Principal’s Note

I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday. Holidays are special times for families. Memories are created for parents and carers, as well as for our children, and these are often fondly remembered for life. Enjoy them!

We look forward to seeing our students come back refreshed for a busy and productive Term 2.

Jo Sinclair-Jones

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the MISS P&C will be held TONIGHT (Tuesday, 31 March) at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Come along and get involved! 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!

The P&C sponsored the purchase of some new musical instruments for our Instrumental Music program. Here you can see them in use.
INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On 18th March a team of 35 children travelled to Long Tan Pool to compete in the Inter-School Swimming Carnival. We faced an enormous challenge having been elevated to A division after our huge win last year. This meant we raced against many larger schools, and ALL of the races were 50 metres freestyle. Our children performed admirably and showed enormous team spirit cheering our entire team. We were very proud of their efforts and positive attitude to have a go for our school. Well done to the children who received certificates in their races - Ned, Jai, Chloe & Angus. The children were also beautifully behaved and this was noted by several island residents in the ferry terminal. Thank you to Mrs Dwyer and the parents attending who helped it all run so smoothly. We even had a surprise visit from Mrs Johnson!

Go Maggie!

Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Summer and James.

Stanley went to Years 5/6.
Prep News

Although I have only been back one day so far, I was very impressed by the excellent behaviour and capabilities of the Prep class. Many thanks to Mrs Shafer for the huge effort she has put in during the children’s first term at our school which has made my first day back so pleasant. I trust everyone has a well-earned break and I look forward to hearing about everyone’s adventures.

Linton Watkins,
Prep Teacher.

Year 1 News

The first term is all but over already! It has been pleasing to see the fantastic progress the students are making. Thank you to parents who support this by listening to their child read, helping them practise their sight words and spelling words and, very importantly, sending them to school well rested and nourished.

Have a happy and safe Easter,

Jo T

Year 2 News

This term, year 2 has been exploring the properties of materials. We have looked at combined materials, recyclable materials and environmentally friendly materials. Throughout the unit we have realised that all of the materials are used for different purposes and objects. We would NOT wear a raincoat made of foil. We would NOT have a shirt made from paper. We would NOT have writing material made of fabric.

At the pinnacle of our learning we were challenged to make a lunchbox under the following provisions. What a challenge we had.

- The lunchbox must carry an orange and a sandwich
- It must be able to be wiped clean after use
- It must be made using 2 materials

We were considering water resistance, strength, malleability and longevity of the materials. Everyone did a marvellous job. After testing we discovered that some materials were ideal while others were less so. We were not all successful in the challenge, but all of us were successful in the science of explanation. The best scientists make mistakes and adapt, so I can assure you we have a class filled of avid scientists. A learning task which was great fun!!!

Sarah Gossage

See our great photos on Page 5!

PBL

Every week students are explicitly taught a behaviour expectation from our ‘Behaviour Matrix’ (find it in the Covered Play Area).

This week:

**BE SAFE - MOVE SENSIBLY & CAREFULLY**

Gotchas are given specifically targeting this behaviour.
Year 3 & Year 4 News

Congratulations to Year 3 for achieving the GOTCHA class of the week award (week 9) once again!

Over the past few weeks, the Year 3/4 students have gained a better understanding of a persuasive speech and why we need to learn the language of persuasion. Students are now writing their own persuasive speech on a chosen topic as their English assessment.

**Art in a suitcase** was a success once again, the students thoroughly enjoyed drawing and creating with origami. We have also been discovering warm and cool colours in class.

Our Term 1 **Technology Unit** went quite well. Students had to create a water or land vehicle using four recycled materials that could hold a weight and float/move. Students loved creating their own car or boat and will get another opportunity to adjust and improve their vehicle next term.

**Home Reading:** Home reading will continue in Term 2. If you are available to help from 8.20am—9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, it would be greatly appreciated. If your child’s home reading book has not been changed every day, this may be due to parents or teachers unavailable on that day to change the books. Thank you once again to those parents who have volunteered their time.

Have a great Easter holiday!

**REMINDERS:**

**Swimming:** Fees are due!! If you haven’t paid for Term 1 swimming yet, please do so - $22.50.

**Library Borrowing:** Books must be returned to the library this week.

**End of Term 1:** Thursday 2^{nd} April, 2015

**Start of Term 2:** Monday 20^{th} April, 2015

**Homework:** Please ensure your child is revising their LEM sounds for the week as well as their spelling. Their LEM is written on the top of their spelling sheet.

Kerri-Anne McAtee
Year 3 Teacher
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Jeremy Pullen
Year 4 Teacher
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“All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support”

Year 5/6 News

This week we are working furiously to complete our English assessment. The children are drafting, editing and publishing a feature article. Most children are working on the topic involving a flying fox colony. There is some great work being produced, and many children are thinking carefully about the purpose of their text, and the structure they need to work within. We have been lucky to have some great support and assistance from our teacher aides to give individual children extra help to complete their drafts.

