Principal’s Note

This week we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. It is now recognised in more than 100 countries worldwide.

The quality teaching in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students’ performance. Please join me in thanking our teachers at Magnetic Island State School for the fantastic job that they are doing. Between them, they have more than 200 years experience!

Jo Sinclair-Jones
**Gold & Silver Awards**

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PE Awards went to Keil and Charlie.

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**NQ DRY TROPICS—**

**HEALTHY HABITATS PROJECT COMPLETION**

NQ Dry Tropics, in partnership with our school, have installed compost bays towards the rear of the school. These are being used for green waste composting and will accept food waste once the vermin proofing is complete.

Everyone is encouraged to compost – it is a great way to convert food and garden waste into nutrient rich soil for our gardens. Recycling of the schools organic matter into usable compost will benefit everyone, and the whole school community is increasing their knowledge and understanding of biodiversity.

Thank you to NQ Dry Tropics for partnering our school in this project, and to everyone involved for their time and efforts. We are hoping to participate in another project next year for a Bush Garden and Outdoor Learning Area.

**2014 ICAS MATHS RESULTS**

Congratulations to all the students who entered the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (Mathematics) in August. We saw some outstanding results and the following awards were presented on parade:

- **Distinction:** Jude (Yr 6)
- **Credit:** Aimee (Yr 5); Joschka (Yr 5); Chelsea (Yr 6)
- **Merit:** Jake (Yr 5)
- **Participation:** Jack (Yr 5); Craig (Yr 5); Angus (Yr 6); Imogen (Yr 7); Adriana (Yr 7).
Prep News

Green Spot Party: Congratulations to the Prep students for having everyone remain on the Green Spot once again for an entire day. We celebrated with a very enjoyable fairy-bread party. (See photos—the Year 3’s helped to make the bread)

Swimming: Lisa Nugent has requested 2 parents per group in the pool if possible please. If you are able to do this, please bring your togs next week. Thanks to the parents who have been able to help with the children to date. Please name all items of clothing as well as towels as we have unclaimed items. It is a good idea for the children to wear thongs for the walk to and from the pool as we put shoes and socks back on in the classroom after swimming.

Homework: Spelling homework is now being given along with daily home reading. Please encourage your child to complete the spelling sheet (neatly) and ask them to say the words as you point to them. Completed work earns gotchas and extension work (using the words in sentences) reaps even more rewards.

English: We have been thinking about the way authors start stories and deciding if they are sizzling starts or not. It was great to have some of our year 3 friends come to our classroom and share their writing with us. Everyone wanted to hear more. Ryer did a great job with his homework and wrote this piece using all of his spelling words (bold, italicised):

“It was more than two hours he had walked following the map. He was thirsty so he drank from the tap, took off his cap and had a nap.”

Maths: The children are working on developing their number knowledge to 100 along with investigating the concept of subtraction and time to the half hour.

Science: The students have been investigating objects that are meant to move and others that are meant to stay in one place. They have analysed specific objects and decided which kinds of movement are taking place. In drama the children worked in teams to represent the motions of a plant, animal or machine.

History: We have been learning about the special events and occasions that people celebrate. Our Green Spot party is one such event. We are learning that families may use objects (photographs, mementos, special items) to help them to remember special events and occasions. The children will be required to each bring a family object which has a family story attached to it, to share with the class. A note will be going home about this.

Art: Last week we made monoprints and the children created some great pieces of work. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Meharry from the Perc Tucker ‘Art in a Suitcase’ program talk to us about printmaking last Friday. Mahtisha gave a great vote of thanks on behalf of the class. This week we have begun to prepare our collograph plates and we made ‘mouse tale’ prints using our fingerprints. The print picture had to tell a mouse tale.

Linton Watkins
Year 1 News

English: During the next two weeks, students will be working on their English assessment task for Unit 7. They will be writing a procedure to solve a problem that is presented in a book.

Maths: We have been working with money (comparing coins and values) and time (o’clock and half past times) on both analogue and digital clocks. We are continuing to practise reading and representing two digit numbers and finding one more, one less, ten more and ten less than selected numbers.

History: The Year One History unit compares experiences of different generations. The students have questions to ask a grandparent or older person and a “Show and Tell” task. Please see the note sent home today for details.

Thursdays: We have both library and swimming on Thursday. A number of students have been forgetting items for these sessions. A good plan to be prepared is to pack for these on Wednesday evening. Students need their Library bag and, for swimming, swimsuit as well as togs and a towel packed in a plastic (or waterproof) bag. Please help them be prepared for all their school activities.

Thank you for your continued help with home readers.

Jo T

Year 2 News

Most children have done last week’s homework, but unfortunately only 10 children remembered to bring their homework books in on Friday. Could you please remind your child that their homework book should be kept in their reading folder? This will ensure that their books will be here every Friday to be marked and also every Monday so they can glue in their new homework sheets. I have given them all an extra “chance”. So if they remember to bring their homework book today (Tuesday) I will count that as being handed in on time. The children will have seven weeks of homework this term and there will be a special treat for the children who complete their homework every week for the whole seven weeks.

If you have half an hour spare in the mornings, could you please come in and help change the children’s reading books? We have been having more days without helpers, which means the children have to bring the same book home again. A huge thank you to Lucy and Liz who usually come in several times each week to help.

Thanks to the four parents who came in to help with our Maths group activities last Wednesday. The children love having their parents in to help and also enjoy the opportunity to play Maths games too. Our Maths group activities will continue until week 9 so let me know if you are able to help out.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying our swimming lessons and nearly everyone has remembered their swimming gear for our first two lessons. If possible, please provide your child with some goggles to protect their eyes from the chlorine in the pool. Please don’t forget to pay the $20 to cover the cost of the lessons. Thank you to the parents who have remembered.

