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Ma Ma Messages

Ma Ma Creek State School

October, 31 2025
Issue 2, Term 4

Greetings to the Ma Ma Creek School Community,

The year continues to race along, and students and teachers are busy completing in-class assessments and finalising learning programs in preparation for Semester Two report cards. This is always a busy but exciting time of year as we approach the end of term, with many activities planned to celebrate a successful year of learning.

Our Prep–2 students are off to the Amaroo Environmental Education Centre this Monday. This excursion promises to be an engaging, hands-on learning experience that consolidates their recent classroom learning.

Meanwhile, our Year 3–6 students will head to Camp Cooby on Wednesday for three days of fun and challenging activities designed to build teamwork, resilience, and confidence. Excursions and camps provide valuable opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom, and we encourage everyone to make the most of these experiences.

Last Friday, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in Youth Parliament—a fantastic opportunity to see democracy in action. They joined students from 16 other schools, taking on various roles within the legislative assembly, including Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Whip, and Members of Parliament. Eight of our students represented electorates and delivered thoughtful one-minute speeches on topics of importance. A special mention goes to Michael, who had the honour of opening Parliament as the Youth Premier, sharing his vision for Queensland. All students did a wonderful job in their respective roles and represented Ma Ma Creek SS with pride. Well done, everyone!

Attendance Our current attendance rate sits at 92.4%, which means we're well on track to meet our target of over 92%! As we approach the end of the school year, it's important to keep our focus on attendance—everyday counts, and your support truly makes a difference. Let's continue working together to maintain our strong attendance and finish the year on a high note. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our students' success!

Healthy Lunches Matter!

A friendly reminder about the importance of packing

healthy lunches for our students. Nutritious meals help children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day. Fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and water are excellent choices to keep minds sharp and bodies active.

School-aged children learn quickly and are often influenced by friends and popular trends. This makes it a great time to talk about and encourage healthy food habits at home and school.

A healthy lunchbox can include:

- Fresh fruit
- Crunchy vegetables
- Milk, yoghurt, or cheese (or alternatives such as calcium-fortified soy or rice drinks or soy yoghurt)
- Lean protein such as chicken strips, tuna, or a hard-boiled egg
- Grain or cereal foods like bread, rolls, wraps, fruit bread, or crackers (wholegrain or wholemeal options are best)

Tap water

Items to avoid in lunchboxes:

- Sweet drinks such as fruit juices, cordials, sports drinks, energy drinks, flavoured waters, iced teas, and soft drinks — these are high in sugar and can affect both weight and oral health
- Dried fruit bars and fruit “straps” — these are high in sugar, low in fibre, and can stick to teeth, causing decay
- Chocolate spreads in sandwiches — they add unnecessary sugar

Artificially sweetened drinks

Some pre-packaged foods marketed as “healthy” can also be high in sugar or salt and low in nutritional value, so always check labels carefully.

Healthy lunches and snacks support children's concentration, learning, and overall wellbeing. When families enjoy a variety of nutritious foods from the Five Food Groups, children are more likely to develop lifelong healthy eating habits.



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Movie Trivia Night: Book Your Table Now!

Get ready for a spooktacular night of fun and frights at our Halloween Trivia Night! Gather your ghoulish friends and test your knowledge on all things eerie, entertaining, and mysterious. Come dressed in your creepiest, funniest, or most creative costume — there'll be prizes for the best-dressed team!

To register your team, contact Katie on 0421 867 681.

Spaces are limited, so book your spot before it vanishes!

Prep Transition Mornings

Last week we welcomed our Pre-Preps for the first of our transition mornings, and it was wonderful to see their excitement as they explored their new learning environment. Our second session will be held next Tuesday, 12 November, from 9:00–11:00am.

These mornings are a fantastic opportunity for our Preps of 2026 to connect with teachers, meet new friends, and begin feeling comfortable in their school setting. We look forward to welcoming our new Preps once again for another fun morning of learning and discovery!

Swimming Lessons

Our second block of swimming lessons for the year will be held on November 12th, 13th, and 14th. Each day will include two 45-minute lessons at the Gatton Aquatic Centre.

Students will depart school by bus at 12:30pm, with the first lesson running from 1:00–1:45pm, followed by a short break for a snack. The second lesson will take place from 2:15–3:00pm.

Parents are asked to collect their children from the pool by 3:00pm. If you are unable to do so, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your support.

