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# Ma Ma Messages

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## Dates to Remember

<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>April</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
22	School resumes
24	P&C Meeting
25	ANZAC Day
<b>April/May</b>	
<b>Week 2</b>	
01	Mobile Library Van
<b>Week 3</b>	
<b>Week 4</b>	
13	NAPLAN - Literacy
14	NAPLAN - Literacy
15	NAPLAN - Numeracy Mobile Library Van
<b>Week 5</b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	
29	Mobile Library Van
<b>June</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	
12	Mobile Library Van
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
26	Mobile Library Van
27	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.)

**02 May** Director General's Forum (Toowoomba)

**06 May** Assistant Regional Director visit (10am – 11:30am)

## In the Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Bernie: Jet Words  
Coal Words

Tiffanie: Indigo Words

### Behaviour Charts

At the end of last term will have brought home their Attendance & Behaviour Charts for the term.

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 Red

days will be working in another classroom with the Principal.

## 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.

## NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13–15 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

## ANZAC Talk

Sometime this week a member of the local RSL Sub-Branch will be visiting the school to present their annual talk to our students on ANZAC Day.

## ANZAC Day March and Service

Students and parents are invited to participate in the Gatton ANZAC Day March to be held this Friday, 25 April. If you wish to march, please be at North St, Gatton no later than 10:00am. We usually meet at the park. The march will commence at 10:30am and will conclude with the service in Littleton Park.

Students must be wearing their school uniforms in this march. It would be great to have our school well represented on this day.

Our School Leaders will be representing us at this march and at the Ma Ma Creek Service later in the evening. Any families wishing to attend this service are more than welcome.

**The students will be making wreaths on Thursday to lay at these services and we are seeking donations of flowers and greenery for these wreaths. If you are able to assist by donating some flowers and greenery, please send these in to school with your child Thursday morning.**

## Issues or Concerns

We really appreciate parents/carers raising any issues or concerns they have around their child's education as soon as these become apparent. To ensure that any issues or concerns can be dealt with efficiently and effectively parents/carers need to make an appointment for an interview with either the teacher or Principal to discuss these concerns.

Whilst we are more than happy to have an informal chat with parents/carers at the school gate before or after school, this is not the place to raise issues or concerns around your child's education or welfare.

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Mr Pearen, please do so either before or after school or at the following times: Mon 9am -11am; Thurs 10am – 3pm or Fri 10am – 11am.

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate John and Bev Sutton on the birth of another grandchild. Alexander John was born on the 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2014. Congratulations also to the proud parents Kylie and Paul.

Also congratulations to our cleaner Jemma Walker who became engaged at the end of last term.

## 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 Tenthill Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 5:30pm.

### Catering Thanks

The P&C Association would like to thank those people who supported us at the Auction catering event during the holidays.

Your help and support is very much appreciated by the school community.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ANZAC Day Service

The Annual GRANTHAM MA MA CREEK RSL SUB BRANCH ANZAC DAY SERVICE will be held in the MA MA CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL commencing at 7.30PM (1930 hours) on ANZAC DAY the 25th April 2014.

All visitors are invited to attend this Service. Refreshments will be provided after the Service.