



Ma Ma Messages

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Ma Ma Creek State School

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Greetings

Wow, hasn't this term flown by! It's hard to believe we're already nearing the end of Term 1. We are incredibly proud of the outstanding behaviour and effort our students have shown so far this year. Their hard work and positive attitudes have set a fantastic tone for 2026, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve next.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent P&C AGM. It was wonderful to see such great attendance and support from our school community. We'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work of last year's P&C, which raised over \$7,000! This amazing effort, and has allowed us to purchase four new iPads, a new laptop, subsidise camp and excursion costs, provide stationery supplies, and even contribute plants for our Year 6 garden project. What an incredible achievement—thank you!

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C office bearers for 2026!

President: Bianca Weir

Vice President: Allison Edgerton

Treasurer: Sarah Nichols

Secretary: Vicki Doyle

We look forward to working with you to make this year another successful one.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to everyone who has donated items for our Easter Raffle hampers. A special thank you to Bianca for organising the donations into hampers and to Jim McDonald's office for their generous contribution of a hamper. The raffle will be drawn during parade this Thursday, so please ensure all tickets (including any unsold ones) are returned by Wednesday.

A reminder next Thursday morning, we'll be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade, so get those creative ideas flowing and start crafting those bonnets!

What a fantastic start to the year we've had at Ma Ma Creek! A big thank you to our students, families, and staff for making Term 1 such a success. Your support, enthusiasm, and hard work have set the tone for a positive and productive year ahead.

Just a quick note to let you know that I will be taking some leave during May next term. In my absence, Steph will be stepping in to take my place. I know she will do a

fantastic job, and everything will run smoothly while I'm away.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Easter break, filled with plenty of rest and family time. We're looking forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 2!

Happy Easter from all of us at Ma Ma Creek!

Attendance Matters

As we prioritise building on last year's school attendance rate of over 93%, we are pleased to report a current attendance rate of 95%. While this is a fantastic achievement, we aim to maintain and improve this rate throughout the year. While illness is sometimes unavoidable, if your child is displaying symptoms of being unwell, we kindly request that they stay at home and seek medical advice if necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring regular attendance and the overall well-being of our school community.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – Week 2, Term 2

A friendly reminder that Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 2 next term. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far this year. A booking form will be sent home during the first week back after the holidays, so please keep an eye out for it.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, would like to check in on how your child is going, or even just want to have a chat, please remember that our door is always open. We value working together to support your child's learning journey and are here to help however we can.

Swimming Lessons

Our swimming lessons kicked off today. Thank you for your understanding as we had to make a last-minute change and swap Tuesday's lesson for today.

Looking ahead, our next two swimming blocks will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please ensure your child brings their swimmers, towel, and any other necessary items on these days.

Thank you for your support in helping our students develop this important life skill!

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Behaviour Focus: Being a Friend to Have a Friend

Our behaviour focus for this fortnight is "Being a Friend to Have a Friend". We have been having some great discussions about what it means to be a good friend. We've talked about important qualities like sharing, understanding different points of view, treating others with respect, and using kind words.

We've also been focusing on the importance of safety and respecting others' personal space. These are valuable lessons that help create a positive and supportive environment for everyone at school.

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home and chat with your child about what being a good friend means to them. Together, we can help our students build strong, respectful relationships with their peers.

Literacy in the classroom

Early next term, Prep students will begin bringing home **Super Decoder** word lists. These decodable word lists link directly to the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in class and help children build strong reading and spelling skills. The words on each list follow the patterns we have already taught, giving students the chance to apply their phonemic knowledge and decoding strategies at home. On the lists you will find some words highlighted yellow, these are special words that are not decoded with typical letter sounds, and they can be learnt as a whole word (w-a-s = w-o-z).

Tips for home:

- Set aside **5–10 minutes a day** to read the list with your child.
- Encourage them to **say the individual sounds and then blend the word** (e.g., /s/ /a/ /t/ = sat).
- If they are unsure, guide them to break the word into sounds and try again.

- Revisit any tricky words and celebrate their progress!

HANDY TIP: mix up the order of the list when practising, making it more tricky!

At school, we will complete **daily checks and weekly tests**, and students who can successfully sound out all the words on their Super Decoder list will earn a certificate presented on parade.

Consistent short practice sessions at home make a big difference, and we appreciate your continued support in your child's reading journey.

Useful Definitions:

Phoneme- the sound a letter makes

Grapheme- the letter

Decode- sound it out

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for their outstanding behaviour this week!