Students Working Diligently on End of Year Tasks

As the year draws to a close, our students are busy completing their end-of-year tasks and assessments. We're proud of their dedication and effort throughout the term. It's wonderful to see them striving to do their best, and we're confident they'll finish the year on a strong and positive note.



Respect

Integrity

Safety

Effort

Dates to Remember

Amaroo Environmental Education Centre P-2	Monday November 3
Prep Transition Day	Tuesday November 4 9:00am - 11:00am
Yr 3-6 Camp	Wednesday Friday November 5-7
Swim Lessons	Wednesday Friday November 12-14
P&C Trivia Night	Saturday November 15
Year 6 Lockyer District State High School Transition Day	Tuesday November 18 9:00am - 11:30am
Year 6 Lockyer District State High School Transition Day	Tuesday November 25 9:00am - 11:30am
Swim Carnival 8yrs and above	Thursday November 27
Year 6 Lockyer District State High School Disco for year 6 students	Thursday December 4 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Year 6 Lockyer District State High School Orientation Day	Monday December 8
Christmas Concert	Thursday December 11 5:30pm
Break up Day UQ Pool	Friday December 12
First Day of Term 1 2026	Tuesday January 27

Student of the Week



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

Week 3

Abigail – Being a good friend to others by being inclusive

Caleb – For helping others in the classroom

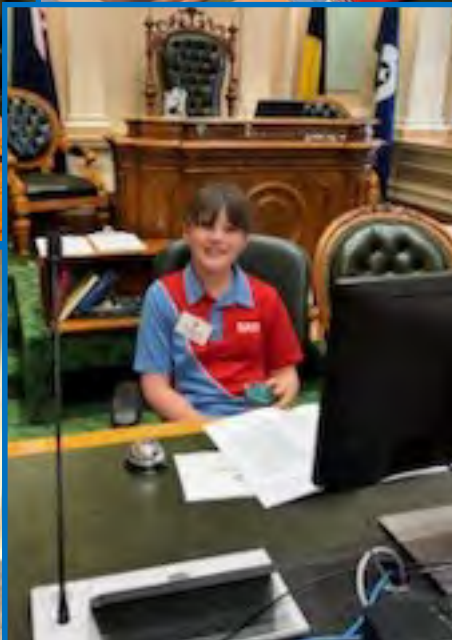
Week 4

Billie – Demonstrating integrity and respect while helping our new students settle in.

Emerald – For being an enthusiastic new classmate.



Kids Corner



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What's been happening



Our last term in 2025 is almost halfway there! Hold onto your hats for the busiest and most fun part of the year!

But first, I hope you all were safe and got through the bush fires OK. What a blessing the rain has been! Please reach out if you would like to chat over a cuppa at any time or if you feel I can help in any situation.

I will have more pantry hamper boxes available before the end of term. Please let me know if you would like one so I can collate numbers and bring one to school for you. My e-mail is below, so please send me a quick e-mail saying yes please to a hamper.



Week 3 was a busy week for me, and I was only at school part of Thursday. The P-2 Class are continuing with their Rock and Water sessions and learning about being strong in their body, their mind and choices.

Week 4, we had the pleasure of the 2026 Preps joining us so the year 1 and 2 cohort had some extra time with Chappy. We learned about filling our invisible bucket by being kind and caring and how it takes away from our and other's buckets when we are not kind.

Who got along to Emu Gully? As you can see from the photo, I dragged my husband with me, and we had a fantastic, muddy time. Once again, a great fundraising event.

I am looking forward to joining students at the Cooby Dam camp in week 5.

Chappy Tips

Have you heard of the Raising Children Network website? There is a link to the Raising Healthy Minds App on there as well. It is a website that has been "Co-designed with parents and mental health experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds supports children's social and emotional well-being." You can find information and help on raising children from pregnancy all the way through to teenagers. There are sections around many topics including, Autism, ADHD, disabilities, different stages of development. Why not check it out and see if it can support you on your parenting journey, no matter what stage you are at.

[Raising Healthy Minds app](#) | [Raising Children Network](#)

Fund Raising

Stanthorpe 1lt Apple Juice available at \$10 each. Some in the office.

Honey \$12 for 1kg and \$30 for 3kg. – nearly all gone again but some in the office.

Jolly Soles socks clearance sale – NOW \$5 each

Coffee – If you missed out on the coffee drive, never fear, you can still order coffee any time and support chaplaincy at Mt Whitestone State School. Just go to this website or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support

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



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

Chappy Neen janine.green@suchaplaincy.org.au

P&C News

Ma Ma Creek State School Christmas Concert

The P&C will be supplying a BBQ for the upcoming end of year Christmas concert – Gold Coin donation. We will also be selling drinks and raffle tickets as usual so please pop in around 5:30 for a snag, a drink & a few tickets!

