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# Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School

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## Greetings,

It has been a busy and exciting start to the second half of the school year!

## Ma Ma Creek Exhibition

A big thank you and congratulations to the Ma Ma Creek community for what sounded like one of the biggest Exhibitions in recent years. Events like this remind us what a special community we are part of. Thank you to Katie, the P&C, and all our wonderful volunteers for organising and running another successful burger stall. Despite the rain, it was a busy day with burgers and snags selling out and plenty of happy customers!

## Show Results

Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding efforts at both the Gatton Show and the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition. Thanks to their great work, Ma Ma Creek SS was awarded the overall prize for the top small school in the region—well done!

## Caffey Athletics Carnival

Last week, our students joined other local small schools at the Caffey Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all involved for their effort and great sportsmanship. Several students have qualified for the Lockyer Zone Athletics, which will be held next Wednesday and Friday. Keep an eye out for the permission form, which will be sent via the QParents app.

## School Opinion Survey

Parents and caregivers should have received an email invitation from the Department of Education to complete the 2025 School Opinion Survey. We encourage you to take this short (5-minute) survey to share what you think the school is doing well and where we can improve. The email subject will be *School Opinion Survey for Parents and Caregivers, 2025*, and can be completed on any device.

## NAIDOC Celebrations

Next Thursday we will celebrate NAIDOC Day—a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about and engage with First Nations culture. We welcome back Wollumbin Dreaming (the group behind our yarning circle mural) to lead a range of hands-on activities including:

- Connection to Country talk
- Frequency exercise
- Ochre and painting workshops
- Rope-making using native fibres

Nathan from Wollumbin Dreaming will also be staying on to

create some new murals along our pathways to brighten up the school grounds.

## Book Week

We'll be celebrating Book Week and all things literacy during Week 6. Students are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to share and dress up as their favourite book character for our Book Week Parade on the morning of **Friday, 22nd August**.

## Instrumental Music Camp

Some of our instrumental students have been invited to a one-day music camp at Laidley State High School. The day will end with a **concert and BBQ**. Families of students in Years 2 and 3 are also welcome to attend as an introduction to our instrumental program. Food and drinks available from 3:30pm. Concert begins at 5:50pm and runs for approximately one hour.

## Ball Games Carnival

The next Caffey Small Schools event will be the **Ball Games Carnival**, to be held at Mt Whitestone SS on **Thursday, 4th September**. We'll begin practice next week to prepare for a fun and active day.

## Important Reminders

- **Monday, 11th August** – *Ekka Public Holiday* (school closed)

**Friday, 5th September** – *Student-Free Day*

## P&C News

There's plenty happening this weekend!

- **Meat Tray Raffle – Tonight at the Tenthill Hotel (5:30–6:30pm)**: Huge thanks to Jeff and Lisa for donating all six meat trays—this means 100% of funds raised will go to the school! Come down for your chance to win and support our P&C.
- **Tractor Trek – Sunday Morning**: Tractors will be stopping in at school for a hearty breakfast around 8:00am before heading off for the day. Come along to check out the tractors and lend a hand if you can! The P&C will also be running a raffle featuring a fully stocked **Dune 4WD esky** and a **\$50 voucher from Gatton Farm and Fasteners**.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community!

**Respect**

**Integrity**

**Safety**

**Effort**

# Teaching and Learning

In English, The P-2 class have been having fun with persuasive writing! The students have been using sentence starters to try and convince their readers—which often includes each other—that their favourite season is the absolute best. You might find yourself persuaded too!

## **Spring is the best**

**By Cooper, Prep.**

I strongly believe that spring is the best season. Firstly, spring has pretty flowers. Secondly, it is not too hot. Thirdly, baby foals are born in spring. To summarise it is clear that spring is the best season.

## **Autumn is the best season**

**By Tanner, Prep.**

I strongly believe that autumn is the best season. Firstly, I like to jump in puddles. Secondly, I like jumping in the leaves. Thirdly, I can climb the trees and the leaves fall off easy. To summarise, it is clear autumn is the best season.

## **Winter is the best**

**By Annabelle, Year 1**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, because it snows in winter. Secondly, we can sleep in in winter. Thirdly, we can play in the snow to build snowmen. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

## **Winter is the best season**

**By Ace, Year 1**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, the snow is really fun. Secondly, you can sit around the fire. Thirdly you can throw snowballs. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

## **Winter is the best season**

**By Magnolia, Year 1**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, winter is magical. In spring there are flowers but not any snow or frost. Secondly, you can snuggle under blankets by the fire. Thirdly, you can ice skate and dance. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

## **Winter is the best season**

**By Dorathy, Year 1**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, winter is magical in the day. Secondly, winter is the best season because I can see the snow. Thirdly, I see snow trees. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

## **Summer is the best season**

**By Riley, Year 2**

I strongly believe that summer is the best season. Firstly, you can go to the pool and you can swim. Secondly, you can throw water balloons at other people. Thirdly, you can make a waterslide and go to the beach and go to Dreamworld. To summarise, it is clear that summer is the best season.

