Hello to our new students and welcome back to everyone. I hope everyone had a great break and a safe holiday.

Over the holidays our P&C has worked very hard to get our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) going, staff and members of the community participated in professional development on how we can use this facility with the Australian Curriculum. Teachers have already negotiated with Shirley Wilson over the use of the facilities. Each newsletter will have a dedicated SAKG section.

A big welcome to our new Head of Teaching and Learning Miss Rebecca Bates. Miss Bates has been appointed to the temporary position for 6 months and comes with a wealth of knowledge and expertise from Kowanyama.

Welcome back to Ms Sharon Jupp. Ms Jupp has been was working at Townsville South State School for the past two years and over the holidays I was lucky enough to steal her back for Magnetic Island State School. We look forward to the teaching of reading ideas that Ms Jupp brings from Townsville South.

Pedagogical Focus:
For 2017 the teachers will be involved in collaborative inquiry (CI) processes. This successful research-based approach is founded on teachers planning, teaching and assessing together. Mr Pullen began the process last year and Mr Hammelswang at the beginning of the year. Don’t be too surprised if you see two teachers engaging students in learning at the same time in a classroom.

All teachers will be engaged in the CI processes.

Does your child require medication during school hours?
If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an Administration of medication record sheet from your school’s office.
You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

Donald Pritchard
After The Bell Meet ‘n’ Greet

Come and join us for an Afternoon Tea at After The Bell School Age Care and learn more about our awesome educational program.

Come in and say “hello”, have a chat and meet the staff. We will answer any questions you may have.

WHEN? FRIDAY, 3 February 2017
TIME? From 1.00 p.m.
WHERE? After The Bell School Age Care Room

Hope to see you all there!

Alicia
(School Age Care Co-ordinator)

Garden News

Magnetic Island State School will this year be involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Since 2008, Queensland schools have been participating in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. The aim of the program is to introduce pleasurable food education which emphasises the flavours as well as the health benefits of fresh, seasonal food into as many Australian primary schools as possible.

Schools have flexibility in how they deliver the Kitchen Garden program, you can check out information about the program by looking up the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden website.

We will be opening the garden on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtimes. Please feel free to join the children and staff with this program, any help with planting/weeding/cooking would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you also to the Magnetic Island P&C for organising such a fantastic professional development day for the staff and community. We cooked lunch together and enjoyed a wonderful meal!

PBL Focus of the Week Awards

Focus of the week for Term 1, Week 1: Be Respectful – Follow Instructions from all Staff Members

Class Award:
Prep Shanthi
1 Abbie
2 Ananda
3 Joshua
4/5 Alena
5/6 Erin

PE Award went to Eve Boggon
PBL Class of the week was Year 4/5
Prep News

The Preps have settled into our school routine with lots of enthusiasm and very few tears! Thank you to all the parents for having your child so well prepared to start their first year of formal schooling. In addition to the academic demands of the curriculum, there is so much for the Preps (and their parents) to learn about how school works. Happily, most of the children seem to be picking it up quite well.

We will be having a parent information afternoon next Monday, 6th February at 2:30pm. At the meeting we will discuss important things like our reading program, LEM phonics, sight words and lots of other things as well. There will be time for questions if there’s anything you want more information about, or if you have concerns about anything. I will send home a reminder note about the meeting later in the week.

Swimming lessons are starting on Thursday. We need lots of parents to help in the water during the lesson (so come in your togs), and then to help the children to get dry and dressed afterwards. If you are unable to attend yourself, please organise another parent to take responsibility for dressing your child. Please send your child to school dressed in their togs, sun shirt and with sunscreen applied on Thursday morning as our lesson starts promptly at 8:30am. They will need to bring goggles and a towel and they will also need to wear some thongs or sandals that are easy to get onto wet feet after the lesson as we walk back to our classroom to get changed and footwear must be worn in the school grounds. Don’t forget to pack their uniform, underwear, shoes and socks to put on after swimming. Finally, make sure all their belongings are clearly named and that they have a strong, waterproof bag in which to take all their wet things home.

Below are some pictures of the Preps, happily engaged in activities to improve their fine-motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday afternoon,

Melissa Digby and Marissa Reid
Year 1

Welcome to Year 1. It was fantastic to see everyone so well prepared for the start of the school year.

Pencil Cases
Unfortunately a pencil case was omitted from the book list. Please provide your child with a large, soft zippered pencil case as soon as possible.

Sight Words Booklet
Last year children were given a sight words booklet based on the M100 sight words. If your child still has this booklet, please put it in their reading folder. Children who do not have one will be given a copy for daily practice.

