Principal’s Note
Welcome back to Term 4!

Every Day Counts
Did you know that children who live with a pet are less likely to miss school due to illness, according to research from the University of Adelaide? I am not suggesting that you race off and buy a dog or a cat, but ensuring regular school attendance is one of the best things you can do for your child.

In Queensland, research also shows that higher school attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Each 1% increase in attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN score points (DET). Regular attendance will mean your child will:

- Learn more effectively
- Make and keep friends more easily
- Enjoy a set routine and establish good habits
- Have a brighter future

Missing even one day here and there can make a difference!

Lateness also impacts negatively on children’s learning. They miss valuable instruction time and when they enter the classroom late, they may not be sure what is going on in class, they may not have received work and they may possibly fall behind.

So let’s make every minute of every day count! Send your child to school on time every school day, including their birthday and the last day of term, to give them the very best opportunity at school.

Our Principal
As mentioned in the last newsletter, Jo Sinclair-Jones is currently Acting Principal at Belgian Gardens State School while their Principal is on leave. During this time, I am Acting Principal here at Maggie. We are all looking forward to having Jo back in Week 4 of this term.

Have a wonderful week,

Caron Grey
Acting Principal

= 1 day off school each fortnight

Missing more than 1 year of learning over 12 years

Palm Island schools visit Magnetic Island State School again — for more see page 7.
Gold & Silver Awards

Gold & silver awards for Term 4, Week 1:

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PE Awards went to Ishtar and James.
Stanley went to Year 1.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
- English & Maths -

Ten of our Year 5 and Year 6 students entered the English and Maths International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (2015) run by the University of NSW. They are to be congratulated for their admirable efforts and Christopher, Daisy, Siobhan, Ruby and Nikki received certificates for their participation. Anika was presented with a “Credit” certificate for her English Competition entry, while Yayoi, Jake and Dylan were presented with “Credit” certificates for their Maths Assessments. Special mention goes to Arien, who was awarded “Distinction” certificates for his outstanding achievement in both English and Maths. Well done, everybody!

STAFF CAR PARK

Watch out for the birdlife enjoying the mango tree in the Staff car park. The mangoes have been dropping right through the holidays and some of the birds have been seen jumping around a little under the influence.

Please remember that this car park should not be used for school drop offs or pick-ups. Parents who ignore these requests are endangering our students.
Prep News

When your child is not at school for the day, please advise the reason and expected duration of your child's absence.
Swimming lessons start on Thursday. Please note that this an important part of the school curriculum and participation is mandatory. We are looking for helpers to assist in the pool if you are available from 8:30 - 9:00am. Hope to see you on Thursday.

After an extremely busy Term 3, we would like to share some of the children's rhyming couplets they wrote and presented to the class.

![I like the pink pig. It was behind a pig. It was flying in the park. Then it went together dark.]

Year 1 News

Welcome back to Term 4. We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of exciting new concepts as well as consolidating prior learning.
Our English unit is based on ‘procedures’ and we will be presenting our ideas on ‘How to Make a Disgusting Sandwich’ in a PowerPoint presentation.
In Maths we are counting and writing numbers beyond 100 and looking at ways to record data.
Our Science unit is titled *Light and Sound* and History is comparing experiences of generations in a unit titled *My Parents, My Grandparents and Me*.

Reminders:

Reading: please return home readers every day and we would love some helpers for home reading on Thursdays and Fridays if you are available.
Swimming: please remember to include goggles and a swim shirt for swimming and be sure to name all items.

Thank you
Jo T

Year 5/6J win Class of the Week for collecting the most gotchas in week one of Term 4.
Year 2 News

What a great start to Term 4 we have made! It was fabulous to see the students return from holidays refreshed and eager to start working hard. Last week in Maths we worked on collecting and graphing data. We graphed lots of things, including Year 2 Eye Colour, Year 2 Hair Colour and Year 2’s Favourite Ice Cream Flavour. This week we will be working on probability, and words to describe the probability of events as likely, unlikely, certain or impossible.

In English we have been focusing on the structure of narratives. If you are reading with your child, encourage them to tell you about the beginning, middle and end of the story you just read. We are also focusing on the problem and solution in each story.

Don’t forget swimming starts this Thursday, so every child needs their swimmers, a sun- shirt, sunscreen, goggles and a towel all in a strong waterproof bag.

Homework will also start again this week. Your child should be able to complete the work individually, but it is a good chance for you to see what they are learning and how they are going, as the homework is a revision and consolidation of class concepts. Homework is due every Friday and reading folders need to be brought every day.

The photo shows our human body graph as we investigated the hair colour of Year 2.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Every week students are explicitly taught a behaviour expectation from our ‘Behaviour Matrix’ (find it in the Covered Play Area). Gotchas are given specifically targeting this behaviour.

This week’s behaviour is:

HELP OTHERS

In this photo Gotcha Girl takes a selfie with gotcha winners at last week’s Principal’s Morning Tea.
Year 3/4 News

We have a very busy term ahead of us and a lot to cover in a small amount of time as Christmas holidays are fast approaching! We also have a lot of fun activities throughout the term to look forward to though. Some of the curriculum units we are studying this term are outlined below.

