Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Planning is well underway for our school float at the upcoming Cairns Festival Parade. This year's theme is ‘The Colours of Us’ and our school's float is going to be bright, colourful and fun! Any and all of our students are welcome to participate in our school float during the parade on Saturday 27th August. Students wishing to participate in the school float are asked to wear:

- A bright/colourful hat or wig (if you have one)
- Colourful tie-dyed shirt
- Denim shorts/skirt/jeans
- Covered shoes

Over the next 3 weeks students will be completing various projects to make the props for our float. If you have any bright/colourful bits of fabric (at least 25cm square) we would really appreciate it if you could send some in so that we can use them to make colourful flags for the kids to wave. Outside School Hours Care will also be tie-dying shirts for students to wear so if you’d like one for your child please send in a white shirt with your child’s name on it and we will tie-dye it for you!

Unfortunately, due to numerous incidents of vandalism throughout this year, our school, in conjunction with our P&C have made a decision to not allow any members of our community on our school grounds outside of school hours without direct permission from the school principal. It is a shame that the actions of a few have resulted in this, however the cost of graffiti and vandalism impacts greatly on our school. Children from both our school as well as other schools are no longer permitted to use our basketball courts or grounds after school or on weekends and holidays, and are asked to instead use alternative community facilities.

Community organisations are still very welcome to use our school grounds and can make a booking by contacting the school office.

We ask that anyone who sees anything suspicious outside of school hours to please report to school watch on 13 17 88. We appreciate your help in keeping our beautiful little school free of vandalism and graffiti.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal
Year 2/3/4 News – Miss Carvill

This week students took part in a Brain Talk session. During this session students discussed how the brain works and how we can keep it healthy. They also learnt about feelings and how they can be controlled. Students were asked what made them happy and what they do when they are feeling angry or sad. Some popular strategies included spending time with pets, doing exercise and drawing. This session promoted students to think instead of letting their feelings overwhelm them. If any parents would like more information from the session or resources please come and see me I would be more than happy to share.

Students are enjoying their poetry unit and have learnt about a range of literary devices as we have studied different poems. This week students will be starting to use this knowledge to start writing some of their own poems. We cannot wait to share some of our poems with you!

Yr P/1 News – Miss Vallis

I was so pleased for the year one’s who deserve congratulations on doing another super job of learning their spelling. Thank you to the parents who are supporting them and ensuring that their children are completing their homework daily. It’s a great habit to begin and encourage throughout their school years.

We all enjoyed our healthy brain talks on Thursday (with another Miss Debbie) and learning to use strategies when interacting with others. It is a great idea for the children to remember to use their wise owl thinking most of the time and their guard dog thinking only when they are in danger.

This week in Geography, we will attempt to draw a bird’s eye view of our next door room. It’s looking great with our reading corner and home corner, created over the holidays with Miss Wertz’s and Mrs MacDonald’s help. The children are really enjoying their new room.

Students of the Week

Lilou – for being a focused and helpful student.

Danisha - for great improvement in attendance and spelling test results.

Marnikah – for being a kind, responsible and reliable student.
Yr 4/5/6 News – Miss Roe

Last week marked the first week of assessment as a class. I’m happy to say that our English assessment on completing a poetry analysis started out fantastically with most students completing the first section. Well done 4/5/6 for your effort with this. It’s not over yet though with 2 more weeks of completing and polishing all other assessments within both Maths and English. Once we have all finished this, we will have a little celebration and then we will get straight into the remainder of term 3’s units.

I am so proud of my students for not only caring about their learning but that of others which showed particularly within our first Health lesson. Last Friday our class learnt that our individual learning is precious like a priceless gem. We watched how a diamond is made; the process of particular materials and gases coming together in a hard working environment over millions of years. We discussed how our learning is similar to that process. When students follow the path of the school values (ROCKS), as well as completing work with effort and perseverance (even in challenging times), success is inevitable. I appreciate that students within 4/5/6 strive to be successful by learning and allowing others to learn as well.

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Machans Beach State School
2017
PREP OPEN DAY
9am – 11am
Wednesday 31st August

- Meet our wonderful teaching staff
- Learn about the various programs that our school offers
- Your child can participate in a variety of fun activities in our Prep room!

All parents of children eligible for Prep in 2017 are welcome!

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Children’s Book Week Is Coming!

The Children’s Book Council Of Australia’s Children’s Book Week runs from the 20th to the 26th August this year. The theme this year is ‘Australia! Story Country’.

Australia’s rich history of storytelling is an important part of our culture. It helps us to make sense of who we are and how we live, and the theme for Children’s Book Week 2016 captures this history wonderfully. This theme opens up a world of opportunity to engage young readers by helping them share their own stories and enjoy the short listed stories.

There are 5 categories: Early Childhood, Older Reader’s Category, Younger Reader’s Category, Information Books and Picture Book Of The year. There are 4 or 5 titles in each category and we already have a number in our Resource Centre. We have ordered more and they will be here in time for our students to read and enjoy before the winners are announced.

We will also have a book display and run some activities in the Resource Centre throughout the week.

Happy Reading!

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Piccones SUPA IGA

Every dollar that you spend at
Piccones IGA in Manoora
earns money for our school through their Community Benefits Program - we have already earnt $142.00 so far this year!
Finding answers to the clues – treasure hunt

Making puppets

Crazy outfits!