



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

February	
Week 3	
13	P&C Meeting
Week 4	
17	School Leaders Speeches
20	Mobile Library Van
21	Zone Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
24	School Leaders Badge Presentation
March	
Week 6	
06	Mobile Library Van
Week 7	
13	P&C Meeting
Week 8	
20	Mobile Library Van
Week 9	
April	
Week 10	
04	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 Feb Cluster Principal's Meeting

Students of the Week

Toby and Bernie were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

Book Club

Please note that book club orders are due back to the school no later than this Friday 14th February.

Classroom Volunteers

We would like to encourage our parents to volunteer in our classrooms this year. The best time for us to have volunteers in the classroom is from 9am – 10am (Tues – Thurs). These times are when the students are involved in their Literacy Rotations and extra help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer at these times please be aware that to provide consistency for our students and the learning program, we would ask that you commit to being here at the time and day you nominate for the whole term.

It can become quite disruptive for the students routine if volunteers do not show up when planning has been done around their attendance.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these sessions please don't hesitate to contact Mr P at the school.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Matthew: Indigo Words

Bernie: Lavender Words

Home Reading

It is disappointing to see that a number of students are failing to bring in their 'Home Readers' record signed each morning. Every child in the school is involved in our 'Home Reading' program and I would ask that parents take a couple of minutes to read with their child each night, sign the Home Reading record and encourage your child to continue enjoying their reading.

Education is a two way street and if we work together we can make a difference in your child's life.

Attendance

Last year the attendance rate in our school was poor with a number of students having a large number of unexplained absences. We are extremely pleased to see that in the first 2 weeks of school, all of our students have been arriving to school on time and attending regularly.

Thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children are at school and ready to learn each day.

School Leaders

Next Monday morning on parade (8:45am) our 3 Year 6/7 students will be presenting speeches to the school outlining the qualities they will bring to the role of School Leaders.

If you are able to attend this short parade, please do so and show your support for our prospective School Leaders.

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.

School Parking

In the interests of playground safety, I am asking all parents visiting our school in school hours (8 am – 4 pm) to please **park outside the school grounds** unless it is necessary to park inside (wet weather, deliveries etc).

Our school can get very busy some mornings and afternoons and it is too difficult to keep an eye on all students in the playground.

We cannot knowingly compromise the safety of our children.

Great Results

Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at

www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

CHAPPIE'S CORNER

Parenting pearls from Bruce Sullivan

1. If It's Not Fun... Make It Fun! Humour is a great way to help everyone in your family decrease their stress, increase their mental and physical health and make your "home" a desirable place to live.

2. Practice Gratefulness... NOT Cynicism! Gratefulness opens up our hearts, minds and possibilities whilst cynicism shuts down our minds and closes doors for us and our children. Practicing gratefulness can be awesome fun too!

3. Good Intentions Are NOT Enough! Children learn what they live by the example we set everyday. Be not afraid that our children won't always listen to our attempts at teaching... be more afraid that they are watching and listening to EVERYTHING we say and do!

4. Be Willing To Change YOU and not them! If we are not getting the outcome we want then it's up to us to change the way we are parenting. Demonstrating behavioural flexibility takes effort on our part but we know that are children are worth it!

5. Teach Resilience NOT Helplessness! Great families have useful language and frameworks to explain the ups and downs of life so everything can eventually be viewed as a positive! "With all this manure...there has to be a pony in there somewhere!"

Chappy Margaret Thorpe

P&C News

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.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting of the year will be held at the school on Thursday 13th 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 13th March at 5:30pm where the executive for 2014 will be elected. I would encourage any member who wishes to nominate for an executive position to come along to both these meetings.