Swimming
Lessons will begin on Thursday. Our lessons start at 9:00 so please send your child to school in their swimming gear and wear shorts/skort/skirt and shoes. Be sure to pack underwear and a named school shirt along with goggles, towel and swim shirt.

Parent Help
We would love your help on Thursdays and Fridays.
Thursday: 8:20 to 8:50 – Help with changing home readers.
8:50 to 9:40 – Help with swimming.
Friday: 8:20 - listening to and changing home readers.
If you are able to assist, please let me know.

I can be contacted by email jterk1@eq.edu.au
Let me know if you would like to see me after school; I am available most afternoons.

Year 2

What a fantastic first week!

Year 2 have been learning about counting and calendars in Maths, exploring and sharing poetry in English and discovering the properties of different materials in Science.

Thanks to all you busy parents for bringing your children to school looking so smart in their uniform and providing them with the equipment they needed for the start of term.

Please help them to do their homework this week, and bring it in each day for me to check.

Swimming starts soon, so gather those togs, swim shirts and goggles. A few children feel chilly in the air-con, so a jumper or cardigan from home would be a good idea.

I look forward to getting to know you all as the year progresses. Please contact me if you have any questions about your child’s progress; I will do my best to help.

Sharon Jupp
E: sjupp2@eq.edu.au  T: 0439 777553  In Y2 class: After school please
Welcome to Year 3 and the 2017 school year!

We have started the year off full of enthusiasm and positivity. The Year 3 students have adapted well to the routines and expectations of our classroom and have made a great start to our units of work, listed below.

Our first English unit for the term will be focusing on analysing and creating persuasives. There will also be a focus on developing and improving their writing in preparation for NAPLAN in Term 2. Students will participate in a weekly writing program with Miss Bates to achieve this, along with daily English lessons.

In Maths, we have a strong focus on number and place value in the first 5 weeks: counting, odd and even numbers, addition, subtraction and multiplication.

The Year 3 Science unit will be about exploring the reef which is an excellent unit all students can relate to. Their assessment task will be to create a diorama of the Great Barrier Reef habitat.

Year 3 Reminders:

Library – Please remind your child to bring their library bag and books to return on Friday.

Swimming – Starts this Thursday. Students need to bring their togs, google, a rashie and a towel.

Homework – This year for homework students are required to:
- Learn and write out their weekly spelling words (10-15 words)
- Read for 15 minutes every night (parents to sign the bottom of their homework spelling sheet)
- Complete 1 English sheet and 1 Maths sheet.

Due Friday morning

Home Reading – Home reading will continue for students who wish to borrow school books to take home every night and read. If your child prefers to read a book they own at home or have borrowed from the school or public library this is acceptable. I only ask that your child is reading a book at their reading level every night. Their home reading book must come back to school once finished.

Kerri-Anne McAtee
ktmca0@eq.edu.au

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will this week begin their NAPLAN preparation through two different avenues. Writing will be addressed through an online Blackboard Collaborate tutoring program via the IMPACT centre. Students access a virtual classroom on the Department of Education’s Learning Place website and respond to their teacher through microphone headsets. Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy will be practised through hour-long sessions with Miss Bates and will focus on preparing students for NAPLAN style questions and answers. Practice will continue until NAPLAN tests are sat on the 9th, 10th and 11th of May.
Year 4/5

Welcome to Term 1, 2017. What a busy but great start we have had to the year! An overview of the Year 4/5 Key Learning Areas for this term are as follows:

**English**
Year 4: Create an imaginative new chapter to a familiar novel (The Twits by Roald Dahl).
Year 5: Write the first chapter of a fantasy novel, creating a ‘good’ and ‘evil’ character, and establish setting (Deltora Quest: The Forests of Silence by Emily Rodda).

**Maths**
Year 4 – Place value to thousands, 3 digit addition and subtraction, multiplication facts and comparing and ordering common fractions.
Year 5 – Multiples and factors, rounding and estimating whole numbers, multiplication with 3 digit numbers, fractions, and addition and subtraction with 4 digit numbers.

**Science**
Survival in the Environment – Students will be investigating the structural and behavioural characteristics of animals and plants that enable them to survive in harsh environments.

**History**
Investigating European exploration and the movement of peoples. Students will develop a collection of work to explain how and why the First Fleet changed the life of a convict life of a convict.

If you have any concerns or would like any further information, please email me and we can arrange a time to meet. Have a great week.

