Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to our old students, and welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this year, I am sure that your child will flourish here at Machans Beach SS, socially, emotionally and academically.

We have lots of exciting new programs that we are implementing and events that we are planning for 2016.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students will begin LOTE classes next week, where they will learn Chinese (Mandarin). Learning other languages has a positive effect on intellectual growth. It enriches and enhances a child’s mental development and leaves students with more flexibility in thinking, greater sensitivity to language, and a better ear for listening.

All students will attend music classes each week, as well as library lessons with Mrs Cole and PE lessons with Mr L’Orange.

Assemblies will be held each Tuesday at 2:20pm in the Resource Centre. It would be great to see lots of parents and caregivers coming along each week.

I am very excited to be a part of this wonderful school and am looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

Until next newsletter....

Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 3rd Feb, 2016

School Office hours:
Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

School Watch: 13 17 88
P&C Association Meeting is held once a month at 6:00pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd Feb 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb Friday 5th
School Leader Elections

Feb Friday 12th
GRIP Leadership Conference

Mar Tuesday 22nd
Celebration of Learning Day

Mar Tuesday 22nd
Easter Bonnet Parade

Mar Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 1

Mar Friday 25th
Good Friday Public Holiday

When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts. — Dalai Lama

Great state. Great opportunity.
School Banking

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for children to learn about money and develop good savings habits. If your child is not yet currently participating in school banking and you would like to start then please collect an application form from Jacky in the office. School banking needs to be handed into the office by 8:45am each Tuesday.

School Leader Elections

Our School Leader elections will be held this Friday. Students in Year 5 and 6 are eligible to run for a position. The four elected leaders will then be invited to attend a GRIP Leadership Conference in Cairns the following Friday (along with fellow school leaders from other schools in the area) where they will learn valuable skills to help them in their role as School Leaders for 2016. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the speeches which will be held at 2:15pm in the Yr 4/5/6 classroom.

Attendance – ‘Every Day Counts’

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. It is important that students, staff and parents/carers have a shared understanding of the importance of attending school.

Because we place such high importance on attendance we strongly encourage every student to attend school every day. To help promote this, attendance awards will be handed out at the end of every term for students with very high attendance (90-100%) and those students will also go into the draw to win a great prize.

Obviously if your child is sick they will be unable to attend school however we ask all parents and caregivers to notify the school prior to 8:45am via phone, text or email if their child will be absent that day.

Prep & Year 1 News – Ms Vallis

A warm welcome to Glenmore, Mia, Ned, Mattise, Lex, Hayley, Clint, Jaxon, Lincoln, Marina, Allan, Eklon, Eden, Augustine, Tahlia, Caleb, Danisha and Fernando to their new classes in Prep and Year 1. It’s fantastic to have so many happy and enthusiastic children attending school. We’ve been very busy so far in Prep learning lots of new skills. Both year levels have listened to picture books and discussed how these books have made us feel.

Both classes have also done some work on the days of the week and calendars in Maths and we’ve been exploring, learning and talking about all the Rocks rules at Machans Beach.

Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill

Hi everyone and welcome back! This year has kicked off with a flying start in the 2/3 class. The students have all come back enthusiastic and ready to learn which is great to see. We are already underway with all of our units. This week I included our curriculum letter in the students’ homework folders which outlines the content that we will be covering this term. Please read this document so that you can encourage your student to have conversations about what they are learning. When students have these conversations at home it helps them to consolidate what they are learning at school. Thank you to those parents who purchased the book pack. Those parents who have not yet purchased the book pack please see Ange Grainger as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have chosen to purchase the booklist items yourselves please send in all the items on the list as soon as possible as I am still waiting for these students’ supplies. This will help to ensure that your child has all the equipment necessary to support their learning in the classroom.

I look forward to another wonderful year with you all.
**Students of the Week**

- **Sofia** - for enthusiasm towards her learning. She is a student who is eager to complete any task given to her and is happy to support others around her.

- **Seamus** - For starting the term with positivity, enthusiasm, polite manners and applying hard work on tasks. Well done Seamus!

- **Sid** - For settling in well to the 2/3 class.

- **Chantal** - for settling in well to the 2/3 class.

- **Lex** - for a great start to Year 1. Well done!

- **Eden** - for a wonderfully enthusiastic beginning to his work in Prep.

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**Year 4/5/6 News – Mr L’Orange**

Welcome to the senior class of 2016!

This year I am excited at the opportunity to hit the ground running and continue where I left off in 2015. Our class is made up of Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are already working together quite well. Over the last week students from Year 5 and 6 have been working on speeches to present in the 2016 School Leadership election. There will be four students chosen to represent our school as a leadership team. Already I have been impressed with the focus that students are putting into their speeches. The speeches are being presented at 2:15pm on Friday 5th Feb and I welcome any parents who would like to come along.

Quickly I would like to remind all students that PE is held on Thursdays and this term there is a focus on cross country. This means students will be running around the oval for training and a hat and water bottle are essential.

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**At Machans Beach SS**

**we value…...RESPECT**

You can show respect to others by:

- Being a good listener
- Acknowledging and greeting people
- Helping others
- Being fair
- Showing consideration
- Accepting other’s cultures and beliefs
- Using manners (saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’)
- Sharing
- Working together on common goals
- Being kind

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**Tuckshop News**

Don’t forget our tuckshop is operating every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.** Order forms are sent home on Fridays and are also emailed to parents. If you are not receiving the forms by email and would like to then please send a message to pandc@machbeacss.eq.edu.au

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**Outside School Hours Care**

Every school day from 2:50pm to 5:50pm.

Enrolment forms can be picked up at the school office or contact Jane on 0467289193
TYC Drama Classes!

for 3yrs – 12yrs

Join in the dramatic adventures at The Young Company Theatre this semester!

Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the essentials of stage performance through improvisation, role-play, scripts, musical theatre and characterization activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!!

For more information
Phone: 40414066 or Email: info@theyoungcompany.com.au,
Visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au,
Visit us at 169 Bunda St, Cairns City.

Or come along to Cairns' Greatest Sign Up this Saturday at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.