Hi everyone,

Last week, we had our first visit by our 2020 prep cohort. They were very excited and keen to be a part of our school. It was so lovely to see the leadership of our current prep cohort as they showed their new friends around and introduced them to members of our staff and to other students. Tomorrow night, Wednesday 27th November, we invite the parents to an information session about prep and what to expect for next year. The information session starts at 5.30pm in the prep classroom. We look forward to meeting all of our new parents.

Just a reminder, if you are leaving the island, please let us know as soon as you can to assist us with our student number planning for 2020.

Today we took some students from our Garden Crew to MI Care to support their Christmas Markets. We sold plants grown by the students and some Worm Wee as part of our stall. It was great to be involved in such a wonderful community event. Another great community event coming up is the MI Community Carols, on Tuesday 10th December. Our choir, school band and our year 2 class will be performing at this joyful annual event at Alma Bay.

As the year comes to end, it is important to remember that Every Day Counts at Magnetic Island State School. All students should be at school every day. If your child is ill, and is absent from school, please call or send a text message to the office and let us know. Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Did you know that we have been affiliated with Peer Support Australia for twenty years this year? Miss Sophie, our amazing Teacher Aide, was one of our first leaders trained to run a Peer Support group. Peer Support is a vital part of the development of our Positive Culture for Learning. Not only does it explicitly teach skills and strategies to support students as they navigate through life, it also supports their wellbeing and provides an authentic opportunity to develop leadership skills for our senior students. Our 2019 Peer Support celebration will be held on Thursday 5th December. Thank you to Mr Hammels-wang, and the year 6 students, for all of your hard work running this program for our school.

Happy days!
Student Awards

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*Sport/Japanese awards* went to Ondrei & Sacha.

*PCL COTW* went to Year 4.

*Attendance award* went to Year 2.

Awards for Term 4, Week 5:

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*Sport/Japanese awards* went to Andre & Jackson.

*PCL COTW* went to Year 6.

*Attendance award* went to Year 1.

PCL Update

As we come towards the end of a fantastic year at school and it is becoming warmer, it is important to remind students to be mindful to look after ourselves and others. This week our focus is **Be Respectful – I respect others’ personal space**, presented by the Year 1 students on parade yesterday. Next week the focus is **Be Responsible – I maintain a positive and sensible attitude** to be presented by the Prep students.
Prep

The children have worked very hard and we have completed most of our assessments. Please continue to practise home reading and sight words every night as we keep on working until the end of the term.

The preps did a fantastic job of welcoming the Kindy class to our school last week. I was very proud of the way they helped and encouraged the younger children. They also gave them an excellent commentary when we did a tour around the school. The preps were terrific leaders and ambassadors for our school!

We have been working hard on our obstacle courses as well. Here is a photo of some of the children do a very tricky manoeuvre called “The Worm”. Get them to show you how to do it so you can try it at home!!

Melissa Digby

Year 1

Year 1 had a great start to Week 8. We were pleased to see so many parents join us for parade to watch us demonstrate the PCL focus. Thank you for coming parents, and thank you for ensuring everyone was at school by 8:20. We were also pleased to receive the Awesome Attendance award. Well done Year Ones!

This week we are working on our assessment of time in Maths, and in English, are beginning to look at persuasive texts.

Remember that the Geography excursion will be on this Thursday. Students will need full uniform including a hat and their water bottle.

This week (Friday) is the last Library session. Please find and return any outstanding books. Children will be able to borrow this week for the last time in 2019.

Jo Terkelsen

Year 2

The assessment and reporting period is here and it is nice to see students being particularly kind to their teachers!

In English students have been publishing their imaginative event that they have added to a familiar narrative. They have also supported the event with appropriate illustrations.

In Maths students have been continuing with time. We have been making watches and playing games like “I Spy Time” in class to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

In Media Arts students used coding program “Scratch” to create a poster to communicate a school safety message. All students really enjoy this program and enjoyed teaching the teacher a thing or two about coding.

Students participating in Religious Education have been practicing their Nativity play for the end of the year. The students seem to really love their acting and it’s nice to see them smiling during assessment time.

Not long left now. I’m going to miss this bunch.

Richard McLaughlin
Year 3

We’re at the time of year where everyone is beginning to wind down but there’s still work to do and we just need to keep up the momentum for a little while longer. Despite the tiredness creeping in, the students have worked extremely well on their assessments and we are confident of finishing everything in time to enjoy the final weeks of learning for 2019.

The adapted poems have been completed and everyone is well practised and ready for their oral presentation this week. Everyone has done an amazing job of using language devices such as onomatopoeia and alliteration and creating vivid imagery in their poetry.

We finished off our Math unit on ‘Telling time to the minute’ with good results, demonstrating that most students can read both analogue and digital clocks correctly. For some students the ‘past’ and ‘to’ of analogue time, can still be tricky and it is worthwhile to practise at home whenever an opportunity arises.

Adding and removing heat from liquids of varying consistency was our investigation focus in Science and students used terms low and high viscosity, melting and freezing to describe their observations.

We finished off our Humanities assessment by answering questions about using a democratic decision making process, what the process involved and why it is an effective way to make rules.

