Principal’s Note

Welcome to 2016. What a wonderful start to the year!

The first few days of a new school year are always exciting for the students and staff. Seeing the majority of the students in the new uniform and seeing how proud they were to wear it, was a wonderful reward to the team who have worked hard to make that happen.

A warm welcome to our school for our new parents and students. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. If you are a first time parent to the school, please join our large group of volunteers to help out when you can. Whether it is changing the reading books or the gardening club, your contribution will be valued.

This year, I would like all parents to consider helping out at the school on at least one occasion. There is great personal satisfaction in giving up time to help others and schools are perfect places to do this!

As a result of less enrolments than anticipated, we have had to adjust our class structure for this year. Families of students who will be affected by any changes will be contacted by the school prior to Day 8 (Friday 5th February). Can all families please make sure that their contacts details are up to date?

Finally I would like to welcome our new staff member Mrs Tracey Kenway to our team. Tracey is our new HOC (Head of Curriculum) and Student Support person who has years of experience as an educator. We are extremely pleased to have such a highly skilled person as part of our team and look forward to working with her.

Enjoy the term, read to your kids and remember that every child has something special to offer in life!

Enjoy the week,
Jo Sinclair-Jones

Curlews hatch on school grounds

When we returned to school this year, we found curlews sitting on two eggs near the basketball court. After marking a no-go area, students carefully watched each day to make sure the eggs were protected. Then on the weekend, they hatched. Our curlew family is now happily living in front of the Admin building.
Admin News

Office Hours
Susan and Helen are back and office hours are:
- Monday & Tuesday 8.00am to 11.30am & 12.30pm to 3.00pm
- Wednesday Office unattended—messages checked on breaks
- Thursday & Friday 8.00am to 11.30am & 12.30pm to 3.00pm

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to talking with you during these times. Please make sure that after school arrangements for your child/children are made before the school day starts.

Fees:
The following fees are dues this term. We would appreciate payment via direct debit as our preference. Details are: BSB 064 817 Acct 00091216 Reference Child’s name and description of which fees are being paid
- SRS $30 per student
- Swimming $24 per student
- Voluntary contribution $20 per student (not compulsory)

Payments can also be made at the office by cash or eftpos.

Forms, forms and more forms:
Coming home today are three forms that need to be completed and returned to the school office promptly.

Information Update Form: These should be completed for all children who were attending our school at the end of last year. You will appreciate that it is most important for us to have current permissions and emergency contact details for each child. (N.B.: Please complete both sides of the form – thank you)

Class Activities outside School Grounds: Please sign and return it to the office so that your child(ren) can participate in class activities outside the school grounds during 2016.

Student Resource Scheme Agreement: The fee for the Student Resource Scheme is $30 per student per year. This contributes to the cost of classroom texts, on-line software used in class and other resources. These are bought by the school to lessen the overall financial burden on parents. If you choose not to participate, you may incur higher costs by having to buy these resources individually.

SCHOOL BAGS AVAILABLE
Last year a number of parents placed an order with the Magnetic Island State School P&C for these sturdy back-pack-type school bags that have our school logo on them.

They are now available from the school office. Payment in cash of $35 at the time of pick-up is appreciated.

We ordered a few extra bags, so you would like one but didn’t order one, please just come to the office and we can show them to you.
Prep News

A big welcome to Magnetic Island State School to all our new Prep students and their families. What a wonderful first week we have had. It has been fantastic to see everyone organised with all their equipment and looking so grown up in the navy school uniform. The children have settled in straight away and are already working hard.

This week our swimming lessons begin on Thursday. The instructors are Lisa Nugent and Jen Wheatley. The Prep children should come to school dressed ready for swimming as we start at 8:30 in the pool. Please have your child dressed in swimmers, a swim shirt and slip on shoes for the walk down and back. They need to bring a towel and goggles. Their school uniform and school shoes will be left in the classroom to limit the chance of losing things. Please ensure all items are labelled. Parent helpers are needed to help out in the water with the children and after the lesson back in the classroom when the children get changed.