Ma Ma Creek Trivia Night

RSVP 8th of November 2025 – Tables are booking fast – PLEASE do not delay.

Buckle up folks! It's back... and it's spooky.

What:- Ma Ma Creek HALLOWEEN Trivia Night

Where:- Only the best place to be on a Saturday night, the Ma Ma Creek Community Centre

When:- 15th of November 2025

Time:- Doors open at 5:30pm with a start time of 6pm

Extra tid bits:- Drinks bar open (No BYO), Lucky door prizes, raffles, competition for best dressed adult and child (Spooky themed) & large pizzas/garlic bread available to pre-order/purchase upon registration for dinner! Be quick – we have tables booking already.

See you there! Bugs and hisses!

Next Gengeral Meeting : - TBA

MA MA CREEK STATE SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

15TH NOVEMBER 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 530PM
FOR A 6PM START

**RAFFLES, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES & BEST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION FOR
BOTH ADULT & CHILD**

DRINKS BAR OPEN	PRIMARY SCHOOL \$5P/P HIGHSCHOOL & ABOVE \$10P/P	MA MA CREEK COMMUNITY HALL
!NO BYO!	MAX 8 PER TABLE	

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT TO BOOK
KATIE - 0421867681

RSVP REGISTRATION/PAYMENT 8TH OF NOVEMBER

LARGE PIZZAS & GARLIC BREAD AVAILABLE TO
PRE-ORDER & PAY UPON REGISTRATION

Community News



PRE PREP TRANSITION DAYS

Parents and children, join us for an interactive morning session designed to give a taste of the enriching learning experiences that await our Preps at Ma Ma Creek State School.



Meet Your new
friends



Get to know
your Teachers



Explore your new
school

DAY 1 - 28/10/2025 9AM - 11AM

DAY 2 - 04/11/2025 9AM - 11AM

CONTACT US
54 627 271

JOIN US

Ma Ma Creek Community Playgroup

2 weeks ago we harvested our small crop of Sebago potatoes and today we made some German "Kartoffelpuffer", thin fried potato cakes served with apple sauce. Everyone was involved in grating, cooking and tasting.



Next week we will be focussing on owls and making our very own owl masks and the week after, our in-school social worker Shane will run a drumming session during playgroup. If you know anyone with children under the age of 5, please tell them about our little playgroup and bring them along next time.

Community News

On Saturday 8th November will be the last morning markets for this year at Ma Ma Creek hall before we see this year out with our Twilight Christmas by the Creek on 13th of December. All the usual goodies will be there with delicious morning teas out of hall kitchen. Bring a friend and come along from 8 – 12.

Hot on the heels of markets will be our annual Get-Together of current and past residents, including those people who have just moved into this area, on Sunday 9th November from 1:30 pm. The time capsule at the hall will also be opened that afternoon. All the information is below, just turn up!!

Our Wednesday afternoon HeartFit exercise classes from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with Nerina are gaining popularity, she does a fantastic job at keeping it interesting, while your heart rate goes up. Your first session is free, after that \$10 per session (if you buy a card of \$50) or \$11 for each session you attend. If you cannot make it to Ma Ma Creek Hall, Forest Hill School of Arts has a class Saturdays 8 – 9 am.

On Tuesday 11th November Grantham -Ma Ma Creek R.S.L. is holding a service at cenotaph at St Stephens Anglican Church at Ma Ma Creek from 10:30 on with morning tea at Ma Ma Creek hall after that. Everyone is welcome.

That same day the hall is booked for a memorial service from 12 o'clock on with hall members catering. If you can help in any way, either by baking or being there anytime between 9:30 and 4 p.m., even just for an hour, please let Eva know on 0467 566 632.

BACK TO MA MA

Ma Ma Creek Community Centre 803 Gatton - Clifton Road

Our annual afternoon tea get together is on again this year, on Sunday 9th November 2025 at 1:30pm.

We will also be taking a walk down memory lane with the opening of the time capsule. If you know of anyone who placed items in the capsule please let them know it is being opened.

We would like to catch up again with all of you, who are past residents, along with those who are current residents, and those who have recently moved to the area, or anyone who would like to come.

If you wish to contribute to afternoon tea with bringing a plate to share it would be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all for an afternoon of chat and laughter.

For more information phone

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