Jeremy Pullen
jpull41@eq.edu.au

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**Reminders:**

**Swimming** – Starts this Thursday (02/02/17). Students need to bring their togs, a rashie and a towel.

**Homework** – Reading 15 minutes every night, an English sheet and a Maths sheet. Due Friday morning.
If your child would like help with their homework, there will be homework club on Thursday afternoons from 2:25pm – 3:00pm.

**Library Borrowing** – Our Library session will be on Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their library bag and library books (to be returned) every Friday so they can borrow books.

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**P & C Message**

Welcome back to all the families for 2017. If you get a chance to do so, go the school garden and have a look at the amazing effort made by our wonderful families and friends during the holiday break!

The next P&C meeting is on Thursday, 16th February, at 6.30 p.m. in the school meeting room. Please could any agenda items be in before Monday, 6th February. Everyone is welcome, especially new members!

Our AGM is on Thursday 9th March at 6.30 p.m. Anyone wanting to become a member does not have to be present at this meeting. Please pick up a form from the office and leave it there before this date.

Hope to see you at our meetings.

*M.I.S.S. P&C Committee*
Year 5/6

Welcome to the 2017 school year! The children now seem to have settled quite well into their year, despite some uncertainty at the start, and are quickly establishing routines and expectations. We have a very busy year ahead, and are looking forward to some great successes along the way.

Generally, I find it most convenient to contact parents via email. I have many email addresses from previous years, but if you are not sure whether I have your email contact, please forward this to me as soon as possible. That will allow me to contact you in a timely and effective way to identify issues your child may be facing, or to keep you updated with class activities and events. You could either send the email address written on a piece of paper, or it would be simpler to email me on mhamm23@eq.edu.au to begin that communication.

Our first English unit asks children to analyse short stories, to discuss the narrative structure of the text, and to identify ways that the author engages the readers. This requires some new ways of thinking for some children, but they seem to be improving their ability to identify aspects of the texts. If you would like to help your child in this area, encourage him or her to read narrative texts (‘stories’ rather than factual texts). Discuss the structure of the text (orientation, complication, resolution – the children should be able to explain these parts) and talk about how the author has described characters, settings and events to influence how readers feel.

We start swimming lessons this week. Some children at this age are reluctant to participate actively in this program, for a variety of reasons. Please encourage your child to take part – remember, it is a prescribed part of our learning program. If your child has issues or anxieties, please let me know, and we can implement some strategies to help out.

Throughout this year, please be sure to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress. I am very keen to work with parents to produce the best outcomes, both social and academic, for your child this year. I look forward to meeting any parents who I have not yet chatted with.

Martin Hammelswang
Class teacher

PBL Update

In 2017 we will continue to develop as a PBL school (Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework) with the aim of fostering a positive and safe learning environment and reducing behavioural incidences.

We have reflected upon our practices from last year and received feedback from parents and will use this information to help reach our goals. Our first PBL team meeting will be this week. At this meeting we will be finalising the positions in our team (replacing staff members who have relocated) and our reward system.

Once again we will be using the Gotcha system. Students will receive Gotcha’s for positive behaviours displayed throughout the year. Each week we will have a ‘PBL Focus of the week’ which will be taught in class and on parade.

Week 1: Be Respectful – Follow Instructions from all Staff Members
Week 2: Be Safe – Move Sensibly and Carefully

Please watch this space for an update of our reward systems.
We look forward to another positive year at Magnetic Island State School.

Kind regards,
PBL Team

Magnetic Island Auskick Program

Auskick is returning to Magnetic Island in Term 1, 2017!

**Starts:** Thursday 23rd February  
**Time:** 4:15pm – 5:30pm  
**Venue:** Horseshoe Bay Sporting Complex

Session 1 is a FREE Trial so come and give it a go! Each child receives their very own Sherrin Footy and Auskick Benefits Pack!

More info and to register: aflauskick.com.au
Date Claimers

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**FOUND**

A school shirt was found on the road in Arcadia and has been handed into the school office. It has no size on it, but is approximately size 10. If you think this shirt might belong to your child, please come and have a look at it. Thank you!

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**C&K Early Childhood Centre**

Kindy vacancies—3 only still available for children aged 3½ to 5 years.

Limited Hours Care places— 2 places for children for Under 2.

Please call Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

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**GERRY WINN MEMORIAL POOL**

The Gerry Winn Memorial Pool in our school grounds is open to the public as follows:

- **Monday – Friday:** 6.00am to 7.00am and 4.30pm to 6.00pm.
- **Saturday & Sunday:** 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

Pool entry: $4.00 adult; $2.50 concession/child

An annual pool pass costs just **$100** (valid September to August). Children can swim **FREE** if accompanied by a parent/guardian who holds a current pool pass!