We have noticed a bit of confusion at snack time with some children having to go to their lunchbox to find their snack. To keep it simple, please assist your child to place their labelled piece of fruit or veg in the blue snack tub at drop off. Could you also try to limit the number of lunch boxes to just one. Some children are struggling with a number of containers and heavy lunch bags. They only require a small amount of food as the eating time is around 10 minutes for each break.

Please remember to let us know if someone else will be picking up your child from school. This can be written on the small whiteboard in the morning to avoid confusion and ensure everyone’s safety.

Please come and see us with any concerns. We are looking forward to a fabulous first term.

Melissa Digby and Julia Shafer
Year 1 News
Welcome to Year 1. We have had a great start to the year with all students settling well into their Year 1 routines. Here are some things to remember:

- Children need a small fruit or vegetable snack, a sun safe hat and a water bottle every day;
- Readers and sight words should be practised and returned every day;
- Library is on Wednesday—please remember your library bag so that you can borrow;
- Swimming is on Thursdays at 9am;
- Parent reading helpers are welcome from 8.20am to 8.40am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays;
- Please inform the school of any absences on the day of the absence.

If you have any questions, please make a time to see me after school. I am looking forward to a happy and productive year.

Jo Terkelsen
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Year 2 News
What a great start to the year it has been. The Year 2 students have been working hard to learn our classroom routines and have displayed excellent listening skills. This week we will start our Maths unit, which begins with measurement. Our English unit is on poetry, and this week we will focus on sound and word patterns in poems. We will also begin our History unit, which is about how technology has changed the way we live. Last week we started our science unit and looked at types of materials, and why they are used to make different objects.

Yesterday an introductory letter was sent home with students, accompanied by a short survey sheet. I would appreciate if these could be returned as soon as possible. Please come and see me if yours got lost on its way home.

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AFL NEWS:
Blake from AFL Auskick visited Parade this week to explain this term’s program. They are offering 8 coaching sessions, starting Monday 8th Feb. All registrations and payments are to be made online at aflauskick.com.au. A flyer will come home this week explaining the program and process. Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.

The Magpies Junior AFL Club on the island will be having it’s sign-on day this Saturday 6th February at Alma Bay from 11am to 1pm. There are 3 teams—Under 9’s Under 11’s and Under 13s. Please call Kane Logan on 0427 541 665 or Amber Thomas on 0408 844 895 for further enquiries.
Meet Tracey …..
Hi everyone. My name is Tracey Kenway and I am excited to be at Magnetic Island State School as Head of Curriculum and Student Support. In this role I help the teachers to plan and deliver the Australian Curriculum. I’m really looking forward to meeting all of the children, parents and community that make this school so wonderful. I appreciate the warm welcome I’ve had so far. It’s going to be a great year!

Year 3 & Year 4 News
Welcome to Year 3/4, 2016! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break. We have started this year efficiently and effectively with our classroom routines and rules clearly established. We are looking forward to a great year with the Year 3 and 4 students. Here are some things to note:

Books: All students require 15 exercise books. We have 12 books that we will be using from day 1 until the end of the year, with the other 3 as spares which they will need as the year progresses. Students also need all the stationary on the booklist.

Parent Meeting: We will be holding a parent – teacher information session in week 3, date yet to be confirmed.

Library: Please remind your child to bring their library bags on Wednesdays if they wish to borrow.

Swimming: Starts this Thursday. Students need to bring their togs, goggles, a rashie and a towel. If your child is unable to swim for any reason, a note will be needed.

Homework: Is due on Friday morning. It includes Reading 15 minutes every night (parents to sign the bottom of the homework spelling sheet every night), 12 spelling words & 5 LEM words each night, an English sheet and a Maths sheet. If your child would like help with their homework, there will be homework club in the classroom on Thursday afternoons from 2:25 - 2:50pm.

Home Readers: Home reading will be on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30. Students will be reading to a Teacher Aide and will then bring the book home to continue reading for homework. Their home reader must come back to school every Wednesday and Thursday so they can read on those mornings. They will need a home reading folder if not yet purchased.

English: In our first unit we are focussing on persuasive language using two texts about families: “The Peasant Prince” and “The Shack that Dad Built”. After reading these texts, students will write a persuasive letter addressed to the Principal outlining why they think we should have a special day to celebrate our families.

