Principal’s Note

Last week I attended the Queensland Principals’ Conference 2015 where all primary and secondary principals attended for two days. The conference provided principals with an array of exemplary presenters from across the globe delivering some of the best professional development I have had in my career.

The strong message that came out of the conference was working collaboratively in our schools and the school down the road. This means having a whole-hearted commitment (Engagement), a reason to work together (Purpose), a desire to learn (Curiosity), a willingness to share (Generosity) and, a capacity to buy into a contest of ideas (Trust).

With our QSR (Quadrennial School Review) commencing this term, I would like to ask our community to come together to find ways to improve and enhance our school making it the best school it can be and one that we are all proud of. If you are interested in having your say about how to improve our school and would like to be part of our review committee, please contact me via email or the ring the office. This is a great opportunity to be part of a very positive experience that will ultimately improve the educational lives of our children.

Have a great week!

Jo Sinclair-Jones

AFL players Adam and Seb from the Gold Coast Suns came to our school on Monday 2nd March. They talked to all students at Parade and played with footy with some lucky Auskick participants.
Gold & Silver Awards

Gold and silver awards for Term 1 Week 4 (16-20 Feb) went to:

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PE Awards went to Craig & Luka. 
Instrumental Music Awards went to Lexi & Bonnie.

Gold and silver awards for Term 1 Week 5 (23-27 Feb) went to:

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Instrumental Music Awards went to Ruby & Jayden.

Do you want a school fete?

At the P&C meeting last week, the subject of the fete was raised. As you may know, the School has traditionally held a fete once every two years. The last fete in 2013 was a cracker and achieved a profit of more than $15,000! This was great news for the school as it enabled the purchase of playground equipment, sporting equipment, academic awards, support for our sporting high achievers, books, musical instruments and more.

The P&C is now looking for this year’s Fete Coordinator. There is no denying that it will take up some of your time, but with good organisational skills and a good team of stall convenors it could be the perfect role for someone out there in our parent community. Without a Fete Coordinator, there will be no fete this year. If you are interested, the P&C Executive would love to hear from you!

Helen Mowat – President
Lyndal Raccuia – Vice-President
Mel Goehr – Secretary
Natalie Lloyd – Treasurer

Note: Swimming lesson date change

There will be no swimming lesson on Thursday 19 March. The make-up lesson is on Friday 13 March.

Years 3 & 4 did a great job for Clean Up Australia Day. Well done!
**Prep News**

We have reached the half way mark for term one and have seen steady progress from the students. I would encourage extra work on the Reading Eggs program at home to continue to develop your child’s literacy skills. This is a great program that offers a variety of different fun activities that the children love so it won’t be hard to encourage your child to do some "homework".

We have been working steadily on our Geography mapping unit. We have started the assessment, which involves making models of familiar places, using construction blocks and then drawing a pictorial map.

We have a common theme underlying our English, Maths and Geography work at present. The use of prepositions like ‘under’, ‘around’ and ‘behind’ from Rosie’s Walk, our latest English text, has allowed us to also look at position in our Maths work and directions when mapping in Geography. We will continue to use the text to help introduce some aspects of technology.

After four weeks of swimming lessons, there has been a pleasing increase in confidence for some of our less enthusiastic swimmers. We do have a couple reminders. Fees ($22.50) should be paid ASAP to the office if not already paid and we still require parent helpers who are able to get in the pool to assist.

Thank you to the parent helpers who have given time in the classroom already this term. We welcome any extra helpers. Any time you can give is appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Julia Shafer

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**Year 2 News**

Over the past few weeks we have been exploring how to create a tension scene in our writing. We have been focussed on the senses. First we had to set the scene and engage our readers, then make them want to keep reading. Our topic: ‘On the ferry when a storm hits’.

Have a read and see what you think.

_The Roughest Boat Ride Ever_

**By Year 2**

We heard a rumble. The first lightning hit right next to the boat and illuminated the water. Everyone was crying. Bang! Something hit the boat, we started to sink. Water was rushing in. We were screaming. The announcement was made – “Life jackets on and don’t panic”. Don’t panic are they serious? I smell smoke, it must be coming from the engine. The smell of gas is sickening. We were being pushed from side to side. I fell and my friend grabbed my legs, his hands were cold. Tears were falling down my face I could taste them mixed with blood, that tells me I’m hurt. I am scared. My brain and my heart keep telling me to cry.
Year 1 News

Congratulations to Year 1 for being the Gotcha Class of the Week. Students have been demonstrating ways to be respectful, responsible and safe at school.

At the moment in Maths, we are looking at ways to represent data and are examining tallies, graphs, sorting, stacking and picture representations. We are also examining teen numbers and are learning that the 1 means one group of ten, as well as practising our counting to 100 in ones and twos.

On Thursday afternoons we are using the computer lab for activities including Reading Eggs and Paint. Logging on is a HUGE job at this stage and we would welcome any parents who would be able to help with this process. If you are available at 12:00 on Thursdays, please let me know. It would not be necessary for you to stay for the session but your help to get us going would be much appreciated.

Keep up the great work with home reading and spelling practice.         
Jo T

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the MISS P&C will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we especially encourage new families to our school to come along and get involved in our Association. All executive positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and we will be particularly looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer. Please talk to Helen Mowat, P&C President, or Jo Sinclair-Jones, Principal, if you have any questions about taking on an executive role.