## **Summer is the best season**

**By Annie, Year 2**

I strongly believe that summer is the best season. Firstly, I can go to the pool. Secondly I can go to the beach too. Thirdly I can go to Dreamworld too. To summarise, it is clear that it is the best season ever.

## **Winter is the best season**

**By Callan, Year 2**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, you can visit the snow. Secondly, you can rug up in your blankets. Thirdly, you can see the dolphins and there are no snakes. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

## **Spring is the best season**

**By Lion, Year 2**

I strongly believe that spring is the best season. Firstly, spring is the best season because the flowers start to bloom and they start to get lots of colour. Secondly, spring is the best season because it has the perfect temperature. Thirdly, spring is the best season because the trees don't lose their nice looking leaves. To summarise, it is clear that spring is the best season.

## **Winter is the best season**

**By Caleb, Year 2.**

I strongly believe that winter is the best season. Firstly, we can go to the snow. Secondly, there are no snakes and we can see dolphins. Thirdly, we can sit around the fire and have marshmallows. To summarise, it is clear that winter is the best season.

# Dates to Remember

Basketball	Monday's 3pm - 4pm
Tractor Trek	Sunday August 10
Ekka Show Holiday	Monday August 11 - School Closed
NAIDOC Day Celebrations	Thursday August 14
Instrumental Music Camp and Concert	Thursday August 21
Book Week Parade	August 18 –22
Ball Games	Friday September 4
Student Free Day	Friday September 5 - School Closed
End of Term	Friday September 19

## Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the week!

### Term 3:

#### Week 2

Lion – For always putting in a 100% effort!

Lucas – For showing perseverance and effort with his writing!

#### Week 4

Annabelle – For putting in her best effort in her writing!

Neveah – For putting in a great effort at Caffey Athletics carnival!



## Joke of the Week

**Q:** Why don't you see Elephants hiding in trees?

**A:** Because they are really good at it!



## Behaviour Focus

### Effort

Striving for our Best!



## HEY MA MA CREEK STATE SCHOOL!

Change you've made so far



Thank you to Everyone who donates their containers to our school. We have recycled 6302 containers since we started!!

# P&C News

Welcome back to term 3! I hope everyone had a peaceful albeit freezing cold break. We have a lot of upcoming events in term 3 – in fact this is probably our busiest time of year so please chip in if you can, many hands make light work.

## **Father's Day Raffle**

It's that time of year again and our Ma Ma Creek P&C will be holding our annual Father's Day Raffle for 2025! If you can donate any Father's Day related items to our raffle this year it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off all items at the school office before the 7th of August 2025.

## **Pie Drive 2025**

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies in our recent pie drive! We will keep you updated with the profits made.

## **Tenthill Pub Meat Trays**

It is time for the Tenthill meat tray raffle night on the 8th of August 2025. The night will begin at 5.30pm so if you are free, book a table and purchase a couple of tickets to support our small country school! To make a booking please contact the Tenthill Pub on (07) 54627100.

## **Ma Ma Creek Exhibition**

Thank you to our stellar volunteers who chipped in and helped us out at the Ma Ma Creek expo – we wouldn't be able to run this stall without your help and it is greatly appreciated. The day whilst a little rainy in the later morning was absolutely amazing – very busy! We sold out of our hamburgers entirely and had very few sausages left. We are beyond thrilled with such a fantastic turn out but truly, without the help we received it just wouldn't have functioned. It was very busy at many parts of the day, and we really did rely on our people to make it all just happen. This is why volunteers are so important to these events – many hands really do make light work and we cannot achieve a good profit without help. The profits we make from these events are quite significant and aid our children's education in the way of new iPads, laptops, chipping in for school camps/excursions, free tuck-shops etc.

We won't expect to know profits made from this event for a while but as soon as hear we will let you know. Please consider putting your hand up for future events even if just for an hour.

## **Tractor Trek**

Tractor Trek is back! Our favourite tractor enthusiasts are dropping in to visit us for breakfast on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2025. We will need some help on this morning cooking breakfast, serving up the goodies and selling raffle tickets. We will need volunteers from 6:30am until roughly 9:30am. Please let me know if you are able to help. More reminders will go out in the diaries. This is a great little event which takes up very little time and is a fantastic way to engage with the community!

## **LAMA Car Rally**

Looking forward to future events we have the LAMA car rally folks heading back to visit us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. We know this a little while off yet but we are going to need some volunteers to help us out on the day – this will be a lunch time event at the school and so we would need some helpers between 10:30-1:30. Even if you could chip in an hour or two that would be so helpful! We will be BBQing, preparing ham-also have a raffle running as well. This is a community as well so please, if you have some myself (Katie).

burgers and serving our guests. We will cracking little event to engage with the time – come and see either Allison or



## **Our next general meeting**

TBA

Katie

P&C President





## What's been happening

How did it get to be week 4 already? Term 3 is always a very busy time of year.

