Principal’s Note

What a busy term we have had so far and we will have so many exciting events coming up!

Our long awaited dream of having a fruit orchard is finally happening with most of the preparation of the soil and the watering system complete. All that is needed now are the trees to be planted. This will be happening with the children on Tuesday 23rd February between 8.30am and 10.30am. As we would like this to be a community event we have asked for your support to help with the planting and watering of the trees. If you would like to help out please call the school office on 4758 2333. A big thank you to Katrina Goudkamp for making this dream come to life, for helping with the preparation and organisation of the plants and materials and working with our staff to get this started. What a positive contribution you have made to our school community! To all of our staff and outside help who have also worked to get this project up and running, you are greatly appreciated and we thank you as well.

This year our School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (SWPBL) will be in its second year of implementation. With any new systems there are always things you learn along the way that you may need to tweak or change to make it a better process. The PBL team have recently met and reviewed last year’s trial, listened to the feedback from some of our parents and have made some positive changes to the way it will be run this year. For further information please read the update on page 4.

The Australian Government is continuing with funding schools through the Students First initiative that is now called Investing for Success (I4S) originally named Great Results Guarantee (GRG). State schools use the I4S funding to support students to achieve improved outcomes at all levels of schooling. Schools decide how to invest the I4S funding and principals are responsible for communicating these decisions to the school communities. This year it is predicted that we will receive $76,435.

I will be presenting a draft copy to the P&C meeting tonight. If you would like to hear more and provide some input, we would be happy to see you in the staff room at 6.15pm. Our P&C is vital to the school’s success and is in need of more parents’ active contributions.

I will be part of a review panel next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tracey Kenway will be in charge in my absence.

Have a lovely week!
Jo Sinclair-Jones
All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support

Gold & Silver Awards

Gold & silver awards for Term 1, Week 2:

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PE Awards went to Laura and Hugo.

Neville went to Year 1.

Gotcha COTW went to Year 3.

Admin News

To date we have received less than half of the forms that needed to be completed at the start of the year. If you need another copy, please call at the office and pick them up.

- **Information Update Form:** These should be completed for all children who were attending our school at the end of last year. You will appreciate that it is most important for us to have current permissions and emergency contact details for each child. *(N.B.: Please complete both sides of the form – thank you)*

- **Class Activities outside School Grounds:** Please sign and return it to the office so that your child(ren) can participate in class activities outside the school grounds during 2016.

- **Student Resource Scheme Agreement:** The fee for the Student Resource Scheme is $30 per student per year. This contributes to the cost of classroom texts, on-line software used in class and other resources. These are bought by the school to reduce the overall financial burden on parents. If you choose not to participate, you may incur higher costs by having to buy these resources individually.

Please also note that swimming fees are now overdue. Payment of $24 is appreciated by direct deposit to BSB 064 817 Account 00091216, or by cash or eftpos at the school office.
Prep News

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with beginning home readers, swimming lessons and library borrowing. It has been great to see most children have been organised and prepared to learn as suggested by this weeks positive behaviour focus.

In English we have been experimenting with beginning writing and have produced a class innovation of “I Went Walking”.

In LEM we have made robots, Russian dolls and rockets to represent things that begin with the /Rr/ sound and paper plate pigs with assistance from our buddies, and pink and purple potato patterns for the /Pp/ sound.

The children have been given Reading Eggs logins and passwords, which allows access from home. Reading Eggs is an online program that helps children to read. We have started using the program at school and would like some parent helpers to assist in the computer lab. If there is a time that you can help for approximately one hour on a regular basis please let us know.

Thanks for your support.
Melissa Digby and Julia Shafer

Some examples of our LEM work from Amelia, Georgia, Arribella, Esther and Charley Ray.

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Year 1 News

This week’s SWPBL focus is: Be organized and prepared to learn

Year 1 students can do this by remembering these things:

- Have a sun safe hat and water bottle at school every day.
- Return reading folders every day.
- Remember library bags on Wednesdays.
- Remember swimming things (including goggles and a swim shirt) every Thursday.

Students can develop good habits by packing these things in their bags the night before so they are not forgotten in the morning rush.