P-2 – Cooper—For showing excellent effort in the classroom and using encouraging words to others.

3-6 – William – Being a great role model to others by using encouraging words and always putting in his best effort!



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Dates to Remember

Playgroup	Thursdays 9am
Swimming Lessons—Gatton Pool	Tuesday March 31- April 1 - 2
Easter Parade and Raffle Draw	Thursday April 2
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday April 2
Good Friday	Friday April 3
Easter Sunday	Sunday April 5
First Day of Term 2	Monday April 20



Join us at Playgroup on Thursdays from 9:00am to 10:30am for lots of fun and games. All Welcome!



News from our Social Worker



Hi Everyone,

Term 1 is ending, term 2 after the Easter break is coming up fast. I hope that you and your family have an awesome break.

As I have settled into the role here in the Lockyer Valley, more students, parents and staff and I too, have learnt what social work is in schools. This also means that my work has become more meaningful and the workload higher. To help with organising schedules, I thought that I may share what schedule looks like in Term 2. My plan is that this schedule will remain steady for every term for the next three years.

Mondays.

Odd weeks - Murphys Creek State School. Even weeks - Helidon State School.

Tuesdays.

Odd weeks - Grantham State School. Even weeks - Flagstone Creek State School.

Wednesday.

Odd weeks – Ma Ma Creek State School. Even weeks – Mt Sylvania State School.

Thursdays.

Odd weeks – Tent Hill Lower State School. Even weeks – Mt Whitestone State School.

Fridays.

Referrals and administration at Mount Sylvania State School.

The schedule is flexible. When its needed, I can change the schedule to respond to high priorities, just let me know. Whether its group work, individual counselling sessions, parent support and education, social workers are here to help your child thrive at school.

Thanks for your time caring for your children.

Shane
Social Worker

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***Sometimes, teachers must also
act as parents.***

***Always, parents are children's
first teachers.***

Circle of Security – Parenting in 2026

In 2026, the plan was to run two courses. There hasn't been enough interest for Term 2, so we will be looking to one a course in Term 3.

QLD Health Early Intervention Parenting Service.

Parents of under 8s needing support can contact the EIPS on 1800 607 030. The West Moreton Service may also offer Circle Of Security – Parenting at the Gatton Library in 2026.



What's been happening

First, I would like to apologise for missing some newsletters and being a little absent from school this term. I have missed being with the students, staff and seeing all of you. Family commitments sometimes need to take front seat in life. It is a good reminder to always take a step back when life's seasons are changing and be willing to do what your loved ones need and be there for them.

It was a privilege to support our senior students at the Young Leaders Day in week 7. What an inspirational group of speakers and a wonderful experience.

Back at school, Tuesday lunch is a time of Chappy activities with games and craft. This week the students have been offered wooden Easter decorations to colour and made rabbits with origami paper. Bubbles are always a lot of fun as well.

Chappy Breakfast – If your child would like some Chappy breakfast on a Tuesday morning from 8am-8.45am, encourage them to come along to school in time, before the bell goes, to get some munching happening. It is wonderful the school has received funding to support the breakfast club. I am looking at doing toasties on Tuesdays and there will be other options like yoghurt available and maybe some warm milo next term with the weather starting to cool.

You Can Do It program – This program is so inspiring. Some recent sessions have covered topics like persistence; keep trying even when things are hard or you don't feel like it; looking at what things are easy, hard or impossible and how much effort is needed to do things; thinking about what part of school/home we need to put more effort into; positive statements we can say to ourselves; techniques to set ourselves up for success. Also, every Tuesday You Can Do it sends out a newsletter with great information. Click on this link and scroll down to the bottom to fill in your e-mail if you would like to receive it. [Maximise Student Wellbeing with You Can Do It! Education – You Can Do It! Education Australia](#)

Chappy Tips & Support

I have included one of this week's attachments from the You Can Do It newsletter to give you some mindfulness activities to consider sharing with your child. Have a look over the activities including Balloon Breathing, Your favourite place, Practice gratitude with WWW, and Body Scan and self-care. Help your child find what works for them...we are all different.

Fund Raising & Support

Coffee – You can order coffee any time and support chaplaincy at Ma Ma Creek State School. Just go to this website. Thank you for your support

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

Honey – Thank you so much to Phil from Dunlop Apiaries for continuing to supply honey to raise funds for chaplaincy. I will have some more soon and will let you know when it arrives.

