



# Ma Ma Messages

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*Aim High With Praise*

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## Dates to Remember

<b>November</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	
19	P&C Meeting
20	Swimming
<b>Week 8</b>	
23	Pre-Prep morning
26	Caffey Swimming Mobile Library 135 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea
27	Swimming
<b>November/December</b>	
<b>Week 9</b>	
03	End of Year Concert
04	Pre-Prep morning Swimming
<b>Week 10</b>	
10	Mobile Library
11	Last Day of School

## 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.)

**19/11** Assistant Regional Director Visit (1:30 – 3:00)

## Students of the Week

Crystal and Grace were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

## In the Classroom

### *Sight Words Certificates:*

Lachlan E: Emerald Words

Grace: Mustard 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: *Toby, Deena, Matthew, Teejay, Lachlan T, Alex, Sasha, Chase, Cindy, Zharlea, Grace, Shanoa, Jenayah.*

## Caffey Swimming Carnival

The Caffey Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This carnival is for 9-12 year old students and a permission note and medical form was sent home yesterday.

## Remembrance Day

Congratulations to the Grantham-Ma Ma Creek RSL Sub-Branch for conducting a wonderful Remembrance Day Service last Tuesday.

Our students represented our school well with some positive comments being received in regard to the respect our students showed.

A big thankyou to Mrs Schmidt and the students for making a fantastic wreath to lay on the day. Thanks also to those families who donated flowers for the wreath.



## Ma Ma Creek's 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ma Ma Creek will celebrate its 135<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

Everyone is invited to an afternoon tea at 2 pm to help celebrate this event. If attending, please bring a plate to share.



## Pre-Prep Days

It is that time of year again when we spread the word about our great school and our Pre-Prep Days. This year Pre-Prep children are invited to the school to join in a number of activities on three days.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am – 1:15pm** (this day includes a Music lesson from our specialist Music teacher as well as Tuckshop)

**Friday 04<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 12noon** (this day includes a PE lesson from our specialist PE teacher)

We welcome all children who are entering Prep next year. Children who were born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible to enrol for Prep in 2015. If you know of anyone who is in this situation, please let them know of our days.

## Book Club

Please note that Book Club orders are due back to the school no later than Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Chappie's Corner

I would like to share something with you that has been on my mind a lot over the last month or so. As parents we would have to admit that often it isn't easy and the handbook of guidelines didn't come in the mail!

There are many things that affect our children; how we relate to them and help them grow and develop.

Some parents are gifted with children who live with Aspergers. This can be amazing as their children reveal gifts and skills that are really quite remarkable. It can also be difficult because for many children with Aspergers dealing with the daily routine is often quite demanding. Their view of the world is quite different to

mine and perhaps yours; the way they process all the information their senses feed into their brain is different. It can lead to overwhelming frustration and sometimes this leads to behaviour that is really hard to manage.

I have come across a website – an American one, but still helpful. It is put together by two young men who have grown up with Aspergers. They talk quite frankly and share insights about what it is like to experience.

I found some of their suggestions really useful and it makes me think twice when I interact with children.

They do promote for sale their DVD and book. They also offer a Facebook group (at a cost). You may find some of the free information helpful, as I did. At the very least the insight to living with Aspergers is helpful.

Hope this is of some use to you. The website link is below:

<http://www.aspergerexperts.com/go/didm/>

## P&C News

### Christmas Raffle

This year the P & C are running another Christmas multi-draw raffle and are asking for donations to go towards the raffle. If you are able to assist with donations for this raffle, please send them in to the school office.

### Pub Raffles

The following dates are those where our P&C Association conducts the raffles at the Tenthill Hotel.

04/12.

If you are able to help on this night, please let the P&C Executive know.

## P&C Meeting

Please note that the next P&C Meeting will now be held at the school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 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 Tenthill Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

## Community News

### Ma Ma Creek Hall

#### Markets

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

### Rope Hill Community

#### Christmas Carol Evening

This event will be held at the Rope Hill Community Sports Centre on Monday 07<sup>th</sup> December commencing with a BBQ meal at 6 pm. Steak burgers, sausages and drinks will be on sale. The program will follow a similar format to that of past years.

In the event of wet weather, the alternate venue of the Tent Hill Baptist Church will be available.

The special guest this year is Brendon Walmsley, accompanied by his brothers.