Melissa Digby
Year 3 News

In this newsletter I would like to stress the importance of encouraging your child to take responsibility for being properly prepared for school. Sometimes, of course, they will need a bit of prompting from parents, but they should realise that ultimately it is up to them to ensure that their drink bottle, lunch and hat come to school every day. By now they should also be aware that our swimming lessons are on Thursdays and swimming gear has to come to school on that day too.

Thank you for your support.

Julia Shafer

Year 5 News

Year 5 have made a great start in all curriculum areas. We had an Artist visit our class room this week and the children’s excellent work will be on display at the Perc Tucker gallery, watch this space for exhibition dates!

Over the next few weeks we have a full diary including:
- SES Cyclone Awareness Geography visit – Wednesday 5th November (11-12noon).
- Charters Towers History trip – Friday 7th November

In English we are comparing the novel and film of Storm Boy. If you know the book or film it will help if you discuss your likes/dislikes about them at home.

Maths Groups are on every Wednesday from 8.30 – 9.30 and the children have been planning their own Grand Final trip, in order to bring the Maths skills they have been learning to life.

We have lots of assessments over the next week so I would appreciate your help to ensure the children are well rested and ready to learn each day.

Have a great week.

Sharon Jupp
Years 6 & 7 News

We are almost half way through our busy Term 4, with end of year holidays fast approaching! Students are really enjoying our English unit on inspirational speeches, focussing on ‘I have a Dream’ by Martin Luther King. We are unpacking the speech, and others, leading up to the students writing their own speech. Within this unit, students will also be writing an online blog.

The students cannot wait to start designing and modifying their balloon powered vehicles in Science, which we hopefully will start this week. This experiment focusses on forces, friction and simple machines.

**Bwgcolman State School visit** – A great day was had with the Palm Island students from Bwgcolman State School, playing soccer, dodgeball and oztag, having a BBQ lunch and finishing the day with a swim to cool off. This was a great opportunity for our students to get to know students from another schools. Great sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation were shown by all.

**Year 6/7 Graduation** – Graduation will be held in week 10 of this term and we have been brainstorming celebration ideas, some of which the students know about and others that will be a surprise. One of these ideas requires a baby photo of themselves. Can you please either scan and email a baby photo of your child or send it to school with them? Thanks.

**Townsville State High day** – The Year 6 and 7 transition day at Townsville State High School is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd December. Enrolments for Year 7 and Year 8 are being taken. If you are interested in enrolling, make an appointment with the school as soon as possible.

If you need to contact us, remember our emails: cjohn182@eq.edu.au           ktmca0@eq.edu.au

*Cat and Kerri-Anne*
AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION 2014

Congratulations to all students who entered the Australian Maths Competition run by the University of Canberra. As a measure of standards across Australia, we are very proud of our students who performed well above the median:

High Distinction: Jude (Yr 6)
Distinction: Daisy (Yr 4), Joschka (Yr 5), Felix (Yr 6), Chelsea (Yr 6)
Credit: Scarlett (Yr 3), Mischa (Yr 3), Janey (Yr 4), Craig (Yr 5), Aimee (Yr 5), Adriana (Yr 7), Imogen (Yr 7)
Proficiency: Molly (Yr 3), Sam (Yr 4), Anika (Yr 4), Sophie (Yr 4), Dylan (Yr 4), Jack (Yr 5), Angus (Yr 6), Saskia (Yr 6), Kurt (Yr 6)

TUCKSHOP

‘Red Zone Day’: This Friday 31st of October 2014

In addition to the normal menu, the following items can be ordered:-

- Hot dogs Please advise sauce your child prefers, if any, at no extra cost. $5.00
- Crispy Potato Wedges (Oven baked, I never use oil/deep fry) $2.50
- Milkshakes (Please advise flavour: Strawberry, Banana, Chocolate or Lime) $3.00
- Happy face biscuit $1.00
- Paddle pops $1.50

Kindly take note of the following:-

- Substitution: Should I not have the item you have ordered for your child available on the day, (It has happened that ‘Red Zone’ Items are being ordered on non-‘Red Zone’ days or I ran out of poppers or icy pole), I shall confirm with the child whether he/she would like a similar item of the same value, or I shall return your money.
- Quality: All meals are self-prepared and the products and ingredients used are of the best quality and nutrition. (I choose healthy products low in sodium, fat content, etc)

Should you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me directly (See details below) or visit me at the Tuckshop. Constructive, positive feedback is always welcome.

Regards
Anci de Chazal
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Email fdechazal@bigpond.com
Magnetic Island State School P&C Association invite you to

OPENING NIGHT

“With Love From Maggie”

Please join us to celebrate the opening of a 3 day art exhibition featuring a variety of pieces from island artists.

When:  
Friday 31 October
6pm  Opening & Viewing
Icky Art Fun—activities for children including snacks & treats
7pm  Auction ($5 per auction number)
7.30pm  Live Music
9pm  Close

Cost:  Gold coin donation—wine and finger food provided

Where:  Arcadia Village Function Centre, Arcadia Hotel

Exhibition is open Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd November from 10am—4pm.
Icky Art Fun each day from 12—2pm (Gold coin donation please).

SUPER RAFFLE

This is the major end of year fund raiser for our school. Money raised will be used to purchase additional art supplies and equipment.

Tickets:  $5 each or 3 for $10 or 8 for $20

Prizes valued at over $1000. On view in school office.

Tickets available at the art exhibition & school office.

Drawn:  2nd December at Cat Johnson’s retirement parade at the school