Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Just a quick reminder that our school website is updated weekly, with school newsletters and other information pertaining to our school. This website is also linked to the QSchools app which I highly recommend as it is a very quick and easy way to see our school calendar, newsletter and updates at the touch of a button. The QSchools app is available on both apple and android phones and is free to download.

Religion lessons commenced this week. If you would like to change your child’s religion group please return the form that was sent home last week or contact our office.

Our teachers have set individual reading level targets for each student in their class and will be working hard to ensure that these reading targets are met. Do you know what your child’s reading level is? If not, ask your child or their teacher so that you can see whether they are on track to reach the regional reading benchmarks by the end of the year. The regional benchmarks for reading are as follows:

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Students who are at risk of not meeting these benchmarks by the end of the year will be receiving extra support during class. If you would like to know what you can do at home to support your child then please arrange a time to speak to your child’s teacher.

I would like to say a big thank you to Jane from OSHC and the parents who came along to the P&C working bee last Thursday, the OSHC room looks fantastic!

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

Wednesday 24th 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 2nd March 2016

Dated TO REMEMBER
Feb Thursday 25th – Friday 26th
Leadership Camp
Mar Wednesday 2nd
P&C Meeting
Mar Tuesday 22nd
Celebration of Learning Day
Mar Tuesday 22nd
Easter Bonnet Parade
Mar Thursday 24th
Cross Country / Last day of Term 1
Mar Friday 25th
Good Friday Public Holiday

Start by doing what’s necessary, then do what’s possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. ~ Francis of Assisi

Great state. Great opportunity.
**Spelling Champions!**

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

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**DENTAL TREATMENT**

Cairns and Hinterland Oral Health Services wishes to advise families that our District is now able to offer FREE dental treatment to all children and young people from 0-17 years old.

Call 1300 300 850 to book.

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**Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop hours are:

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

Or you can email an order to the P&C

pandcsecretary@machbeacss.eq.edu.au

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**Prep & Year 1 News – Ms Vallis**

Congratulations to Lex and Caleb who obtained 100% for their spelling test on Friday 19th February. Great job to those students who learned their spelling. Eden made a good effort with his sight words test also, so well done to the Preps who are beginning to learn them! Regular time spent between children and parents working on learning letter sounds and sight words, is a really effective way of assisting children to commence their reading journey.

Our first assessment this week is in Maths and English. Preps are sorting different groups of objects, explaining how and why they've sorted them and how they could sort them differently. Year 1's are studying teen numbers. Both levels are speaking about a picture book that we have read, related to and enjoyed. Thank you to the parents and students who've brought along their photos for our first History assessment. Preps will be required to talk about their photo, while year 1's will be required to show, talk and write about their photo.

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**Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill**

Wow, isn’t this term just flying by! We have had another busy week. This week many students from our class took part in student council nominations. They all worked hard to write and practise their speeches and on the day they spoke clearly and confidently. Each student did an outstanding job as it can be very scary getting up in front of peers. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Each week we continue to have students receiving awards on parade for 100% in their weekly spelling test. We also have students who show brilliant progress over the week and have increased spelling percentages every Friday as compared to their pre-tests on Monday. These students are doing a great job and role modelling excellent learning behaviours to their peers. Unfortunately, these students always seem to be the same students. I know that every student in the class is capable of this with a little hard work and dedication. Last week I reminded everyone how important a nightly reading routine is and I can already see increased support from home. This week let’s try hard to practise spelling words every night so that come Friday all students can feel successful.
Students of the Week

Benjamin – For brilliant focus during maths sessions.
Jasmine – For working hard to complete all tasks in her writing and English.
Ned – For great focus and cooperation in group work.
Hayley – For a terrific effort with home reading and always being a happy and positive class member.

Yr 4/5/6 – Mr L’Orange

This week our school councillors were announced during parade on Tuesday. I would like to congratulate the students from years 2–6 who read a speech on Friday and to the parents who came in for support, I know it meant a lot to the students presenting. I would like to give a special mention to those year 3 students who showed great courage to come and read in front of their much-older peers. I was very impressed!

Our class has just about completed their persuasive writing tasks for the first part of term. For their task they were asked to write an argument for why “homework should be done” or why “homework shouldn’t be done at all”. Once they have been completed and finalised they will be pinned up in the classroom for people to see.

Some students have been arriving late to school in the last couple of weeks. Could I just remind everyone that we start our day at 8:45am and that students should be all ready and lining up by then. If students arrive late it means they have missed the introduction of the lesson and need help catching up on what they’ve missed. Every second counts!

OSHC NEWS

We have had a fantastic start to the year in After School Care and last week we had our first week of Before School Care. OSHC enrolments are steadily growing with more kids enrolling to join in the fun!

We have also been very generously given use of the whole of B Block which is awesome! We are in the process of setting up the indoor space to incorporate a Chill Out Zone, Home Corner, Dance and Movie area, art/craft area, a homework zone and whatever else the kids can conjure up!

If you are considering enrolling your child or children, please come and speak to us if you have any questions. We are open Mon – Fri 6.30am – 8.30am and 2.50pm – 5.50pm. Permanent bookings are $10.00 per session for Before School Care and $20.00 per session for After School Care. Casual bookings are $12.00 BSC and $22.00 ASC. We are CCB approved so if you are eligible for CCB your fees will be reduced. Breakfast and afternoon tea is included.
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