

Newsletter



Magnetic Island State School

School Vision: All students can succeed.

Mission: Magnetic Island State School will be a positive and supportive school empowering students to be the best that they can be. Students, staff, parents, carers and community members will work together to foster an outstanding academic, creative and environmentally sustainable learning environment.

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

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Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

Thank you to all of you that have been incredibly respectful of our school and our staff during this unpredictable time. I am constantly receiving policy and direction from Education Queensland and Queensland Health, and at times have to make quick decisions to ensure that we are protecting not only our staff and students, but the wider community. As new rules around Covid restrictions come into place, we will adjust our procedures as necessary.

At this stage, Parent Teacher Interviews will continue to take place tomorrow afternoon but we will move to the undercover area, ensuring physical distancing and hygiene measures are adhered to. If there are any changes we will endeavour to let you know via email and social media.

Over the past few weekends, there have been a number of students and teenagers that have been on the school grounds. There has been damage done to a few areas with people climbing on rooves and breaking a door, as well as skateboard/scooter marks around the

Kacey Constantine

school. The only time that people can be on the school grounds after school hours is when they have permission from me. Please ensure that you are not letting your children come onto the school grounds after hours or on the holidays. If you see someone on our school grounds when they shouldn't be, please call Police Link on **131444** or the School Watch number on **131788**. Please help us look after our beautiful school.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that completed our school survey. We had 35 responses and received some great feedback. I am particularly proud that 100% of respondents know that we care about the wellbeing of our students and that you are all as proud of our school as we are. Our strong sense of community, kind and caring staff and beautiful facilities were repeatedly mentioned as the three best things about our school.

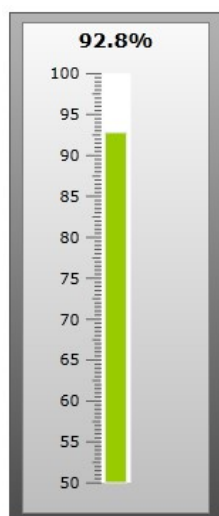
Have a great break, be kind to each other. School resumes on Monday 19th April.

PS- the latest health advice says that the Easter Bunny is definitely immune to Covid... Happy Easter!

Every Day Counts!

School target: 95%

Year to date: 92.8%



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Awards for Term 1, Week 8:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>PCL</u>
Prep	George	Mosby
1	Bella	Indie D
2	Oliver C	Heather
3	Nya	Charlie Gr
4	Lily M	Hayden
5	Aisha	Sophie B
6	Andre	Lukka Mc
PE/Japanese	Isabelle W	Lukka Mc

PCL Class of the week went to Year 4.

Attendance award went to Year 2.

Awards for Term 1, Week 9:

<u>Achievement</u>	<u>PCL</u>
Louie	Mollie
Arlin	Emilie G
Oliver G	Mia
Hannah	Baylee
Zavier	Yvie
Amelia	Esther
Finn	Luka W
Emmie	Leili

PCL Class of the week went to Year 6.

Attendance award went to Year 6.



PCL (Positive Culture for Learning)

This Thursday we are having a Pool Party and shared lunch to celebrate all of the hard work and achievement this term. Students will spend the first half of the day in their regular classes. They will then split into two groups, lower and upper school. The Pool party will include games, fun relays and play time. Students are required to bring their swimming gear and their own morning tea. School will finish at 2:25pm as usual and students can be collected from their regular place.

	Prep, Year 1 & Year 2	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
11:50am	Pool Party - Swimming games & play	Easter craft, computer lab & sports games.
12:45pm	Shared Lunch	
1:05	Watch Ice Age (Disney series) in the Library. G Rated.	Pool Party - Swimming games & play

Week 10 PCL Focus

Be Responsible

I stay calm and in control of myself



Prep

How quickly the weeks have flown by and now it is Easter and the holidays. I hope Covid does not spoil your holiday plans!

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the Parent Information Session last week. If you weren't able to come along, I will email out the information we talked about before the end of the week.

We have been getting quite a lot of children arriving at school around 8:00am. If you need to drop your child at school before 8:15am, could you please get them to leave their bags on the port-rack and then send them down to the Under Cover Area

where they will be supervised and sent back up to Prep around 8:15am to get organized to start the day.

Please remember to send your child's swimming gear to school on Thursday for our end of term celebration. They should wear their uniform to school as the swimming session will be either just before big lunch, or just after. They will need their swimmers, a sunshirt, thongs, sunscreen, goggles, a towel and a bag to put it all in. There will be a sausage sizzle for lunch, so they will need food for fruit snack and little lunch and maybe something for big lunch if you don't think a sausage on bread will be enough for them.

Melissa Digby

The kids have worked hard and made so much progress over the term, but they are definitely in need of a good break as many of them seem to be tired and out of sorts this week. Keep up the early nights and the hearty, healthy breakfasts to see them through the rest of the week. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child. My email address is mdigbl@eq.edu.au

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break with your children over the holidays and we look forward to seeing them back ready for another big term of learning on Monday, 19th April.