Donations - If you would like to directly support Chaplaincy at Ma Ma Creek State School, scan the QR code or go to <https://su.org.au/donate/ma-ma-creek-ss-chaplaincy-non-tax-deductible/>



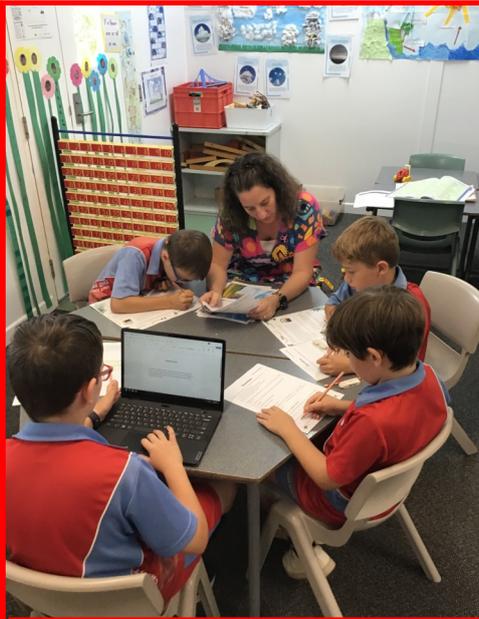
Thank you for allowing me to support your children...

Chappy Neen janine.green@suchaplaincy.org.au

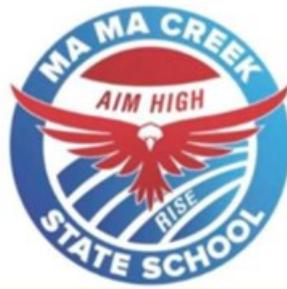
I am at Ma Ma Creek every Tuesday, and Thursdays on week 1,3,5,7,9.



Kids Corner



Community News



MA MA CREEK STATE SCHOOL

EASTER RAFFLES

TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5

Five amazing raffles, with so many goodies inside!



Winners drawn on the 2nd of April at school and winners will be contacted via phone. Cash or bank transfer via the school.

**Thank you,
for your support.**

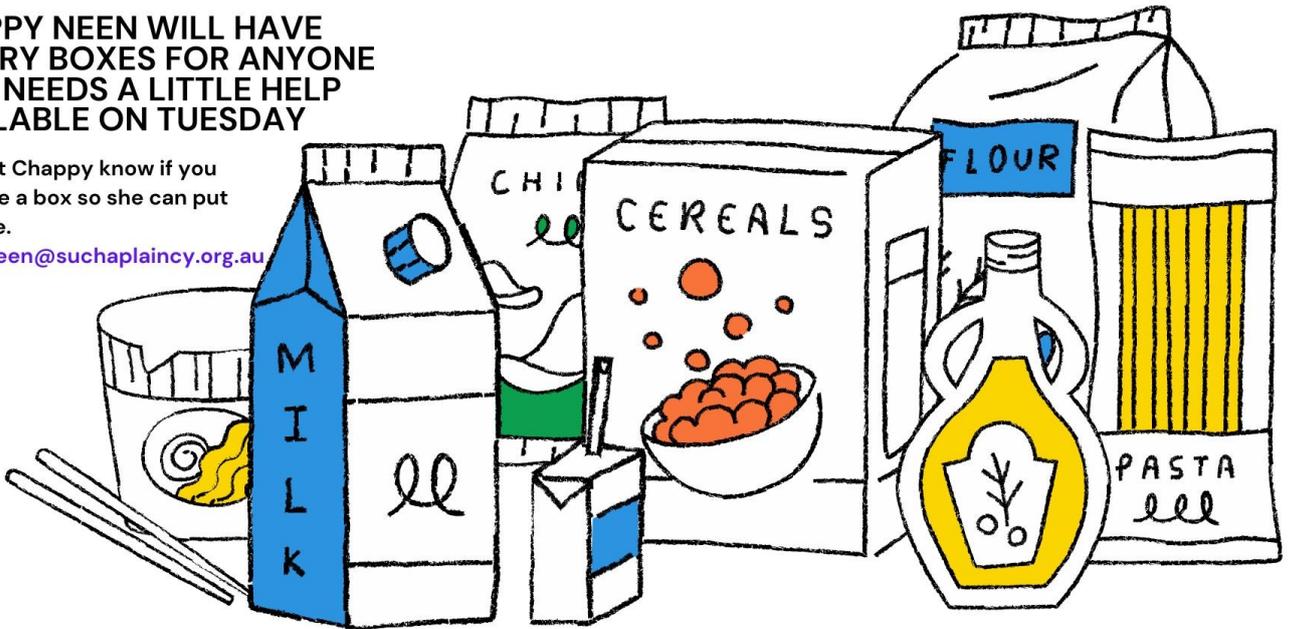


Food Pantry boxes available

CHAPPY NEEN WILL HAVE
PANTRY BOXES FOR ANYONE
WHO NEEDS A LITTLE HELP
AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY

Please let Chappy know if you
would like a box so she can put
one aside.