Maths (Year 3) – Recalling all multiplication facts of 2’s, 3’s, 5’s and 10s and represent multiplication through fact family triangles (multiplication and division relationship), identify diagrams that represent certain fractions (½, ¼, 1/8 and 1/5) and justify why, and creating and interpreting simple grid maps to show positions and pathways.

Maths (Year 4)
- Fractions and decimals: count and identify equivalent fractions, locate fractions on a number line, read and write decimals, identify fractions and corresponding decimals, compare and order decimals (to hundredths).
- Data representation and interpretation: write questions to collect data, collect and record data, display and interpret data.
- Patterns and algebra: investigate and describe number patterns, solve word problems and use equivalent multiplication and division number sentences to find unknown quantities.

English – Persuasive writing. Students read and listen to imaginative, informative and persuasive texts to identify the way authors portray experiences of an event. The Year 3/4 students will then deliver a persuasive speech to their class on an issue or topic of personal interest.

Science – In this unit students will learn about the physical sciences. Students will use games to investigate and demonstrate the direction of forces and the effect of contact and non-contact forces on objects. They will use their knowledge of forces to make predictions about games.

Geography – Waste Management and Sustainability. Students will identify and analyse the waste management systems in the school. They will then use the data collected to create different types of graphs which they will analyse.

Swimming starts this week! Thursday at 9.30 (Year 4) and 10am (Year 3). Please make sure your child brings a bag packed with their togs, rashie, towel and googles on Thursday morning. If your child is sick or unable to swim on the day, please write and sign a note stating the reason.

Our NRL Under 10s team competed in town at the Brother stadium on the last day of Term 3. Congratulations—you did us proud!
Year 5/6 News

Several of the Year 5/6 students work with some of our school’s great volunteers to develop and practise reading and English skills. Mrs Simon, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Gaffney come in twice a week to work with individuals. During our recent poetry unit, the children worked with their reading guide to prepare a brief oral presentation to make to the class, reciting a favourite poetry excerpt, and explaining some background of the poem. Here are two for you to enjoy:

**The Jungle**

The jungle is made of many things
And a lot of those have big wings.
The one I think of has lots of feathers
That get messed up in all the weathers.

The water is great, the water is grand.
There’s nothing better than to go to The Strand.
The leaves are green and the animals are mean,
And they always like to make a scene.

The land is made of lots of sand,
And all men are banned from destroying
our lovely land.
The sky is blue
Each time you look up you see something new.

I had a little help and I got some of my ideas from the poem ‘Mother Earth’. Once I started I just kept the rhythm and went on.

*Connor Year 6*

**My Country**

By Dorothea Mackellar [1885-1968]

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of rugged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her wide horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror-
The wide brown land for me!

This poem was written by Dorothea in 1907 when Dorothea was 22 and living in England. She was missing her home country, Australia. I like how Dorothea explains how beautiful our country is. She used rhyming e.g. plains, rains. It shows this in every second line. The main message is to explain her homesickness and her love of our country.

*Siobhan Year 5*

**FOOD GARDEN NEWS**

Wow! What a difference a few weeks make under the guidance of our new garden co-ordinator Katrina. Our food garden has crops of beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, basil just to name a few. The worm farm is thriving and the children are loving coming to tend the garden before school and at lunchtimes. We hope to organise some cooking sessions using our own produce very soon.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katrina on 0431 108 624.
17 students from Bwgolman and St Micheal’s schools of Palm Island visited us last week. They enjoyed camping out overnight, then playing T-ball and Rugby League. These get-togethers help with the transition to secondary schools in Townsville, by letting the students get to know each other before they start. The social interaction on the day was excellent with students from all schools eating lunch together and chatting about their destination schools for next year.

**Congratulations Sasha!**

Sasha Cooney was the winner of the Bay Dayz Youth Talent quest held during the school holidays. She also received a Highly Commended at the Townsville Eisteddfod. Well done Sasha!
C&K Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre

We have limited Kindy vacancies available in 2016 for children born between July 2011 and June 2012.

Phone Lana on 47581168 for more information.

MyGolf Program — Term 4

Our local Magnetic Island Country Club, in conjunction with the PGA, will be offering the MyGolf program again during Term 4. The eight sessions will start on Monday 19 Oct at 3.15pm with a healthy snack at the Golf Club. Tuition shall be between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Children need to be dropped at the club in Picnic Bay in time for the start, or they can catch the school bus. Pick ups must be done by the parents.

Children over 8 years of age can join the program. If you are interested in your child/children participating, you need to register at mygolf.org.au or call Chris on 0455 268 532. Closed in shoes, socks and neat attire are required.

Kid’s Music Theatre

New class. New instructor. New skills.

Thursdays at the Active Centre ....

2-2.45pm    Ages 3 & 4
2.45-3.45pm  Kindy & Yr 1
3.45-4.45pm  Yr 2 to Yr 4
4.45-5.45pm  Yr 5 to Yr 10

Contact: Jo Ford 0415 877 885

NEW DANCE CLASS

Classical Ballet

PREP TO YEAR 3:  TUESDAY, 2.40pm to 3.30pm
YEARS 4 TO 6:  MONDAY, 4.20pm to 5.20pm

Please call Amber on 0408 844 895 for further information