Principal’s Note

As we are drawing closer to the end of yet another successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to making our school a great school. I would especially like to acknowledge our volunteers who come in day after day to help out and support us. We have parents, grandparents, community members and more who give up their own time for the benefit of our children and our community.

It is also that time of the year where we farewell staff members who are moving on or retiring. This year Mr Derek Phillippo will be retiring after twenty years at Magnetic Island State School. He has been a fixture of our staff for so long; our school grounds and buildings have benefited greatly from Derek’s long standing service. We all wish Lorraine and Derek well on their move to Thailand where the grass grows at an even faster rate than it does here over the summer!

Ms Genevieve Blackwood will be taking leave for twelve months and we look forward to her return in 2017. I’m sure the children and families will miss her positivity and smile while she is away.

And finally, as previously advised, Ms Caron Grey will be taking a twelve month secondment to work at Regional office as a PEAC.

We would like to invite all the families to attend a special parade on Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm to farewell these staff members.

Have a great week
Jo Sinclair-Jones (PRINCIPAL)

As a Reef Guardian school that works with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to educate about and protect our reef, some of our high gotcha achievers got to help paint messages on our school drains today. Let’s all remember to “save the drain just for rain!”
Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Haken and Kloey.
Stanley went to Year 3.

Last week two of our school leaders, along with the Principal, attended the very moving Remembrance Day Service at Alma Bay. This event which acknowledges those who have fallen or suffered for Australia’s cause in wars or armed conflict, continues to be a significant cultural event, particularly given events in Europe recently.

Our schools attendance at these events is much appreciated by the forces community.

Each year the school is the recipient of many books that have been donated by the Defence forces and other community services.

This is part of what makes the fabric of the broader Magnetic Island community such a strong interconnected group.

Remembrance Day 2016

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 Respectful — Include others
**Prep News**

We have been very busy completing assessment work over the last few weeks. We have had a variety of tasks to complete ranging from writing and illustrating a letter, constructing an object with moving parts and creating a digital poster that tells a story about the past.

This will be our last week for library borrowing. Please return all books to school this Wednesday.

Swimming lessons are continuing for two more weeks. Please finalise payments if you have not already done so.

Readers will be continuing until the end of next week, the 4th of December. Please continue to read daily and practice sight words with your child.

This Friday we will be having the Pre-Preps visit for Prep Orientation Day. Our students will be helping out as buddies, guiding the children at play in our playground area and making sure they feel welcome. The children need to arrive at normal time, by 8:20am to start our morning and be prepared for the arrival of the other children at 9:00am.

Finally we will be having an end of year celebration during the last week of term. Please look out for a note that will be sent home with details about what we will be doing over the next week.

Julia Shafer

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**Year 1 News**

We have been busy working on assessment tasks. In Science we used our technological skills to plan, make and explain an instrument that could make a high and low sound and a loud and soft sound.

Thank you to parents who helped their child prepare for their History talk. We were interested to see records, videos, hand drills, an old iron and other items from the past.

We have one final task in English which is to write and illustrate a booklet in which Pigeon will seek to persuade Duckling with statements, questions, commands and explanations. That should be fun!

Library finishes this week and readers early next week. Please be sure to seek out and return all books. Thank you,

Jo T
“All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support”

Year 2 News

Our class was lucky to have a special visitor last week. Barb, an artist from the Perc Tucker Gallery in town, came over and gave us a special two hour art lesson. We had to use our imaginations to create our own mythical creature. We then got to paint with water colours.

Our finished works of art will be on display at the gallery over the Christmas holidays. Call in and admire them when you are in town doing your Christmas shopping.

Delia Koelman

Year 3/4 News

Library Books – Please check with your child that they have returned all outstanding library books by this Friday. There is now no more borrowing of library books, however please continue reading for 15 minutes every night – a magazine, a timetable, a story, a novel or the newspaper.

Technology – We have been exploring different types of technologies over the past few weeks and will continue to for the rest of the year. Students have been writing blogs on the internet as part of our English assessment. The students are required to log on to their own blog site, respond to the English question related to the book we are studying – ‘Victor’s Quest’ and then replying to another student’s comment. We are also exploring Movie Maker to produce a video ‘A day in the life of a Year 3/4 student’.

Swimming – No swimming in week 10.

Homework – No homework in week 10.

Swimming Carnival – Week 10 Tuesday 8th December. All students are required to be present on this day as all students will race. Students need to wear their house colour shirt, school shorts/skirt, closed in shoes, and bring a water bottle, lunch and a hat.

Year 6 Graduation – Week 10 Thursday 10th December.

SWPBL pool party and last day of Term 4 – Week 10, Friday 11th December. All students are required to be present on this day. Students need to wear their school uniform, closed in shoes and bring a water bottle and hat.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered their time to help in the Year 3/4 classroom this year. It is much appreciated.

