**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.)

05 Aug Regional Business Meeting (Toowoomba)

09-20 Sep Long Service Leave

**Students of the Week**

Samuel Peacock-McCamish, Chase Walker, Toby Storey and Alex Evans were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week awards.

**In the Classroom**

**Sight Words Certificates**

Sasha: Yolk Words

Jackson H: Peacock Words

Levi: Amethyst Words

Lachlan Magenta Words

Pitch Words

**Home Reading**

It is disappointing to see that a number of students are failing to bring in their ‘Home Readers’ each morning. Every child in the school is involved in our ‘Home Reading’ program and I would ask that ALL 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.

**Book Club Due**

Orders for Book Club are due to be returned by next Monday, 29th of July.
**Tree Planting**

Last Friday the 19th of July, we participated in National Tree Day by planting 21 trees around our grounds. The students did a wonderful job with their planting of trees and finished the morning with a sausage sizzle. It was great to see two of our past students, Amelia Webster and Louisa Webster come along representing Lockyer District High School to support us on this day.

**Gatton Show Entries**

Our school had tremendous success in all of the sections we entered at the Gatton Show. A separate page was attached to the newsletter sent home with our prize winners. Of special note is our Award for the school with the highest points with Under 40 enrolments.

A big thank you to all of the staff and students involved in entering items in this year’s show. It is a credit to the students that, apart from their Art lessons, they completed all these entries in their own time.

**Gatton Show Opening**

Last Friday night our students performed the national Anthem at the opening of the Gatton Show. I was extremely proud of how all the students represented us at this event and would like to sincerely thank all of our parents/carers for bringing the students in and presenting them so well in their uniforms.

**Flagstone Creek Visit**

A note has been sent home with this newsletter in regard to our annual visit to Flagstone Creek State School for our older students to train for High Jump and the younger students to perform activities with the Flagstone Creek students.

Could you please sign the permission form and return it to the school tomorrow.

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**Ma Ma Ck Exhibition**

The students are very excited about the performances they have been preparing for the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition this Saturday 27th July. These performances will be held at 12:00pm and 1:00pm and it would be great if as many of our families as possible could come along and support the children.

A schedule for the Exhibition was sent home last term. Please note that the sports are on at 9:30am and cluster schools will have school displays in the hall.

Please note that the ‘Baby Show’ at the Exhibition has been cancelled.

**School Opinion Survey**

A School Opinion Survey has been sent home to all families with this newsletter. Could you please return these to the office by Monday 29th August. Students in 4-7 will complete a survey this week.

Further details have been included with the survey that has been sent home.

**Chappie’s Corner**

**Who do you want to be?**

Fairly frequently as they grow children are asked what they want to be when they grow up. Do they want to be fashion designers, doctors, lawyers, hairdressers, roo shooters, farmers, vets? There are so many options out there and it can be good fun to imagine and dream of what might one day be. It’s important for a child to develop a dream or a goal and then plan out how to reach that goal. Without goals in life we go nowhere!

I would like to suggest we could start adding another question to that so common one. We could be asking our children, “Who do you want to be?”

Character is so important in every role and we need to be encouraging children to value it as much as they value having a good job, if not more! Dreaming of being a vet or a roo shooter is great. How would it be if as well as those things our kids were dreaming about becoming kind, loving, dependable, organised, honest or loyal?

When you think about it the people we admire in real life are not really the high flyers or the great successes. More often than not the people we admire are
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those who we see in action – being thoughtful, encouraging others, having the trust of people. Think about how you can encourage your kids to value character as they grow. Children learn values as they see them demonstrated in real life. It is not enough to simply suggest they could learn to be more dependable; what does dependable look like? They need to see these values happening around them in work, at home, in school to understand the benefit they bring to life and relationships.

Get started returns for round 2

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s


P&C NEWS

Ma Ma Ck Exhibition

The P&C Association conduct the BBQ stall at the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition each year and need your support to once again make this a great success.

If you are able to help out at all on the day please let us know at the school so that we can set up a roster for the day.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 08 August at 5:30pm.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ma Ma Creek Exhibition

If anybody is able to assist the kitchen at the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition by donating Patty Cakes, Cup Cakes or Slices it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to provide any of these items of cooking they can be dropped off at the hall on the morning of the Exhibition, this Saturday 27th July.

Helpers Needed

If anybody is able to support the Exhibition Committee by helping sell raffle tickets on the day or manning the Jumping Castle please contact the President – Michelle Foley on 54 661 265.

Working Bees

If anybody can assist at any of the following Exhibition working bees it would be greatly appreciated.

Friday 26th: 1:00pm
Sunday 28th: 9:00am (Clean Up)

Gatton Blue Light Disco

Gatton Shire Hall
6.30pm - 9.30pm
Entry Just $5.00!

Next Events:
Ages 5years to 15 years olds
9 August
14 September– Blue Storm Gatton Soccer Grounds $10 entry per child. Adults with children free entry.
11 October
29 November