**Ma Ma Messages**

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**Dates to Remember**

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**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.)

07 - 11 May School Review (Brisbane)

**Students of the Week**

Clayton and Majenta were the proud recipients of this week’s Student of the Week awards.

**In the Classroom**

**Sight Words Certificates:**

- Toby: Aqua Words
- Matthew: Teal Words
- Clayton: Crimson Words
- Damon: Violet Words
- Neika: Lilac Words
- Lachlan E: Indigo Words

**Homework Heroes**

Each week your child is given a home reader to read each night and homework to be completed by the end of the week.

Last week’s Homework Heroes were: Chase, Toby, Deena, Matthew, Teejay, Alex, Sasha, Cindy, Clayton, Zharlea, Neika, Grace, Sam, Reuben, Jasper, Trent, Jaden, Jenayah, Dusty.

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**NAPLAN testing time again**

Our students in Years 3 and 5 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 12–14 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

Last Friday Mr Klasseen and Mrs Spierling from the Grantham-Ma Ma Creek RSL Sub-Branch visited our school to talk to the students about ANZAC Day. The students gained a great understanding of the meaning of ANZAC Day and particularly the significance of this year being the 100th anniversary.

Our visitors presented the school with a Lone Pine tree and plaque to be planted to recognise the occasion. The students were also presented with a commemorative penny on behalf of the P&C Association. The P&C have also presented the school with a figurine of a soldier that contains a sample of sand from the beaches of Gallipoli. We would like to thank the RSL and P&C for their generosity towards our school.

ANZAC Day March and Service

Thankyou to all those students and parents who attended the ANZAC Day March and service in Gatton last Saturday and also the Service at Ma Ma Creek on ANZAC Day.

A special thankyou to two of our Student Leaders, Cindy and Jasper who represented us well in the Wreath Laying and leading our march.

Special thanks must also go to Cindy who read the 4 resolutions at the evening service at Ma Ma Creek. You did an excellent job and represented our school well.

Also thanks to those families who provided flowers for the Wreaths.

Ma Ma Market News

by Mrs Schmidt

On Saturday, 11th April another Ma Ma Market was held beside the Community Hall. This is a growing event and the weather was just beautiful. There were stalls with plants, fresh produce, lavender products, hand-knitted and crochet goods, jewellery, antiques, soaps and other cottage cosmetic/household products, bric-a-brac, caps, T-Shirts etc. I was there with a stall selling some of the beautiful school vegie garden lettuces as well as bunches of basil and rosemary plants to promote our student-run stall at the next markets on Saturday, 9th May.

This is the day before Mother’s Day and we are gearing up to sell that special homemade gift for Mum. Please follow our progress over the next couple of weeks, as students are planning, budgeting, cooking, making and wrapping those special goodies that they will sell on that day.

This is part of our "hands-on' approach" to Maths, as the year 5-6 students will be working out funds needed, money taken, running costs etc. We are hoping for a big turnout from our school community especially, as this will be the perfect opportunity for a family to buy their fresh produce, as well as some special gifts for Mum in the one location.

These markets are run in support of the Ma Ma Creek Community Hall Committee every second Saturday of the month from 7 to 12 o’clock. The site fee is $5.00, if you are interested in having a stall you can contact Therese on 54627738 for more information.

Please support our Year 5 - 6 students with their market venture and keep reading our updates.

Chappie’s Corner

This week I have a brochure for a parent online course to teach children emotional intelligence. It is run by Michael Grose, a well-known and respected child psychologist.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.
Aim High With Praise

P&C News

Pub Raffles
The following dates are those where our P&C Association conducts the raffles at the Tenthill Hotel.
29/05; 31/07; 02/10; 04/12.
If you are able to help on any of these evenings, please let the P&C Executive know.

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 14th May at 5:30pm.

Community News

Neighbourhood Watch
Local Neighbourhood Watch covers the area from Grantham to Fordsdale and looks forward to listening to your ideas and concerns on the 13th May 7 pm at Ma Ma Creek Hall. Meeting normally goes for an hour followed by cuppa and chat. It is a great way to meet others if you are new to the area. Hope to see you there.

Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets
The Ma Ma Creek Hall Markets are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 7am until 12 noon.