Last Friday was Under 8s Day and it was such an amazing time. I joined Chappy Matt and Lynette to serve up delicious free fruit and fairy bread to the hundreds of parents and children who came along.

I also had the privilege of joining my schools on Tuesday and Wednesday at the athletics day. I was so proud of how the students put in their best effort. What a great result!

In week 2, I was away at a training day for Kid's Hope. This a mentoring program that brings mentors into schools to connect with students. I hope to have this under way and available soon for all my schools to engage with. Click on this link for more information.

[Homepage - Kids Hope](#)



## Chappy Tips

### 5 Phrases Your Child Can Use to Stand Up for Themselves

Are you looking for ways to empower your child to stand up for themselves in different situations?

By teaching them a few simple phrases, you can make a big difference in how confident your child feels!

Here are five phrases your child can use to assert themselves and set boundaries:

1. "I need you to stop bothering me and leave me alone."  
Your child will show...  
They have the confidence to stop the unacceptable behavior.
2. "I don't like being called that. I want you to call me by my name."  
Your child will show...  
They expect others to be respectful and they do not tolerate verbal abuse.
3. "I didn't have control over that. It's not okay to blame me."  
Your child will show...  
They will not be the scapegoat and they expect others to be accountable.
4. "I see that you're unhappy. But I can't let you treat me like this."  
Your child will show...  
They know how to advocate for themselves and set boundaries.
5. "That's not safe. I'm getting someone to help."  
Your child will show...  
They aren't afraid to ask for help.



And most importantly:

Encourage them to stand up for themselves at home.  
Teach them that NO is an acceptable answer by allowing them to use it with you.  
Respect their boundaries. If they don't want hugs or tickles, say, "Your body, your rules."

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## Fund Raising

Currently, I have **Stanthorpe 1 lt Apple Juice at \$10** each for sale. There is also limited **honey** available at **\$12 for 1kg** and **\$30 for 3kg**. Let me know if you would like some.

I am also running a **coffee drive**. Coffee Commune have created a **special coffee blend for chaplains** and **40-50% of sales go towards my schools**. The coffee drive will split money raised evenly between the 3 schools I work at being, Mt Whitestone, Mt Sylvia and Ma Ma Creek. **It will run until Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

Go to the below link or use the QR code. Please select the option for the coffee to be delivered to me to save yourself postage. I will be in touch the first week of September to arrange delivery of your coffee.

<https://chaplaincoffee.com.au/31119503529>

**Thank you for allowing me to support your children...until next time...**

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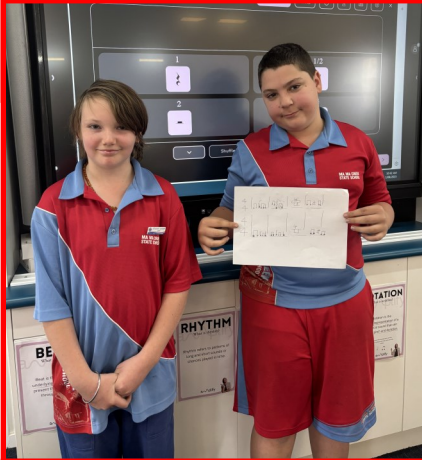
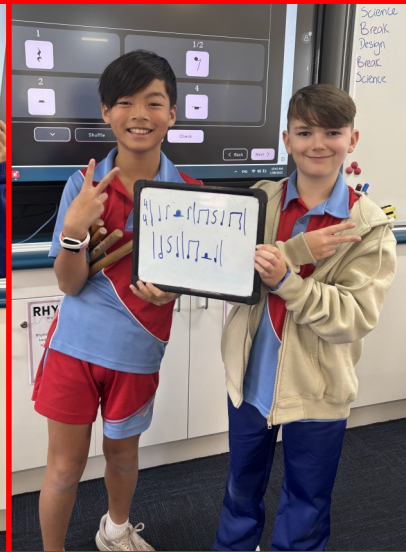
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# Kids Corner





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# Community News

Hot on the heels of Mt Whitestone's Bingo Night on Friday night will be Ma Ma Creek Community Markets on Saturday with hot toasties, ham and cheese croissants and variety of delicious sweets from hall kitchen. Come along for pure local honey, handmade beautiful bags and other sewing treasures, Chappy's Toyshop, live music, native and other plants, fresh local vegies and so much more. 8 – 12 o'clock, stall fee is still only \$10. Please contact Helen on 0418716057.

Under 8s Day at Gatton State School oval last Friday was heaps of fun with lots of stalls and great attendance. Mrs Nichols and Mrs Schmidt enjoyed making 'stained glass' suncatchers with the kids.



Wanted!! Any information leading to the disappearance of the sprouting choko that we planted with playgroup in the school garden a couple of weeks ago. There will be a reward for any helpful tip-offs.