Maths: We are teaching from iMaths again this year and over the next two weeks will cover:

Year 3 – Odd and even numbers, place value to thousands and ten thousands, finding patterns and numbers in expanded form.

Year 4 – Place value beyond ten thousand, multiplication and division facts to 10, graduated scales and problem solving strategies.

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Year 5/6 News

Welcome back everyone, and welcome students to Year 5/6. We have already developed some pleasing routines, and children are quickly learning expectations. Many students have risen to the challenges of being the school leaders, and we’ve discussed the children’s role in setting the tone of the school. We will continue to work on skills and strategies to gain maximum benefit from this year, and to help set up the children for future success.

Most children have the required equipment – thanks to parents for trying to ensure this. Where children are still missing some items, it would be appreciated if they could be sent to school, labelled, as soon as possible. Please contact us if this is an issue. We very strongly encourage parents to label every item their child brings to school. It helps to keep things running smoothly.

Many parents have returned their parent questionnaires which were sent home on the first day of school. If you haven’t yet completed and returned this form, please do so as soon as you can. If you have misplaced your questionnaire, please let us know and we can send another.

Swimming lessons start this Thursday, so please make sure your child has togs, towel, goggles and a rash shirt. This is an excellent activity and is part of the curriculum.

We also start regular library borrowing this week. All children will need to bring a library borrowing bag every week on a Tuesday in order to take books home.

Homework was handed out today. It needs to be completed, glued into the homework book, signed by a parent and then returned on Friday in a zip-up homework folder.

Thank you for your support at home to ensure all our routines are quickly established and that students understand the high standards that we have for them, particularly now that they are taking their places at the top of the school. We’re looking forward to a productive year.

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P.S. All children need to have a shoe box and a torch in school by the start of Week 5. Your help with this is much appreciated. If anyone has any empty Pringles tins (with lids) they would also be useful.

Fruit Tree Planting Day

Thanks to our wonderful P&C providing funds, our food garden is expanding and we will soon be planting 25 fruit trees along the newly cleared garden bed beside the pool. Katrina (Nina’s mum) has kindly chosen the trees and created a planting plan for the area. The trees include lots of great flavours—a Black Sapote Chocolate Pudding fruit, a Panama Berry that tastes like caramel and a Strawberry Guava to name just a few.

We will now be creating a descriptive label for each tree and preparing the area. Each class will be responsible for looking after 3 trees each.

We would now like to call on the island community to come and help our students plant the trees on Tuesday 23rd February between 8.30 and 10.30am. Call us in the school office if you are available—4758 2333.
Gold & Silver Awards

Gold & Silver awards for Term 1 Week 1 (27-29 Jan) went to:

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SWPBL Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Learning

SWPBL was introduced across all classes at the start of 2015. Designed to build and support positive environments for students' academic and social success, this organisational framework was highly successful, especially in reducing behaviour management issues. We will continuing this system of rewards throughout 2016.

Gotchas are the currency, and each week students are given a behavioural lesson where they can earn them. This week’s lesson is:

LOOK, LISTEN & LEARN

During Term 1, students who achieve 20 Gotchas get to enjoy 10 minutes of extra play. At 40 Gotchas another 10 minutes of extra play is awarded. The first 15 students who reach 60 Gotchas are invited to the Principal’s Morning Tea. By the end of week 9, all students on 60 Gotchas or more are invited to the end of term Beach Party.

Ned and Jaspa did a fantastic job of demonstrating this week’s lesson at Parade.
Active Centre

Term 1 2016 (starting 1st Feb)

Monday
2.45-3.15 Kindy Dance (ages 3-5)
3.15-4.15 Junior Jazz (Prep-Yr3)
4.30-5.30 Intermediate Ballet (Yr4-Yr6)
5.30-6.30 Intermediate Jazz (Yr4-Yr6)

Wednesday
2.45-3.45 Junior Ballet (Prep-Yr3)

Please contact Amber on 0408844895 for further information.

C&K Early Childhood Centre

There are still 5 Kindy places available for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years at C&K Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre. If you know someone who would like to attend Kindy - please phone Lana on 4758 1168.

There are also Vacancies for babies under 2 as well as over 2’s at Limited Hours Care on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.