Year 1

They never cease to amaze me! The Year 1s have used a variety of Maths resources this term and during rotation activities, they often have the opportunity to invent their own games using their Maths knowledge.

We love to work at a variety of seating positions in our class. At times, the students stand to write, sit in a low floor

chair, lay on their tummy or even sit at a regular chair. This flexibility in our seating allows for the variety of movement needs that support young children's development.

During our class chats about Easter we talked about what they know about Easter. They shared Easter Bunny stories and talked about having a holiday with their

families. The children enjoyed making an Easter basket and writing a letter to the Easter Bunny. Have a beautiful holiday everyone and we look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2!



Year 2

What a lot of work we've completed in a week! Students' handwriting has been incredibly neat each day. We have completed our English and Science assessments. The creativity and usefulness of the lunch boxes was outstanding. And this week we finalize our HASS assessment task.

This week we changed seats to sit beside our friends. This was our reward for 100% attendance in week 8. Hopefully

we can still concentrate and work industriously.

Please remember:

- No homework this week BUT please keep up the home reading and remember to sign;
- Tomorrow is DRESS in GREEN for MINT. Gold coin donation appreciated and remember to still be sunsafe;

Cat Johnson

- PCL party on Thursday includes swimming—remember togs, towel, shirt, goggles, etc.

Happy Easter and holidays to all. I have thoroughly enjoyed these past two weeks with Year 2.



Year 3

And just like that, term 1 is almost done and dusted! The past two weeks have been quite busy, with assessment tasks completed and wrapping up learning units.

The students have finished off their persuasive text unit for English, so don't be surprised if they come up with some great arguments for why you should let them have a new, exotic pet.

Science finished up with the making of sundials and our feelings of joy and relief as we discovered that they worked! If your child has brought theirs home, don't forget that the gnomon (fin) needs to be aligned to the south to see the best results...and the day needs to be sunny, of course...luckily we live where we do.

We are all looking forward to our class lunch on Wednesday and can't wait to share the tasty treats we make. This will finalise our Technology unit and will be an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their knowledge of modern and traditional technologies used in food preparation.

Another great day will be our end of term PCL party on Thursday. It's always a great way for the kids and staff to celebrate the term we've had and just enjoy the day together, before beginning the school holidays. I'd like to wish you all a happy Easter and if chocolate's your

thing, then I hope there's plenty of it. Stay safe and happy and I'll see you in term 2.



Janette Blundy

Year 4

What a great term we have had. The Year 4's have been busy learning new skills and completing their assessments.

Last Friday we had the opportunity to work with Lisa Ashcroft from the Art in a Suitcase program run by the Perc Tucker Gallery. The students had an incredible time and are excited to find

their marine creations in the art installation as part of The Strand Ephemera later in the year.

This term in Visual Arts we have been exploring Tiny Worlds and the students have explored human connections to real and imagined places as inspiration for constructing their mixed-media artworks.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

Megan Ward





Year 5

Year 5 students are looking forward to a well-earned Easter break as they continue to work hard on assessment tasks this week. They have had plenty of fun showing off their artistic talents with creating their creatures, and are currently completing their HASS research project, showing their understanding of how the Gold Rush affected colonial Australians.

Last week provided an excellent learning opportunity leading up to this research task, as the class were lucky enough to visit the Gold mining capital of North Queensland- Charters Towers!

After enduring two and half hours of travel, we began our day at the Infor-

mation Centre where students learned some fascinating history related to the area. We then moved onto the Zara Clarke museum, a fantastic little place, displaying what life was like during the Gold Rush era. A group of volunteers had an abundance of local historical knowledge to share with us, and enthusiastically guided us around this 'must-see' museum. After a lunch break at Centenary Park, we enjoyed a tour through the Venus Battery, where approximately 90 tonne of rock was crushed per day in a rustic shed, in order to extract the gold from the Earth. The heat and noise alone, gave the students a taste of how tough the workers had it during this era. Our final stop brought us back to the exciting side of

the Gold Rush, at the Miner's Cottage, where each and every child was lucky enough to strike it rich and find some gold.

This excursion was a huge success. The day ran smoothly and student behaviour was exceptional, ensuring the day was enjoyable for everyone.

The students displayed their gratitude throughout the day and respectfully thanked the volunteers, bus driver and teachers that helped make the day educational and great fun. And finally a huge thank you to our wonderful P&C for supporting excursions such as this.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter break.





Year 6

What a busy term we've had! It's been both rewarding and exciting to see how the children have risen to the challenges and lifted the standards of their work, with a view to preparing for high school in the not-too-distant future. Thanks sincerely to all parents for your support throughout term 1.

Children have completed their English assessment, and we had some engaging and entertaining short stories presented. A number of the children began with a quite basic text, but with advice and encouragement, they produced a text that is more complex and more effective at achieving its goals. The skills developed through this task will continue to be explored and extended through the rest of the year.

