



# Ma Ma Messages

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*Aim High With Praise*

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## Dates to Remember

<b>March</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	
28	Softball/Cricket Carnival
<b>March/April</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
31	P&C Meeting
03	Mobile Library Van
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.)**

**27 Mar** Stakeholder Meeting  
(3:15 - 5:00)

**31 Mar** P&C Meeting (8:00am)  
Early Educators  
Meeting (3:30 – 5:00)

**02 Apr** Explicit Instruction  
Workshop

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## Students of the Week

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

## In the Classroom

### Sight Words Certificates:

Ashley: Canary Words

Tiffanie: Violet Words

Bernie: Ebony Words  
Pitch Words  
Magenta Words

## Cooking

From our school garden straight to the kitchen.

Last Thursday we decided that the basil in our vegie garden was just perfect to make some Basil Pesto. Some students were involved in picking and washing at Morning Tea time and then others at Lunch time to prepare our delicious Basil Pesto with lots of fresh basil, garlic, parmesan cheese and almonds. We managed to bottle one and a half jars, which should be plenty for everyone to share for lunch this Thursday with some freshly cooked pasta. We will be attaching the recipe to next week's newsletter if it proves to be popular.

So do not bring a really big lunch on Thursday, as there will be pasta and pesto for everyone to try! And thank-you to our great team of garden watering volunteers, who keep all our

plants alive from week to week. Let's hope there will be some good rain soon.

Mrs Schmidt

## Personal Best Wall

Last Friday we created a "Personal Best Wall" in our classroom. This wall contains a place for every student to select and display a sample of work they have completed during the week that they feel is a "Personal Best" for them. The work samples chosen are the student's choice and no judgement of their choice will be made by the teacher.

The work samples selected by the students will be replaced each Friday with a new sample and sent home in an exercise book in their homework folder.

Please take the time to look at these samples with your child and congratulate them on their hard work.

## Volunteers

Simone Brand joined us last week and will be continuing to volunteer at our school as part of her Childcare studies.

We also must thank Kathleen Peacock for her time in volunteering with our Literacy rotations every Thursday morning.

It is very much appreciated by the staff and students.

## Chappie's Corner

### Humility

Humility, what is it really? It isn't about being a wallflower, it's how we consider ourselves relative to others.

This story comes from Mark Cornford in Brisbane, I have adapted it slightly:

"I love cricket, but I don't particularly love Shane Warne. He's an amazing bowler but someone with an ego the size of Uluru. I was at a function a little while ago where I got talking about cricket with a fella I met. I mentioned my love of cricket and dislike of Shane Warne. Well, this person had actually met Warne. I think it was at a wedding where Warne was a distant relative. You would think that someone as famous and with the ego of Warne wouldn't have time for ordinary people – but apparently this was not the case.

This fella told me that Warne was hanging out at the bar (of course!) engaging in conversation with whoever happened to be there. Not just telling stories of his famous life but actually just talking with people. He was totally approachable.

We often think of being humble as being the total opposite of Shane Warne and I am loathe to use him as an example of humility, but the story above is also the story of one aspect of what it means to be humble."

Humility is not about being quiet and in the background, but about how you see other people compared to yourself. In the story above Shane Warne didn't think himself as above listening and talking to ordinary people. He positioned himself at the bar as one of them – not a distant superstar.

How do we position ourselves in regards to others? Do we think we deserve acknowledgement, respect or admiration? When we concern ourselves about how others think about us and not how we can be kind or help them we are not being humble.

Another challenge for you this Lent!

Marg Thorpe  
Adapted from "Fielding humility",  
Mark Cornford, Journey Magazine,  
March 2014.

## Student Leaders Publicity

Please note that a photograph of our Student Leaders is due to be published in this week's edition of the "Gatton Star"

## 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 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 8:00am. At this meeting the main agenda item will be the new playground.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Netball Come and Try Days

Lockyer Valley Netball Association  
Come and Try Days!

29th March

9am - 10:30am

FREE drills and games for ages 8-13, both boys and girls welcome.

Cahill Park Complex Gatton.

**A signed Laura Geitz netball to be won each day!**

Those interested in finding out more about coaching/umpiring netball this year also welcome to attend.

### Lockyer Valley Libraries

NEW - YOUNG PEOPLES BOOK  
CLUB AT GATTON LIBRARY

Do you enjoy reading, sharing and talking about your favourite books and authors with others?

If you are between 8 and 13 years of age, the new Book Club at the Gatton Library might be just right for you. This is a great way to make new friends, socialise outside of school hours, and discover some great new reads.

It is starting on Thursday, 1st May 2014, at 4pm and will meet every fortnight after that at the Library.

If you are interested, have a chat to the friendly staff at the Gatton Library or call (07) 5466 3434 for further information about this great new club.