Many thanks to those who have helped with reading on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. As we only have a short time on Thursdays (before swimming) and Fridays (before Guided Reading groups), we would welcome a lot of helpers so all students can read and change their home reader.

We would also welcome a few parents to help with changing before and after swimming.

If you have any concerns or queries, please see me to arrange a meeting time.

Jo Terkelsen
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Year 2 News

Year 2 students have settled in nicely to our routines and are working hard in all areas.

This week we begin our first English assessment task, where students will be required to change a poem to make it their own, and then present it to the class.

In Maths we have been looking at measuring length using formal measurement, and area using informal measurement. Our photo shows the class measuring objects area using informal methods.

Thank you to those parents who came to our parent information session, and thanks also to those parents who have been helping change readers in the mornings.

A few reminders:

- Home readers need to be brought every day
- Homework is due every Monday
- Library borrowing is on Wednesdays (students keep library bags in their school bag)
- Swimming is on Thursday after Morning Tea

Delia Koelman
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SWPBL Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Learning update

Last year we saw the implementation of SWPBL (School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework) and as a result we had some outstanding results in the reduction of behavioural incidents. We have reflected upon some of our practices from last year and received feedback from a few parents and as a result we have adjusted our systems in regards to awards.

This term our award system will be:

- 20 Gotchas = 10 minutes of extra play
- 40 Gotchas = 10 minutes of extra play
- 60 Gotchas = invitation to end of term Beach Party

The Principal’s Morning Tea will be the first 10% to reach 60 gotchas. We will be having a Parent and Community Meet and Greet this term. The date is to be advised. Our regional SWPBL coordinator will be coming from town to provide you with an overview of the framework and to answer any questions you may have. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone.

This week’s lesson is:

BE ORGANISED AND PREPARED TO LEARN

Mr Pullen did a great demonstration of what NOT to do! He was helped by Maya, Lachlan, Monty and Lacey. In this photo, Lachie is getting a Gotcha for getting his book out and preparing to listen when ‘teacher’ Maya asked. Mr Pullen is not listening and is distracted by what is going on somewhere else.
Year 3 & Year 4 News

Library – Please remind your child to bring their library bags on Wednesdays.

Swimming – Thursday morning at 9.30 (Year 3) and 10.00 (Year 4). Students need to bring their togs, googles, a rashie and a towel.

Homework – Students have been fantastic in completing their homework and handing it in on Friday mornings. Just a reminder, students should be completing:

- Reading 15 minutes every night (parents to sign the bottom of their homework spelling sheet every night)
- 12 spelling words every night
- 5 LEM words
- An English sheet
- A Maths sheet.

Homework in due Friday morning. If your child would like help with their homework, there will be homework club on Thursday afternoon from 2:25-2:50pm.

Art – Our photos show the students working with primary and secondary colours and creating a colour wheel.

Have a great week.

Kerri-Anne McAtee  Jeremy Pullen
Year 3 Teacher  Year 4 Teacher
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Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Show

Wednesday 24th February 11am, whole of school activity (free of charge)

The purpose of the show is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. The program reached 300,000 Australian children last year. The show’s main contents address:

- Yes and No feelings
- Warning Signs
- Scared and Yucky feelings
- Private Parts and Privacy
- It’s OK to say NO if you don’t feel safe
Year 5/6 News

Children have settled quite well into their year, and after the change of class structure and rooms, we are now focused on routines and expectations. The workload in Year 5 and 6 is high, and children are slowly getting used to this. At the moment, children often need to take work home to practise or complete, and anything parents can do to support this will be greatly appreciated. I will hold a ‘Homework Club’ most Thursday afternoons. Children are welcome to attend this by choice, if they need some assistance with homework or need a quiet space to ensure that the work is done. I will also need some children to attend this Homework Club in order to catch up on overdue work. If this is the case, I will notify parents beforehand, so that arrangements can be made for travel after school.

In Maths, we are working on some basic numeration concepts: factors and multiples, factor trees, prime and composite numbers and divisibility rules. Some children need to revise and practise tables during these next few weeks in order to refresh these in their memories for classroom use. We are also moving on to estimation strategies and rounding of numbers to assist with checking accuracy and making quick calculations.

