Principal’s Note

ANZAC Day occurs on the 25th of April every year. I cannot recall a time in my life when I didn’t attend a dawn service. It is something my family and I have been part of every year. For me it is feeling a sense of pride for your country but also a sadness for those whom we have lost from war. Attending the dawn service at Alma Bay is a very special and unique experience that I encourage all families on the island to attend.

Our school will be participating in the island’s ANZAC Day dawn service next Monday. We have been invited to march with the serving personnel and veterans. If you wish to join the march, please meet at the RSL in Hayles Avenue no later than 5.10am dressed in complete school uniform. Mrs Matheson will be there to co-ordinate the group.

If you don’t want to march, but would like to come to the service, Mrs Sinclair-Jones will meet you at Alma Bay park at 5.20am. We have been asked to assemble on the Geoffrey Bay side of the park so she will meet you near the BBQ.

Two of our senior students will be reading a poem, as well as laying a wreath. The poem was written by a young Queenslander and is called “Sir.” The final verse goes:

So Sir, on behalf of the young and the free
Will you take a message when you finally do leave
It’s the least we can do Sir to repay the debt
We’ll always remember you—Lest We Forget.

Jo Sinclair-Jones
Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Ned and Pepper.

Neville went to Year 1.

P&C News

Thank you to the outgoing MISS P&C Executive committee for their hard work over the previous year. We welcome in the new Executive committee:

- Ange Hallett: President
- Chris Bartlett: Vice President
- Deb Barber: Treasurer
- Peggy McArdle: Secretary

We have decided to publish a monthly newsletter with all the P&C news. April 2016 is attached to this email. A wish list form is also included that has already been sent home. The responses received will drive the P&C’s fund raising and expenditure in 2016. Please return it to the school office by Friday 22 April if you wish to have a say.

Ange Hallett

SWPBL Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Learning

This week’s lesson is:

**WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM**

The Admin team gave a fun performance to show what the correct uniform requirements are. Important items to note were that no student should still be wearing the old shirts and that everyone must wear closed in shoes with socks to school.

Our photo shows Mrs Kenway receiving a Gotcha from Mr Wood for wearing the correct uniform. Getting your uniform right is always important but especially this term as School Photos are coming up soon!
**Prep News**

Welcome back to Term 2 and our beautifully renovated classroom. We hope you have all been in to see the amazing transformation. It is now a blank canvas for the class to display their wonderful work. We are slowly putting things back in place and are keen to have any helpers sort a few of our resources and find spots for everything. If you have some time to assist with this, please let us know.

We would like to welcome our new students: Emily, Monet and Georgia W. They have settled in very well and are already enjoying our beautiful island home.

Home Reader Helpers – please put your name on the roster if you can help with the daily task of changing books, listening to the children read and doing their sight words.

Parent Information Session - We have scheduled an information session for next Tuesday 26th April in the classroom straight after school (2:30 start). Arrangements should be made for your child/children so we can have minimal interruptions during this time. The session will provide more information about classroom practices such as the LEM program, sight words, readers, beginning writing process and other routines. It will take approximately an hour. Handouts will be available for those who cannot attend. We would love to see you all there.

Units currently being started for Term 2 include: Science Unit 2 – Living Things, English Unit 2 – Enjoying and Retelling Stories, Maths Term 2 – Focus on measurement, time and number and The Performing Arts Term 2 – Dance.

We are still having an issue with mosquitos. Please apply repellent before school each day and let us know if you are happy for us to reapply during the day if required.

Don’t forget Library Day is Wednesday. A school library bag is required for borrowing.

Melissa Digby & Julia Shafer

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The Prep building renovation included a complete internal repaint, new flooring, new lights, new fans, new air cons, new wall, new toilets, new storage units, new white & felt boards, window tinting and some much needed white ant repairs. Our school was one of only two in Townsville to receive this special funding from Building and Asset Services.
Year 1 News

Welcome back to Term 2.

**English:** We are examining characters in stories and are working towards writing character descriptions and knowing how to infer character traits from words, actions and feelings.

**Maths:** In Maths we are focussing on addition strategies including turnarounds, counting on, rainbow facts and doubles.

**Science:** Material Madness is the name of our Science unit this term. We will be examining how materials can be used and changed to suit a purpose.

**Absences:** Please be sure to communicate reasons for your child’s absence on the day of the absence. This can be done by phoning the school or emailing me: jterk1@eq.edu.au. As we have a very busy program, please limit absences to illness, as frequent missed days can result in ‘gaps’ of understanding. Thank you for your support with this.

**Home Reading:** It is pleasing to see the progress children make when readers and sight words are consistently practised at home. We welcome your help to listen to home readers on Thursdays and Fridays. (Our Guided Reading sessions will be on Monday to Wednesday this term.)

Jo T

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Year 2 News

Welcome back! Students in Year 2 seem rested and ready to get back into learning and working hard. Year 2 attendance in Term 1 was to be commended, with 19 out of 24 students missing fewer than 2 days in the term. Thanks for your commitment to ensuring your child is at school every day and on time.

In Week 1, only 11 out of 24 students brought their reader to school every day. Home reading is a vital part of your child’s reading progress, and provides invaluable one-on-one support. The picture below shows how important reading each night is over the course of a school year. If you would like some tips and strategies for making home reading as effective and enjoyable as possible, please send me an email or make a time to see me.

Please see the table below for a brief overview of our units of study for Term 2.

Delia Koelman

### Year 2 – Term 2 Unit Overviews

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Year 3 & Year 4/5 News

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a nice Easter break. This term is busy with NAPLAN, parent-teacher interviews, athletics carnival, cross country, leadership camp, under 8’s day and school photos so be sure to check the newsletter and school calendar regularly.

