Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It's been a great start to the school year. As I walk through classrooms each day I am impressed with the level of focus and participation from our students. Keep up the hard work!

There have been a number of people entering our school grounds after hours. Sadly, our brand new fence has already been damaged in certain places where people have bent parts of the fence in order to climb over. This is very disappointing as the school has to foot the bill for any damage that occurs and this is money that could be much better spent on our student's education. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that entering the school grounds once the gates are locked is trespassing and police will be called. If community groups or organisations would like to utilise our facilities or grounds after school hours please contact the school to make a booking.

Congratulations to Tehiyana, Olivia, Ella and Seraphina who are our school leaders for 2016. I am sure you will all do an excellent job as role models for your peers as you lead our school throughout the year. I would also like to commend all of the students who ran for school leader this year, your speeches were fantastic!

I am very pleased to announce that we will be commencing our before school care this coming Monday 15th Feb. Care will run each morning from 6:30 – 8:30am. Thank you to the P&C for your work on making this happen.

Until our next newsletter.... Jessica Wertz, Principal

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can - Nikos Kazantzakis

Great state. Great opportunity.
**2016 SCHOOL LEADERS**

Congratulations to Ella, Olivia, Seraphina and Tehiyana.

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**ATTENDANCE**

The class with the highest attendance in Week 2 was the Yr 2/3 class with 99%!

Well done!

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**Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop hours are:

Wednesday and Friday
8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:00pm

Or you can email an order to the P&C
pandcssecretary@machbeacss.eq.edu.au

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**Prep & Year 1 News – Ms Vallis**

The most important thing you as parents can do for your child is to instil in them a love of reading. How you encourage this enjoyment is to:

- Select a book around something that interests them, e.g. cars, animals, Frozen.
- Allow 15 mins of uninterrupted time, perhaps before they are ready to go to sleep to enjoy the book.
- Talk through by just looking through the pictures and engage with them about what the book is about.
- Read the book and encourage discussion – e.g. Did you like that? Why?
- Invite them to share what they enjoyed.

The year 1’s begin spelling this week and their written homework will reflect this. We will do a spelling test each Friday, so they may need some encouragement initially to learn them well.

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**Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill**

Hello everyone,

We have had another great week in our class. This week we really enjoyed jumping into our history unit. As you will know from my curriculum letter, the grade two students are focusing on technology and how it has changed over time and our grade three students are focusing on both celebratory and commemorative events. Both grade levels have enjoyed having input and discussions around both of these units.

Do you have a picture of a memorable event? Do you have a picture of a game you used to play when you were younger? Or maybe you have a picture of a relative washing their clothes by hand as they did in the olden days. If you do have one of these pictures at home please bring it along and share it with us. We would love to see it!

Also well done to those students who completed both their reading and spelling each night last week. We had five students achieving 100% for spelling and receiving a spelling champion’s award on parade. Keep up the great work!
Students of the Week

Mattise - for showing fabulous behaviour in and out of the classroom.

Caleb - for being a very positive class worker.

Iluka – for consistently cooperating with others.

Johannes – for showing respect and organisation.

Matthias – for showing outstanding effort in literacy and numeracy.

Yr 4/5/6 – Mr L’Orange

This week students are starting their new LOTE program learning Mandarin as our chosen language. The school has invested in new technology which allows our class to participate in this external based program.

Our student election was held last Friday with students in our class participating. I would like to congratulate Lency, Olivia, Marnikah, Ella, Seraphina, Tehiyanə, Danae, Jaspaə and Seamus who all wrote and presented their speeches. Our four student leaders will attend a leadership conference with myself where the students will learn and participate in valuable leadership advice and skills.

Have a great week!

Spelling Champions!

Congratulations to these students for achieving 100% on their weekly spelling test!

Outside School Hours Care

Before school care will be commencing on Mon 15th Feb!

Before school care 6:30am – 8:30am
After school care 2:50pm - 5:50pm

Enrolment forms can be picked up at the school office or contact Jane on 0467289193
Families as First Teachers is a school readiness Program for children aged 0-4 years.

We provide a safe and stimulating environment for your child to explore and learn in.

All welcome! We look forward to seeing you soon...