Date Claimers

- Friday 13 Nov
  Art-in-a-Suitcase program, Year 2
- Tuesday 24 Nov
  GBMPA visit the school to help us paint Reef messages on our drains
- Tuesday 24 Nov
  P&C meeting 6.15pm
- Wednesday 25 Nov
  Town High Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition Day, 9am-3pm, Town High. Call Denise on 4721 8734.
- Friday 27 Nov
  Prep Orientation Day, 9am start
- Thursday 3 Dec
  Volunteers Morning Tea
- Thursday 3 Dec
  Piano Concert, Music Room 5pm
- Tuesday 8 Dec
  Swimming Carnival
- Tues & Wed 8 & 9 Dec
  F1 in Schools program, Town High
- Thursday 10 Dec
  Year 6 Graduation Parade
- Friday 11 Dec
  SWPBL Pool Party & last day of term 4

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Principal’s Note

As you would be aware, the school’s P&C designed a new school uniform last year to increase the students’ sun safety. Our uniform policy, which states that all students will wear the new uniform, will be fully implemented by the start of 2016. This means that all student should be wearing the new school uniform to begin the New Year. We now have approximately two thirds of our students in the new uniform and the feedback so far has been very positive. If you need to purchase uniforms, please go to the website www.schoolthreads.com.au. Orders need to be in ASAP to assure you receive them before the end of the year.

Last week the Year Two class received 192 Gotchas and were the class of the week! The majority of our students have reached twenty Gotchas, many have reached forty and are on track to attend the Principal’s Morning Tea (60 Gotchas by the end of week 9). The pool party will be held in the last week of school and by the look of the results, the majority of our students will be attending the party!

Enjoy the week.

Jo Sinclair-Jones
(PRINCIPAL)

Our fantastic Year 5 and Year 6 students entertained the whole school last Tuesday with a Melbourne Cup hat parade. The work, effort and creativity that had gone into each student’s hat design was impressive. See more of the designs on page 5.
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Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Mischa and Jasmine.  
Stanley went to Year 3.  

Magnetic Island State School is once again the proud winner of $1000 for collecting the most batteries for recycling from all the schools in Townsville.  

Luke & Jamie were in town to meet Batteryman and collect the $1000 cheque.  

We hope to use the funds to start a fruit tree project, an extension to the food garden, planned for early 2016.  

Thank you Battery World!  

Fete Co-ordinator receives award  

Christal Ollier received three nominations for the Rotary Ambassador awards for her work in the community and especially in being one of the co-ordinators of this year’s school fete.  

Although she was eight months pregnant, Christal worked incredibly hard help make the fete successful.  

The award was presented at last week’s award dinner.  

Christal said “This award should really be for Jody as well, but I am very proud to be an official Friend of Magnetic Island.”
Prep News

We have been very busy in Prep, with a fantastic visit to the post office last Tuesday. We heard all about the process for the mail coming and going from Magnetic Island Post Office. We checked out the private post office boxes, opening an empty one. We all got to stamp and post our own postcards that we had written to a friend or relative. The children were extremely well behaved and fantastic ambassadors for the school.

We are now trying to complete all assessment and testing for the semester. It is very important to have your child at school every day to ensure they complete all necessary work. Even though it is the end of the year, every day at school counts!

Keep up the good work with readers and sight words. We are seeing some excellent progress. All library books need to be returned to school by Friday 27th November.

Prep Orientation Day will be held on Friday 27th November from 9:00am. Please make sure your child is here to be involved on this special day with the incoming Prep class.

Julia Shafer

Year 1 News

This week is our History ‘Show and Tell’ week. The students should have asked a grandparent (or adult of similar age) about two aspects of their childhood. We are looking forward to seeing items (or photos of items from the past) and comparing them to what is used today. Thank you for your help getting our students prepared for this.

We are hoping to have our PowerPoint presentations ready to share by the end of the week. The children are to be congratulated for their effort and achievements in making their presentations of ‘How to Make a Disgusting Sandwich’.

With only five weeks to go, be sure to see me if you have any queries or concerns.

Jo T
Year 2 News

Over the past two weeks, students in Year 2 have been writing a narrative as part of their English assessment for this unit. The purpose of their narrative was to add an event to a story that we read together. It was impressive to see students working hard and really enjoying the writing process. They planned, drafted, edited and published their work. Students will be bringing their stories home with them at the end of this week to share with you.