We have had some great improvement in both use of strategies and accuracy of work in Maths. Children are looking for logical connections between ideas, and are using reminders and memory triggers to choose appropriate strategies when working through multi-step problem solving situations. We will continue to work on memorisation and recall strategies as we extend on the work of first term and explore more complex Maths concepts.

Last week students presented their House Captains nominations speeches. I was both very proud and very impressed by the speeches written by the children, and by their enthusiasm and bravery in presenting in front of house groups. Teachers from each house group mentioned to

me how impressed they were with the standard of nominations speeches and with the confidence demonstrated by the speakers. Please congratulate your child for their efforts on this activity. It's very important that children recognise for themselves the positive aspects of this public speaking opportunity. They need to be able to congratulate themselves on a job well done, and understand that they have not 'failed' if they were not elected to the captain's position. Hopefully they can use this opportunity to provide feedback and encouragement for future similar activities.

Please be sure to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress. Have a great holiday, and we look forward to term 2.

Martin Hammelswang



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Friday 19th March

Kitchen Garden

We have been lucky enough to get some Loofah seeds, this plant not only grows well in North Queensland it is also very useful. It can be called by many names including luffah, luffa, loufa, and luff.

Although it looks like a cucumber on the outside, the inside looks just like the stuff you use in the shower – because it is!

We have planted some seedlings in a tub in the our kitchen garden, the plant is a quick growing vine, so watch this space.





Date Claimers:

Wednesday 31st Mar	Dress in green to support MINT, gold coin donation
Wednesday 31st Mar	Parent Teacher interviews, 3pm to 6pm, Undercover Area
April 2021	
Thursday 1st April	NQ Netball Cup, Murray Stadium
Thursday 1st April	Last day of term—PCL celebration!
Monday 19th April	First day of term 2
Monday 26th April	ANZAC Day public holiday
Tuesday 27th April	P&C meeting 5pm, staffroom

Project Island Burger

What is it?

Every student at Magnetic Island State School was asked to design a burger for sale at Island Burger, X Base during April 2021.

They were asked to select a bun, burger pattie, sauce, and name as well as any extras. The results were amazing!

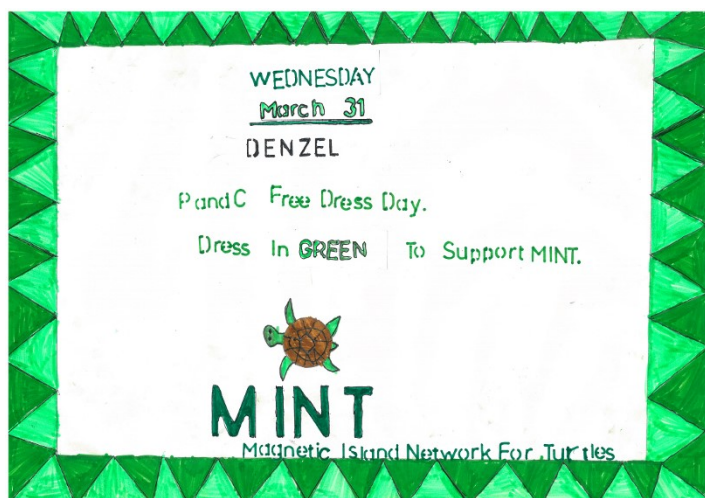
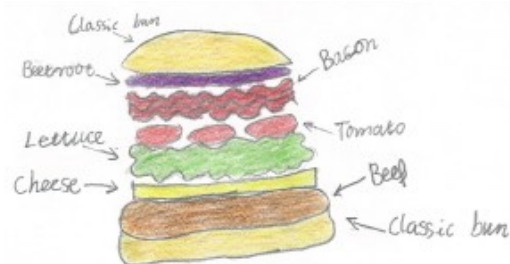
The Results:

Every burger design was creative, yummy and deserving of being selected. The staff at the school were asked to pick some winners. They couldn't.

So Tom from Island Burger and Jack from X Base were called in to make the hard decision. And you know what? They couldn't either.

The burgers on sale are therefore a combination of so many children's wonderful ideas. Burgers will be \$17.50 each, \$5 of which will go to our P&C.

Make sure you visit during the holidays!



Name: The Big M.I.S.S.
 All the different flavours make a great burger, and in M.I.S.S. there are a combination of different people, making a great school.



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SPECIAL

\$20

Calendar and Tote Bag

Normally \$26

Pay the P&C at BSB 704640 account 41519277



LOST & FOUND

All items remaining in the lost and found box on the stage will be donated to Vinnies during the holidays. Please make sure you have checked for any items that your child may have lost this term.



Visit us at X Base, Nelly Bay during April to help raise money for our school. \$5 from MISS burgers will go to our P&C.

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 17:30 - 20:00
Friday: 12:00 - 20:00
Saturday: 12:00 - 20:00
Sunday: 12:00 - 20:00

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- Healthscreens
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