In Health students reflected on the time they spend on sedentary activities on a school day and compared this to the time they spend on weekends. Many were surprised about how much time they commit to screens (TV or digital devices) on the weekends. They then made lists of the many different physical activities they could do to take the place of some sedentary behaviours…you will be pleased to note that chores were included in this list.

- Good luck with that one. ;)

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Janette Blundy

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Year 4

There is one last busy week of work ahead for our Year 4 class before we start winding down for 2019. This week we are finishing off and perfecting our assessment tasks and creating and practicing our final drama performance.

In Maths, we will continue our investigations of measurement until the end of the school year. Last week, students estimated the area and volume of large items. This week, we will measure to find the exact amounts. We have enjoyed Maths rotations outside as a new trial since ‘Outdoor Education Day’ and behaviour and focus has been admirable.

We are studying life cycles and the effect of humans on endangered animals in Science. Students have shown great enthusiasm for the topic, and have developed skills in search techniques on the internet and creating annotated diagrams.

Sustainability continues to be the focus in HASS. Each student has developed their own inquiry questions to gather information about a type of waste in the community. This week, they will gather and evaluate the ideas.

Finally, it has been a lot of fun watching students learn in our Drama unit. We have performed various short plays this term, and students are currently collaborating to perform a short play about a special place. The final performances will take place next Tuesday afternoon from 1:45pm in the covered play area. Parents are welcome to watch the performances.

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Rosie Pullen
Year 5

I am very proud of the hard work and perseverance the Year 5 class have demonstrated over the past few weeks. With some challenging learning throughout the units, students should be proud of the effort they have put into focusing in class and engaging in the activities, so that they can better understand the concepts covered.

After completing the novel and watching the film “Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe”, our class had some fantastic discussions to compare the versions of the story. Students were very interested in learning more about the issues, characters and events in the story, to help them produce their written comparison with a deeper understanding overall. They are in the process of completing their writing throughout this week.

I was impressed to see how many students were able to demonstrate and explain their scientific understanding effectively in their Science assessment, due to their level of engagement in ‘hands-on’ learning experiences this term. They have been learning to justify and explain their knowledge through use of diagrams, and many did so very well.

This week, students will have their heads down, completing HASS assessment, which involves creating a pamphlet to provide the community with information about an extreme event, such as cyclone, flood or bushfire, and plans to help them understand how to prepare and manage before, during and after the event. This has brought up valuable discussions about current issues that have been occurring around our country, and how communities work together in times of need.

As we wind down to the end of the year, I would just like to remind everyone that it is important to continue striving for success and following routines respectfully. Everybody has worked super hard this year, and will be reaping the benefits with some Christmas activities and fun, less stressful activities in class, but it is important to maintain a positive learning attitude and keep making safe, responsible and respectful choices at school. We are all looking forward to our celebration Pool Party on the last day of the year!
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**Year 6**

We are still working hard to complete assessment and learning tasks, and I continue to encourage the children to bring home work with them if they will be able to do anything at home to catch up or stay up to date. Generally the children remain focused and are staying on task to complete their work.

We held our parent meeting regarding the Graduation ceremony and events, and we have an enthusiastic group of parent helpers. I will be calling on some parents soon to work on some of our decorations for the parade area and classroom, so I’ll contact parents by email when I need their help. Thanks to all of our generous volunteers.

Our Peer Support program has now come to a conclusion, with the exception of the end of year Morning Tea which will be held next week (see the advertisement in this newsletter). I’m very proud of the wonderful leadership development shown by the children during this year. The children can be very satisfied with the work they have done, and the focus, persistence and resilience they showed in continuing to prepare and deliver the lessons. Hopefully there will be future opportunities for the children to use these skills. Please be sure to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress.

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**Kitchen Garden News**

We have been very fortunate the last few weeks to be picking some delicious green capsicum. How exciting though that due to some very clever research we have determined that by leaving the capsicum on the bushes to ripen, red capsicum are produced!

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**P&C News**

We are asking for feedback from our school community on what we have achieved this year and what our future plans can be. Attached to this newsletter is the feedback for we would love you to complete. Please drop them into the school office before the end of the year.

Don’t forget another round of our very popular fabric tote bags are on their way! These make an ideal Christmas present as they are easy to send interstate or overseas. Stock won’t last long so get your orders in now. Bags cost $16 each or buy four for $50. Orders and payments (cash only) are being taken in the school office.
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**Prep Enrolments Open Now for 2020**

**Parent information evening: 27 Nov @ 5.30pm**

Come and meet the classroom teacher, principal and key staff, find out all you need to know about what will happen in prep in 2020.

**Prep transition program: 20 Nov and 4 Dec @ 8.25am-10.25am**

Students practise being a prep student by participating in activities in the prep class. They will be given a tour of our school and will make some new friends. Students can attend one or both of the transition days.
Help the Magnetic Island Brownie Girl Guides fill the bin by dropping in a tin!

All contributions go to NQ food relief to help out those in need this Christmas.

The red bin for your tinned food donations is located at Scallywags Cafe in Nelly Bay.

Thank you for helping us to make a difference!

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