Senior shirts for Year 6 students will hopefully be here soon. We hope to have them to start Term 2, though we don’t have a delivery date as yet. If they arrive over the holidays, we will try to contact parents, and hopefully some children can have their Senior shirts to start the new term.

Please ensure that children have plenty of rest over the holidays. It’s clear that many children (and teachers) are tired to complete this term, and the second term will be even busier. Keeping in mind that it is a report card term, we need to capitalise on the gains made in Term 1, and continue to push the children towards next year – high school for our current Year 6s! We have a lot to fit in, including preparations for Year 6s to step up as Peer Support leaders. Some Year 5s will also be invited to step up to this role, and Year 5s will also transition to the role of Prep Buddies, so there are lots of exciting things ahead.

Enjoy the break, as we look forward to our second term.

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

Sharon Jupp and Martin Hammelswang

LOST PROPERTY

Please be advised that any unclaimed items left in the Lost Property Box on the stage in the undercover area when Term 1 has finished will be donated to St Vinnies. Please make sure you have checked for any lost property by this Thursday.

Year 2 students learn about the properties of different materials
**WOMEN’S HEALTH**

**PAIN, PAIN, GO AWAY**

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Please join women’s health nurse, Jan Gale, at the Magnetic Island Health Service Clinic on

**Wednesday, 15 April 2015, from 10.00am to 11.30am**

and enjoy a free morning tea while watching this informative statewide video linkup, plus Q&A and discussion to follow.

*Phone 4778 5107 for more information and to RSVP.*

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**Old School uniforms**

If you have any old school uniforms, particularly checked shirts and dresses, please donate them for a fundraising drive to help out island communities in Papua New Guinea. We will be happy to collect them at the school office and they will be shipped off in a container with other school supplies at the end of next month. Your donations would be very much appreciated.

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**Mothers’ Day Classic - Magnetic Island**

**Sunday, 10 May 2015**

The inaugural Mothers’ Day classic will be held at Alma Bay on Sunday, 10 May, from 7:30am and we are encouraging all Island families to participate. This is a National event held at various locations around the country, all to raise money for continuing breast cancer research. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis amongst Australian women with 1 in 8 diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

The Mothers’ Day Classic is all about family participation, with three distances to choose from. You can walk or run your way around some beautiful scenic walkways in Arcadia and Nelly Bay. We are hoping to see over 100 entrants to make this event a success in its first year and turn it into an annual Maggie Island event. The aim is to deliver a fun, healthy and inspirational community event to support and remember those touched by breast cancer. The money raised from entry fees and donations goes to further research into finding a cure.

You can register online at [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au). Online registrations are preferred and close on 6 May, however you will still be able to enter on the day from 7:30am and all events are $20pp (family packages are available). There will be food and entertainment at Alma Bay, so make a great start to your Mothers’ Day and see you there! You can also check out our Facebook page at: Mothers’ Day Classic - Magnetic Island, Queensland for regular updates.

The options are:

- **XBase:** 10km run/walk (starts 8:30am)
- **Foodworks:** 5km run/walk (9:00am)
- **Compass Property** 2km walk (9:10am)

If you have any questions or are interested in holding a stall (cakes/mothers’ day treats) or volunteering on the day, please contact Bridget Kerans at [bridget.kerans@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.kerans@gmail.com)
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**MyGolf Program —Term 2**

Our local Magnetic Island Country Club, in conjunction with the PGA, will be offering the MyGolf program during Term 2. Sessions will be on Mondays starting at 3.15pm with a healthy snack at the Golf Club. Tuition shall be between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Children need to be dropped at the club in Picnic Bay in time for the start, or they can catch the school bus. Pick ups must be done by the parents.

Children over 8 years of age are invited to join the program. If you are interested in your child/children participating, you need to register at mygolf.org.au or call Chris on 0455 268 532. Closed in shoes, socks and neat attire are required.

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**VACATION CARE**

School holidays commence Monday 6th April through to Friday 17th April and PCYC will be providing an exciting vacation care program over these two weeks.

Children currently attending after school care have been discussing activities they would like to do over the vacation period. **The calendar of activities is being sent home separately.**

Vacation care operates from 7:30 - 6:00 pm Monday to Friday at the After School Care room at the school. Fees depend on payment options below:
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Families need to provide all food for the day (including morning / afternoon tea / lunch & drinks). Additional costs may be required for excursions — e.g. movies / water park—to cover ferry and entry fees.

Bookings for vacation care are essential, particularly for coordinating adequate staff on excursions. Please contact the PCYC mobile 0426 203 100 to reserve space for your child/ children.
To become a newsletter sponsor & appear on this page, call 4758 2333 or email info@magneticislandss.eq.edu.au

Attendance is important in the last week of term

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

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.

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