



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

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May	
Week 5	
23	P&C Day
24	Tenthill Turnout
Week 6	
29	Mobile Library Van
June	
Week 7	
Week 8	
09	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
11	Sing Out
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Week 10	
26	Mobile Library Van
27	Soccer/Netball Carnival 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 May Cluster Principal's Meeting (Helidon)

Students of the Week

Chase and Jelica were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Terry: Olive Words
Mustard Words
Watermelon Words

Deena: Lilac Words

Tiffanie: Lime Words
Purple Words

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following 9-12 year old students who attended the Lockyer Zone Cross Country in Gatton last Friday.

I was very impressed with the attitude of the students towards this event and the high participation rate.

I would like to thank those parents and supporters who came along on the day to encourage our students. Your involvement is very much appreciated.

Our students performed very well achieving the following places in their events.

Alex	31 st
Sasha	31 st
Bernie	35 th
Cindy	39 th
Katie	12 th
Terry	28 th
Phoenix	30 th

P&C Day

This Friday the 23rd of May is P&C Day. This day, held each year during State Education week, is a chance for us all to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers on the P&C.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the parents and carers who give up their time to make a difference for the students at our school.

We have a very small but dedicated and hard-working group of parents who continually volunteer their time for our school and we would like to sincerely express our gratitude for their ongoing efforts.

Chappie's Corner

Correcting your children

Ever wonder why your child is so much better behaved at school than at home? Here are some of the sorts of strategies that teachers use. They may be of use to you.

Often we need to work counter intuitively; your first natural response may not be the best. Think first.

- Say what you mean – then mean what you say. In other words you must be consistent with your promises or expectations, so think first.

- Use least intrusive strategies first – moving progressively to more intrusive if you need to.

Non-verbal –A look, a pause, wait and watch.

Verbal - A clear short direction.

Give time to allow them to change behaviour and do the right thing. If your child chooses to do this, acknowledge their wise choice.

Give a choice - For example “ You can do your homework now and then play a game on the computer after or You can play on the computer for only 15 minutes now then do your homework.” Then follow through, it is important to do what you say.

- Catch your child being good – praise them for what they are doing right. Don’t embarrass them though by overdoing it. This should be a part of your daily practice not just when they are being less than you expect.
- Avoid over correcting – don’t nag your child – better to give a choice and follow up.
- Use the “broken record” strategy. Eg “You need to do put out the garbage.” Just keep repeating it till your child gives in. Be careful though, you don’t want it to backfire on you. This is almost a last resort.
- In all this – you will be most successful if you keep your cool!

P & C News

Help Needed

The P&C Association have 3 functions this weekend and urgently need support with these. The first is on Saturday night where the P&C run the Bar and raffle at the Tenthill Turnout. This is a great social event and raises considerable funds for our school. The other two events are catering events on Sunday 25th May. Any help that you can offer in regard to baking or preparing food on the day would be greatly appreciated.

If you can provide baking for Sunday, please drop that into the school by 3:00pm Friday. If you can assist with manpower at any of these events, please let Mr Pearen know and further details will be forwarded to you.

Big Thank You

A very big thankyou to Kim Hyland, Jason Cubis and Shaneika Walker for managing the last two catering events. These events raise considerable money for our school and your support is greatly appreciated by all of our students.

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 P&C Meeting that was due to be held this week has been postponed.

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 19th June at 5:30pm.

Raffle Donations Needed

If you are able to donate any items for the raffle that the P&C are conducting at the Tent Hill Turnout it will be greatly appreciated.

These items can be delivered to the school any time prior to the event which is the 24th May.