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Students of the Week

Chase and Alex were this week's Student of the Week award recipients.

Get Well Miss M-G

Unfortunately Miss M-G will be on sick leave for the remainder of this term and our thoughts are with her as she undergoes treatment. Mr Clark will be replacing Miss M-G this term and we welcome him to our school.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates
Bernie: Crimson Words
Mint Words

Individual Improvement Plans
Attached to this newsletter is an envelope containing this term’s Individual Improvement Plan for your child. (Please note that Prep students do not receive an IIP this term.) You will notice from these plans that the strategies may not have changed for your child from term 1, however the Reading level and attendance rate is the area where you may see a change.

ANZAC Day March and Service

Thank you to all those students and parents who attended the ANZAC Day March in Gatton and also the Service at Ma Ma Creek on ANZAC Day.

A special thankyou to our Student Leaders who represented us well in the Wreath Laying and reading of a resolution. Also thanks to those families who provided flowers for the Wreaths.

School discipline to be strengthened

The Queensland Government has announced a plan to strengthen school discipline in state schools. The plan is the first of 15 strategies to be developed from the recently released Great teachers = Great results direct action plan. It will reduce red tape and provide principals with the flexibility to work with the school community to implement a range of new and strengthened disciplinary approaches. For more information on Great teachers = Great results visit the DETE website.

Prize winning students visit Anzac Cove

The prize winning students of the Premier’s Anzac Prize recently visited Gallipoli and attended the dawn service at Anzac Cove. The students are making regular journal updates, as well as uploading pictures and videos from their trip. You can follow them via the Premier’s Anzac Prize website or ask them a question about their tour by emailing international.services@dete.qld.gov.au.

[Links to the Premier’s Anzac Prize website and the Queensland Government website for more information.]
**Chappie’s Corner**

**Devils and Darlings**

We’d all love our kids to behave appropriately all the time, but the reality is they won’t. Most kids have L plates when it comes to learning how to fit in and behave around others. They make mistakes, yet they are always on a path to improvement——or should be. It’s important that they know how to behave. That means parents teach their kids a whole bunch of manners; they teach them right from wrong so they know the difference; and also they teach them how to behave well in a variety of social situations so that when they are outside the house and around others, they know how to behave in public.

Sometimes kids are worse in public than at home. This happens with toddlers who are really on a huge learning curve. It’s easier to teach them in the confined, organised environment at home. When they are in public spaces such as supermarkets they are so much harder to control!! Here are three ways to teach kids of all ages to behave well:

1. **Model:** Yes, they need to see adults and significant others such as parents behave well, behave generously and use appropriate manners (cos’ they will speak like you in public). When you have kids, as a parent you are a walking, talking social studies (as in how to be social, generous and pleasant to others) lesson.

2. **Explicitly teach & coach:** Tell kids what to say in different social situations and also let them know how their behaviour (good and bad) impacts on others. Be upfront yet respectful with your messages.

3. **Create junior versions of social situations:** Sporting codes create junior versions of their games so kids can learn the basics without being overwhelmed by adult rules. The same applies to kids. Once a week set up your mealtimes like a restaurant so kids learn how to behave in a restaurant situation. It’s the job of parents to teach kids to be social and to respect others. The

**frustrating thing is that so often it’s other parents and adults who see the direct results of all our good work.**

Then again, you do get to bask momentarily in the glow of positive comments from teachers, other parents and friends about your kids’ good behaviour. But then again, it’s their choice to behave well (or badly) so children really should take most of the credit for behaving well! Ah, the joys and frustrations of parenting. No wonder raising kids makes us better people.


**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 09th May 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 Donna at the Ma Ma Creek Store who has been the provider of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Gatton Blue Light Disco**

Gatton Shire Hall

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Entry Just $5.00!

Next Events:

Ages 5years to 15 years olds

7 June
12 July
9 August

14 September—Blue Storm Gatton Soccer Grounds $10 entry per child adults with children free entry

11 October
29 November