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN – Week 5, Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May, 2016.

Maths – Year 3
This term students will be learning about units of measurement, addition and subtraction with three digit numbers (mental and written strategies), 3D objects and Australian currency – equivalent values of money, tendering cash, giving change and simple budgets.

Maths – Year 4 & 5
Year 4 students will be investigating an Aussie Adventure. This will involve rounding, estimation, reading scales, converting units of measurement, and interpreting timetables. They will also expand their bank of division strategies.

Year 5 students will be investigating a Race around Australia. This will involve interpreting timetables, understanding time zones, directions, compass points, longitude and latitude, division with remainders and plotting information on graphs.

English – All students’ English unit requires the writing of a narrative. The Year 3 students will be writing a new chapter from the story Matty Forever, the Year 4 students are recreating a chapter from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the Year 5 students are writing the opening chapter for a fantasy narrative.

Science – Students have completed their dioramas displaying the relationship between clown fish, sea anemones, turtles and seagrass. Please come in and have a look at their dioramas displayed in the hallway of our classroom.

Library is still on Wednesdays this term. Don’t forget your child’s library bag if they wish to borrow.

Homework and homework club – Homework is the same as Term 1 and due Friday. Homework club will continue this term on Thursdays 2.20pm – 2.50pm.

Reading – We do have home readers for students to take home daily to read. However we do not always have a parent helper or Teacher Aide to assist students in changing their book. If you are available in the mornings, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Kerri-Anne McAtee
Year 3 Teacher
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Jeremy Pullen
Year 4/5 Teacher
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What size is my head?
Year 5/6 News

We have begun our English unit on ‘Advertising in the Media’. At the end of this unit, students will submit a multi-media advertisement for a holiday destination. We are looking at various advertising and persuasive strategies used in advertising. We are also analysing text structure, language features and images to see how these work to persuade viewers, and children will then apply these ideas when constructing their own ads. Most children are enjoying this work, and some are showing deeper insight into how advertising works to persuade.

In Maths, we continue to look at various applications of operations and numeration concepts. We’ve done some work with common fractions, looking at operating on these. There are a number of verbal patterns that have been emphasised in class, so children will do well to remind themselves of these when working with fractions.

We are close to completing our Science unit on Light. We have a small number of finishing off and assessment activities coming up. Most children have enjoyed the investigations we’ve done and the Learning Objects we’ve used on the computers to practise and explore the concepts. Unfortunately, we have some children who have been reluctant to complete the written recording of science activities. These students must work to improve that aspect of their participation.

Senior shirts have arrived, and look very smart. Thanks to those parents who’ve made payment for their orders. Hopefully all of the children will have their shirts soon.

We have begun initial preparations for our Leadership Camp. More information will be sent home soon. At this stage, we hope our overnight camp will happen in Week 6 of the term – after NAPLAN tests are completed.

It was great to have Damien Anthony in the classroom last week for the ‘Art in a Suitcase’ program from the Perc Tucker gallery. The children enjoyed their interactions and activities, and many were very pleased with the unexpected successes they felt from their participation.

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

Martin Hammelswang

The art lesson was about Shapes. Our students completed work will be exhibited at the Perc Tucker gallery in July and August.
The end of term 1 SWPBL Beach party was a great success. Receivers of more than 60 Gotchas this term will be celebrating again on the last day of term 2.

Cross Country 2016

Training for the above event has commenced. Sessions are held BEFORE school (8am) on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We meet at the big gum tree near the Prep building. Our training course includes Mandalay Ave, left at Barton St, left at Kelly St, left at Sooning St, and back to school via the basketball court. The children may wear an old t-shirt (with sleeves) to avoid making their uniform sweaty. A hat is compulsory and a signed permission slip must be received by the office.

Important information about the competition in town:

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Oh What a Feeling being a Senior!!!!!!

P&C WORKING BEE—Food Garden

Saturday 23 April

8.30—10.30am

Please bring gardening tools if available.

Donations of seeds, seedlings or gardening supplies greatly appreciated.

Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to our students who completed in the recent island Adventurethon—well done. It looks like you enjoyed it!
Junior My Golf Sessions have recommenced on Monday, 18th April at the Magnetic Island Country Club. Children are given a healthy afternoon tea at 3.00pm and the sessions start at 3.30pm. Parents are asked to pick up their child/children before 5.00pm. This popular activity is open to students in Year 2 and above. To register your child, please call the golf club on 4778 5188 and advise your child’s name, age and contact details.

Magnetic Island Magpies Junior AFL club

Training times: Under 9’s, 11’s & 13’s
Thursday @ Horseshoe Bay oval 4.45pm - 5.45pm
Extra fitness session for under 13’s:
Tuesdays @ the Active Centre 4.30pm - 5.10pm

Games on Saturday mornings
GO MAGPIES!

BOXING CLASSES @ The Active Centre on Kelly St

Junior; 8 years to 12 years 5pm to 6pm Wednesday
Senior; 13 years-adult 5.15pm – 6.15pm Tuesday
Female only 8.30am – 9.30am Saturday

Cost will be $40 for a 4 week block or $14 casual, bookings essential for each class.
Boxing is a high intensity full-body workout that will make you physically stronger as well as aerobically and anaerobically fitter.
Classes accommodate beginner s to advanced participants.
For further information or to book please contact Sharrie Corcoran on 0448 211 890.

C&K Early Childhood Centre

Kindy Counts
There are still 4 Kindy places available for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years at C&K Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre.

Limited Hours Care
There are also Vacancies for over 2's for full day care on Thursdays and Fridays.
Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.