



# Ma Ma Messages

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*Aim High With Praise*

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## Dates to Remember

<b>February</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
31	State Election
<b>Week 2</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>	
12	P&C Meeting
<b>Week 4</b>	
17	School Leaders Speeches
20	Zone Swimming Carnival
<b>Week 5</b>	
24	School Leaders badge Presentation
<b>March</b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	
12	P&C Meeting
<b>Week 8</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>April</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
02	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)

## Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We would like to welcome back Mrs Hazeldene, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Schmidt, Mrs Brand, Mrs Bruntflett, Miss Jemma and Mrs Thorpe. We are really looking forward to once again working with the staff, parents, students and community to maintain the excellent reputation and outcomes that Ma Ma Creek has achieved in the past.

Please note that the newsletter will be coming home with the eldest student in the family each Tuesday. Also note that parades will be held on a Tuesday morning at 8:45am. Please ensure your child is at school no later than 8:45am each day.

## New Students

Welcome to our new Prep students, Koby, Crystal, Dusty and Majenta.

## Thanks

Thank-you to David and Jill Halstead for their efforts over the holidays in maintaining the grounds and having them look fantastic for the first day of school.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated groundspeople who make it a pleasure to come to work each day.

Thank-you also to the Ma Ma Creek Village Store for collecting the school mail during the holidays.

## Bookwork and Homework

Your child should have brought home with this newsletter a booklet which contains our school's Bookwork Policy and Homework Policy. Please take the time to read through these documents.

We have provided an induction into these policies to the students today and would appreciate your support in reminding your child about the importance of these two aspects of their schooling.

## 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 10am – 11am (Tues – Thurs). These times are when the students are involved in their Literacy Rotations and extra help would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer at these times please be aware that to provide consistency for our students and the learning program, we would ask that you commit to being here at the time and day you nominate for the whole term.

It can become quite disruptive for the students routine if volunteers do not show up when planning has been done around their attendance.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these sessions please don't hesitate to contact Mr P at the school.

## 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.

Mr P will be taking an Admin Day every Thursday this year from 10:30am. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Mr Pearen, please do so either before or after school or on a Thursday after 10:30 am.

## School Leaders

This week our four Year 6 students, Cindy, Katie, Jenayah and Jasper will receive a letter regarding the School Leader position.

These students are not automatically given this important role in our school. They must agree to follow the school rules to the best of their ability and set a good example for their schoolmates. They will also need to be available to represent the school at official functions.

If they cannot maintain a high standard of conduct, they will lose their position.

These students will present a speech on parade on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February outlining how they will be able to fulfil the role.

## In the Classroom

### Homework

Below is an outline of how homework will be structured for the students. Please note that as outlined in the Homework Policy sent home with this newsletter that students who do not complete the set homework will have to complete this in their playtime.

Each student will receive homework on a Monday of each week which is to be completed and returned by the following Friday.

**Students will also have a Home Reader which is to be read each night by the student and brought back to school the next day. It is important that parents support us in this by ensuring these books and recording forms are signed and returned each day.**

Homework is not meant to be an onerous task for families but is valuable in reinforcing the work that is being done at school.

If you have any questions regarding homework, please don't hesitate to contact Mr P.

### School Parking

In the interests of playground safety, I am asking all parents visiting our school in school hours (8 am – 4 pm) to please **park outside the school grounds** unless it is necessary to park inside (wet weather, deliveries etc).

Our school can get very busy some mornings and afternoons and it is too difficult to keep an eye on all students in the playground.

We cannot knowingly compromise the safety of our children.

### P&C News

#### Election Day

This year the P&C are holding a raffle on Election Day (this Saturday). For this to be a success we are asking for helpers to sell raffle tickets at the school on the day.

If you are able to help sell raffle tickets please let Mr P know at the school no later than this Thursday. Once we have a list of helpers a roster will be drawn up in 2 hour timeslots.

### 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 first P&C Meeting of the year will be held at the school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm. If you would like to become a member of the P&C please come along to this meeting to register.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 both these meetings.

## Community News

### GOLF FOR KIDS!!

Kids, come and join in the fun at the Gatton Jubilee Golf club on Saturday mornings at 7.30 am. Come and try 3 times before deciding you want to be a golfer. We cater for all levels, ages 8 to 17 years. Sometimes we hit tennis balls, we use hoops to help with accuracy and there is professional coaching once a month. For an annual fee of \$55 and just \$5 on Saturday, it's a bargain. Ring the Golf Club on 5462 1420 or the coordinator on 0417 743392.