Invest in our school, invest in our community, invest in our future—join the P&C this year and make a difference.
Year 3 & Year 4 News

Year 3/4 once again had a successful fortnight in regards to school-wide expectations. Year 3 was awarded the ‘Class of the Week’ for receiving the most gotcha’s in week 4. The focus was being in the right place at the right time. To go with this award, Year 3/4 received the ‘Stanley’ award for being the cleanest class for the week. Well done to both classes, let’s see if we can maintain this high standard.

Both classes also participated in Clean-up Australia Day last Friday. The students learnt about the importance of disposing of rubbish correctly and we cleaned up near the basketball court. We helped to make the school even cleaner than it already was.

Week 5 was a busy week with both classes focused on their assessment tasks. The students applied themselves very well, especially with their narrative writing. Week 6 will see us begin our new English unit which will focus on persuasion.

Reminders:

Swimming – Every Thursday morning. Students need to bring their togs, a rashie and a towel.

Homework – Due FRIDAY morning. Homework club – Thursday afternoon 2.20pm – 2.50pm.

Library Borrowing - Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings their library bag and library books (to be returned) every Friday so they can borrow books.

Art-in-a-Suitcase program – Alison McDonald is an amazing artist who will be coming to teach an art lesson on March 20th 2015. Past students have really enjoyed these visits so we look forward to her coming. This is a free of charge activity.

Army Museum History Excursion (Jezzine Barracks) – Wednesday 11th March, 2015. Please return the signed permission form and money ($13) to the office by this Friday 6th March so that our booking can be finalised.

Home Reading – We are not reading on a Friday morning as students have their weekly Friday morning testing. However they will have their library books to read over the weekend. Thank you to all the parents who are volunteering their time to read with students.

Have a great week,

Kerri-Anne McAttee
Year 3 Teacher
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Jeremy Pullen
Year 4 Teacher
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Year 5/6 News

What an interesting week we have had in our 5/6 Science lessons. We have been carrying out experiments in rotations to help build our understanding of how animals and plants adapt to their environment. Children pretended to be birds, trees, whales and seeds – great fun. We also had an expert visitor. There can’t be many classes in the state able to ask questions of their own Koala Wrangler (A.K.A. Dr Murray Logan – Scientist). Thanks to everyone for your help to make this possible.

The children’s efforts in English have been very encouraging as we draw together five weeks of hard work reading, discussing and analysing humorous short stories. It has been exciting to hear our students’ growing confidence at using tricky terminology to express themselves and see their understanding grow.

We have assessments in Maths and English to finish this week. It would be appreciated if parents could help ensure children attend school every day, well rested and ready to learn.

**Instrumental Music is moved to Wednesday this week** – please remind your child to bring their instrument and music in so that they can enjoy their lesson. On Thursday there is Swimming and we will be running the new Homework Club from 2.30 -3.30pm. Let us know in advance if your child will be attending.

Most children are exhibiting respectful behaviour in class and have settled well into our routines. Thank you to parents who continue to reinforce high expectations for children’s behaviour at home and support in class standards and systems. It makes such a difference to everyone if we can stay consistent and work together to improve children’s attitudes and responses to all the adults that they encounter. Last week’s school-wide behaviour focus reminded all children that every member of staff at school needs to be respected.

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

Martin and Sharon
Our jump off day was last Tuesday and our photos show the fantastic work that the children did! We have raised over $1300 for the Heart Foundation.

Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends for your sponsorship.

Natalie Crouch  
PE Teacher

Hi my name is Rell Semmens and I have recently commenced work as the new Coordinator of the Townsville PCYC After School Program.

I am excited about the role and look forward to building relationships with existing and new children and families utilising the service. I'm keen to explore ways to work together within the school space so that the service reflects the priorities of Queensland PCYC; the school and broader Magnetic Island community.

My decision to move from inner city Sydney to live on Maggie has already proved rewarding and I appreciate the natural beauty of the island and school environment which are a stark contrast to my NSW desert experiences!

My previous employment includes teaching in; early childhood education and care, adult education (children’s services) early years project leader with an Aboriginal Health Corporation and most recently I was the NSW/ACT coordinator of the Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) Within this role I provided professional support to educators working with budget based services including long day care, outside school hours care, mobile services and playgroups.

What is after school hours care?

As the name suggests this program provides a recreational and supportive environment to care and nurture the development or children in the hours after school.

Townsville PCYC manage the program which is delivered on site at the school between 2:30 and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. Vacation care is also provided 7:00 - 6:00 during school holidays.

We are fortunate at Magnetic Island State school to have a dedicated room which is set up with different spaces for children to play, rest, do homework, and interact with other children. Program and practice is underpinned by the National Quality Framework and the Outside school hours Care learning Framework "My Time Our Place" (http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/National-Quality-Framework-Resources-Kit/my_time_our_place_framework_for_school_age_care_in_australia.pdf) Permanent and casual booking are available and fees are dependent on Child Care Benefit (CCB) rates.

For more information please feel free to contact me on 0429 305 192 or call into the ASC room.
MyGolf Program

MyGolf is a fun, safe and healthy way for kids to start learning the basics of the game. Our local Magnetic Island Country Club, in conjunction with the PGA, will be offering this program soon to our students.

A flyer will be sent home explaining the program. If you are interested, please call Chris on 0455 268 532 or contact info@magneticislandgolf.com.au.

C&K Early Childhood Centre

Vacancies available for children over two years in the childcare program, Thursdays and Fridays 8am—5pm.

Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

The mobile library van will no longer be parked at the school on a Tuesday. The new Nelly Bay stop is located at the Lions Park on Sooning Street (at the Nelly Bay Marina and opposite the Lions Park cemetery.) Until the end of April, the Nelly Bay stop time will be from 12.45 until 2.45pm.