In English, we have been working from ‘The Forests of Silence’, a quest novel by Emily Rodda. Children will be asked to write their own opening chapter of a fantasy novel. This text is providing a highly effective, and enjoyable, model of the type of text. This is the first book in a series of eight, which then extends to subsequent series. It would be great if parents encouraged their children to borrow any of the follow-on books in this series, or similar texts.

Homework routines are well in place now. These will adjust as the year progresses, depending on the children’s work and needs. Hopefully the homework should, in many cases, be independent work for the children. They should require minimal help, apart from a final check over and parent signature. If you are finding that your child is constantly needing assistance, please let me know so I can employ other strategies here at school to make homework routines easier.

Please be sure to contact me at any time if you have concerns regarding your child’s progress. My email address is mhamm23@eq.edu.au.

Martin Hammelswang

Swimming Team Training

Tuesday & Wednesday at 1pm for 20 minutes. Don’t forget!

Carnival is on Tuesday 15th March at the Long Tan pool in town.

Permission notes will be coming home closer to the date.
New School Orchard

We will be planting 25 fruit trees on Tuesday 23rd February between 8.30am and 10.30am. You can help before this date by spreading some mulch and preparing the holes. You can come on the day and help guide the students in the planting. You can volunteer to tend and water the trees once planted.

We are very excited by the prospect of having all these fascinating tropical trees in our school. Students will learn by looking after them and measuring their growth. In the future, we hope to harvest the fruit and use it in our school cook-up’s. Our Food Garden was established four years ago and is thriving thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers and P&C Association.

The trees that we are planting are:

Abiu—Amazonian tree with bright yellow fruit that tastes like crème caramel.
Black Sapote—the Chocolate Pudding tree with fruit perfect for making ice-cream.
Brazilian Cherry—an evergreen with anti-inflammatory properties and leaves that repel flies.
Canistel or Yellow Sapote—produces yellow oval fruit also known as egg fruit.
Dwarf Avocado Wurtz—a grafted tree with the fruit that we all love.
Grumichama—a highly ornamental tree with delicious black cherry like fruit.
Jaboticaba—produces small fruit like a cross between grapes and lychees.
Longan—closely related to the lychee but hardier and faster growing.
Mamey Sapote—our largest tree with fruit that tastes like sweet pumpkin pie with spice.
Panama Berry—in traditional medicine its leaves can be used as an antiseptic.
Rollina—also known as Biriba and is part of the custard apple family.
Sapodilla—fruit looks like kiwi fruit but tastes like cooked sweetened pear.
Soursop—heart shaped fruit with rough green skin hides pineapple/strawberry tasting flesh.
Star Apple—sweet eating with leaves that can make teas for diabetes and rheumatism.
Strawberry Guava—our smallest drought tolerant tree with sweet red fruit.
C&K Early Childhood Centre

There are still 5 Kindy places available for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years at C&K Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre. If you know someone who would like to attend Kindy - please phone Lana on 4758 1168.

There are also Vacancies for babies under 2 as well as over 2's at Limited Hours Care on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

Active Centre

Term 1 2016 (starting 1st Feb)

Monday
2.45-3.15 Kindy Dance (ages 3-5)
3.15-4.15 Junior Jazz (Prep-Yr3)
4.30-5.30 Intermediate Ballet (Yr4-Yr6)
5.30-6.30 Intermediate Jazz (Yr4-Yr6)

Wednesday
2.45-3.45 Junior Ballet (Prep-Yr3)

Please contact Amber on 0408844895 for further information.

ACROBATICS CLASSES ARE COMING TO MAGNETIC ISLAND!

Fridays, starting 29th January 2016

Ages 4-9: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Ages 10-17: 5:00pm – 6:30pm

(Classes will be flexible for ability levels and content will depend on the group's wishes - e.g. gymnastics, stunt sword fighting...)

$10 per class if paid in full at the start of the term
$12 per class if casual
Discount on fees for additional siblings

Please let us know if you plan to attend, text/phone Lauren on:
0408 908 765

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