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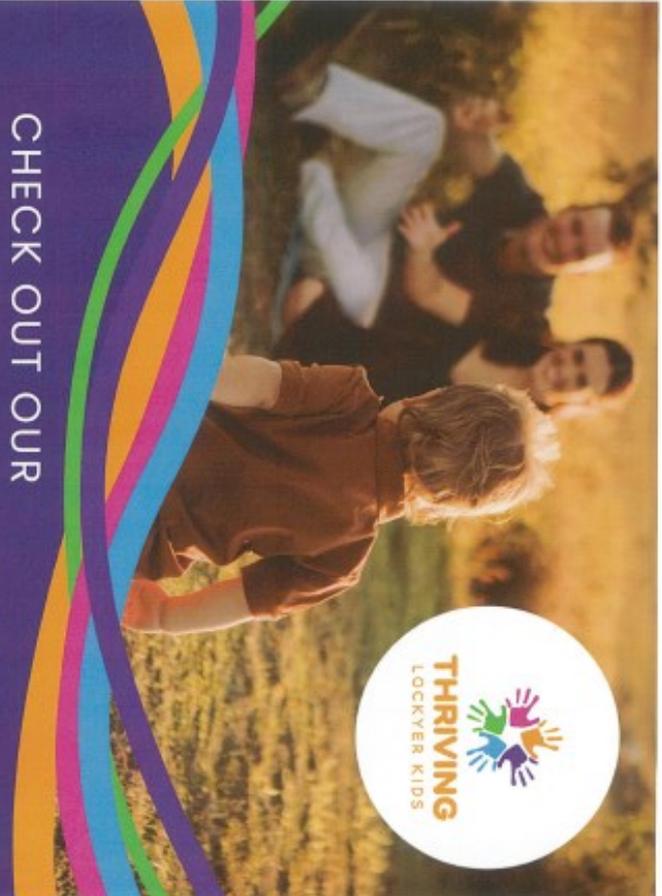


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**Child and
Family Padlet**

Scan the QR Code
for Information
and Resources to
support your Early
Years journey in
the Lockyer Valley.



bitly/Tlkpadlet



Community News

Questacon Science Circus

FREE!

Toowoomba Pop-Up

Friday 10 April, 11 am - 5 pm

Saturday 11 April, 10 am - 4 pm

Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre, UniSQ Toowoomba Campus

20 Baker St, Darling Heights QLD 4350

With over 30 hands-on exhibits and spectacular science shows to spark curiosity, the *Science Circus* pop-up is a fantastic STEM experience for the whole family!

Contact ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au or 0466 922 801 for enquiries.



Book your free ticket!
bit.ly/QSC26QLD-NSW



Community News

Our HeartFit exercise classes are becoming a regular feature at Ma Ma Creek Hall on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 pm. Nerina's great music and the fact that you can work at your own pace makes it a perfect starting point for your good intentions about getting fit.

First class is free, then \$11 per session or a \$50 card for 5 sessions.

On other MMC hall news, of course, there is a hive of activity about the first Ball in years, celebrating the 90th anniversary of Ma Ma Creek Exhibition this year. Flyer for dance lessons attached.

HELP, ANYONE willing to volunteer for a couple of hours this coming Monday morning to cater for a large group of people at a funeral wake at Ma Ma Creek Hall, please get in touch with Eva on 0467 566 632.



BALL ROOM
DANCE LESSONS

In preparation for our upcoming
90th Anniversary Ball
the Ma Ma Creek Community Centre
is hosting dance lessons!

**All are welcome to come learn, or simply brush
up on those yesteryear dance moves.**

Cost : \$12 adult & \$6 child
Time : 2pm
Date : Sunday 29th March
Where : Ma Ma Creek Community Centre
830 Gatton Clifton Road, Ma Ma Creek
The lesson length is approximately 1.5hrs.
Contact : Dion 0417795093