Kerri-Anne McAtee

Jeremy Pullen
**Year 5/6 News**

It has been a busy time for everyone in the 5/6 classroom over the past two weeks. Many of our Year 6 students have attended transition days to enable them to experience what it is like to travel to high school in town.

In Maths students have been reviewing and consolidating their understandings of multiplication and fractions. This week will be focussed on assessment tasks.

Our Science work has included experiments to discover the properties of Light, making periscopes and spearing lollies through water. We have also been exploring how changes occur in Earth’s surface because of Natural Disasters. This work links well with our final English unit in which children will be considering how literary and informative texts are used by authors to create different affects. Their task is to write and then present an engaging text using all the skills and knowledge gained this year about using a range of text structures and making appropriate choices of language features and precise vocabulary. They will be able to choose from a range of four different text styles; a poem, a short story, a play and a poster. They will also learn about good presentation techniques and take part in a discussion to justify their choices.

Since the weather has been getting hotter a few children have allowed their behaviour standards to slip. We have reminded them of our high expectations in this area and that there are consequences in place for any repeated poor behaviour. All the children are looking forward to the end of term parties and graduation ceremony and it would be a great shame if anyone were to miss out at this late stage.

Every day between now and the end of term counts and children need to be at school every day, well rested and ready to learn. Missing any days puts them at a disadvantage, and missed lessons are difficult to catch up on properly.

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

Sharon Jupp & Martin Hammelswang

**FOOD GARDEN COOK OFF**

We are holding our second food garden harvest and cook off this Friday 27th November. Four students who have been helping in the garden will be chosen to help prepare and serve the food at big lunch. The menu includes gluten free pasta with our own tomato sauce, jack fruit ice-cream, and returning by popular demand, our own pesto with veggie crudites. Yum Yum. How lucky are our students to be learning how to grow and prepare their own food!

**Come to our special parade for Mr Phillippo, Ms Grey and Ms Blackwood next Wednesday, 2nd December at 2pm.**
One of the great programs being used at Magnetic Island State School is ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’. The program is focused on helping your child write better. This week we are practising Step 4: Dynamic Dialogue. Think of dialogue as a mini play within the story. In real life conversations we often talk in clichés and ramble a lot. This is great proof that strong writing does not have to be based on real life. Keep things moving fast and cut straight to the action. Which of these examples reads better?

The teacher told us to stand back from the cage as the bear was growling loudly, but Jeremy didn’t listen.

‘Stand back,’ said the teacher, but Jeremy didn’t listen. Suddenly the bear growled loudly. ‘Jeremy!’ cried the teacher, ‘get away from the bear. NOW!’

The graph below shows how much this program has helped our students since it’s introduction about one and a half years ago. There is a parent booklet that explains the program available from the school office. Call in and help yourself.

Red Zone at the Tuckshop

The next two Fridays will be special tuckshop days where ‘red zone’ food will be available. This includes:

- Hawaiian pizza $4.50
- Hot Dog $5.00
- (please indicate tomato, bbq or mustard sauce)
- Potato Wedges $3.00
- Chicken Goujons $4.00
- Happy face biscuit $1.00

As we near the end of the term, we thank Anci de Chazal for running the tuckshop for us for another year. Thank you Anci—you are the best!
ANZ Hot Shots Tennis Equipment

A HUGE thank you to AB Mohr and Tennis Australia for donating brand new tennis equipment to our school. We now have portable nets, request and balls to teach tennis skills from Prep to Year 6. We are very excited to be using this equipment in our P.E. lessons already.

Natalie Crouch, P.E. Teacher

POOL NEWS

Everyone can have fun in the pool!

As our students will tell you, there is nothing better on a hot day than cooling down in the Gerry Winn Memorial Pool which is right here in our very own school grounds! The pool is open to the public every afternoon from 3.30pm until 5.30pm as well as from 6.00am until 7.00am, Monday to Saturday. An annual pool pass is valid from October until the following September and is great value, as you can see below. Anyone interested in obtaining an annual pass should come to the school office on either Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

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School Swimming Fees overdue

Our students are given swimming lessons which cost just $22.50 for the term. We have three great instructors this term and the children are receiving well structured, professional tuition. Sadly not all parents have paid for their child’s lessons, despite the fact that the school still has to pay the instructors.

If you have paid, then thank you. If you have not, then you can pay cash or Eftpos at the school office, or via direct debit to BSB 064 817 Account 00091216.

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Tennis Townsville’s School Holiday Clinic

Ages 4 to 16 years
When Mon, Tues, Wed 14-16th Dec
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

NRL Premiership Trophy on Display
Tuesday 1st December 2015
Picnic Bay Hotel
1.45—3.45pm
Free Sausage Sizzle 3pm
Get your photo with the winning trophy!

C&K Early Childhood Centre
Please call Lana on 4758 1168.