Our new Maths unit has a focus on telling the time to the quarter hour. Students need to be able to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks. For example, students need to be able to say that the time is 1:45 or a quarter to two. It would be helpful if you could reinforce this at home or at any chance you get, as it can be a tricky concept for students to grasp.

Delia Koelman

Year 3/4 News

There are only five weeks of school left so we are very busy finalising assessments, in particular presenting our English persuasive speeches this week. We have using technology to create a video of ‘A day in the life of a Year 3/4 student’. Students have been taking photos and filming students working throughout the day. They will then compile these images and videos to create their document. In Science we have continued to play games that explore the different forces as shown in the picture below.

Reminders:

Swimming money – If you have not paid Term 4 swimming please do so ASAP ($22.50 to the office).

Library books – Please ensure your child is returning their library books every Friday with their library bag.

Kerri-Anne & Jeremy
Year 5/6 News

The highlight of the past two weeks was the Melbourne Cup Hat Parade. Well done to all 5/6 children for their incredible, imaginative and ingenious inventions. The hats form part of our Art curriculum as well as helping us to celebrate an iconic Australian event.

In Maths children have been working hard on revising the multiplication of decimals and reviewing operations.

In English we have reached the publishing stage in our Moon Bears writing task, which started with reading and analysing two texts about moon bears. It is great to see the children taking responsibility for fine tuning their work, to do their best to achieve a good final result.

Our Science work on electricity is almost complete, a few children may be bringing home a little work to finish; thank you for your help with this.

Term 4 continues to be packed with assessments and activities that help the children to consolidate their learning and show off their knowledge. Therefore they need to be at school every day, well rested and ready to learn. Missing a day puts them at a disadvantage, and missed lessons are difficult to catch up on.

Please be sure to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress.

Sharon Jupp & Martin Hammelswang
Seven Steps to Writing Success

One of the great programs being used at Magnetic Island State School is ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’. Implemented over a year ago, the program is focused on helping your child write better. This week we are practising Step 3: Tightening the Tension which follows Step 2: Plan for Success and Sizzling Starts. The key message is that emotion takes time to build up, so start small and escalate to a powerful climax. The tension scene comes just before the big climax ending. In movies this is the scene of the soccer final, the exciting car chase or the heroine fighting for her life in the raging river. Here is an example from Shay, one of our Year 2 students:

The score was tied. There were 12 seconds left on the clock. He had one shot. I could hear the crowd cheering loudly and the ball was flying through the air. I was breathless; my heart was beating fast. Everyone was screaming. I was worried. He kicked the ball and...

There is a parent booklet that explains the program available from the school office. Call in and help yourself.

START SMART

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to all of our students. Funded by the Commonwealth Bank, and delivered by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money. And it really was great fun!

For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.
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:

Be Responsible, Respectful & Safe —
Follow all bus rules

DENTAL VAN

Contact them direct on 0417 630 119

The dental van has started seeing children and will work through the entire school population before the end of term. If you wish to know when your child’s appointment is, or require any urgent work, please contact them directly on 0417 630 119.

Last chance to order

SCHOOL BAGS for 2016

Last year the Magnetic Island State School P&C purchased backpack-type school bags that were navy with white contrasting piping and had the new school logo on them. These Spartan brand bags were found to be very practical, they came with a lifetime guarantee and cost $35 each.

This year the P&C is considering placing another order for the bags, but as we must request a minimum of 30 bags at a time, we need expressions of interest from parents.

If you would like to purchase one of these school bags for your child for next year, please contact the school office (either in person or by telephoning 4758 2333) so that you can be placed on the list.

Thank you!

PRE-LOVED SHOES WANTED!

Have you any closed-in shoes at home that are still in reasonable condition but your child has grown out of them? If you would like them to be put to good use, do please bring them into the school office! We are often looking for shoes to fit students who have come to school without suitable footwear, so more spare pairs on hand would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you, parents.
Tennis Townsville’s School Holiday Clinic

Ages 4 to 16 years
When Mon, Tues, Wed 14-16th December
Time 4pm—6pm
Where Tennis Townsville,
32 Burke St, North Ward
Cost $72 per child or $144 for 2 or more
Contact tennis@tennistownsville.org
Phone 4721 5129