115 or via the Mount Sylvia State School by email admin@mtsylvia.s.s.eq.edu.au or phone 5462 6245 and a message will be passed to Kerry.

Ma Ma Creek Exhibition

The AGM for the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition Committee is on Tuesday the 17th of February at 7pm in the Ma Ma Creek Community Hall.