



Ma Ma Messages

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Aim High With Praise

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Dates to Remember

February	
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.)

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

05 - 06 Mar School Review

Students of the Week

Zharlea and Alex were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

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: *Jasper, Cindy, Sasha, Majenta, Koby, Crystal, Dusty, Alex, Shanoa, Sam, Jaden, Matthew, Teejay, Chase, Toby, Samuel, Zharlea.*

School Leaders

This morning our 4 prospective Student Leaders presented their speeches to the school. I would like to congratulate Cindy, Katie, Jasper and Jenayah on their speeches and the manner in which they have started the year.

Next Tuesday afternoon (2:30pm) at a special parade our Student Leaders will be presented with their badges of office by our State member, Mr Ian Rickuss.

The Student Leaders will also be presented with a certificate from Mr Scott Buchholz (MP) Federal Member for Wright. Unfortunately Mr Buchholz will not be able to

attend as in previous years but sends his best wishes to the school community.

Our P&C President, Grant Storey will present our Student Leaders with their Senior shirts on behalf of the P&C Association.

Classroom Volunteers

The staff and students would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Warburton and Mrs Bennett who have been coming in each week and volunteering in the classroom. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

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 be at the school at 2:30pm on Thursday 05 March.

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

CHAPPIE'S CORNER

Food for Thought

One of the things that all of us benefit from is encouragement. When you are feeling tired or are anxious about a situation in your life, a few well thought out words from a friend or family member can give you that emotional lift that helps you to pick yourself up and keep going.

However, it is very easy to get so involved in your own needs and wants that you don't even notice when someone other than yourself is struggling. In a school community large or small, there are many opportunities for you to get alongside someone who may not be having the best of days.

If you notice that someone seems unhappy, don't just walk away. Why not take a few minutes to talk to them, to offer your support. If they need more help than you can give, why not accompany them to talk to someone. Speaking to a counsellor or professional person can be intimidating for some; a

friend to be there might help the worried person take that step.

Looking out for others is something that we could all be doing. It isn't hard to play your part – just ask "Are you okay?" This all contributes to making our school a truly caring community.

P&C News

Catering Thanks

The P&C Association would like to thank all those people who have supported them at the recent catering events. Your help is very much appreciated.

Tuckshop

Due to the late newsletter this week, tuckshop orders are due tomorrow.

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 P&C 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 this meeting.

Community News

Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets

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