Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This coming Saturday afternoon our school is entering a float into the Cairns Festival Parade. We encourage as many of our students as possible to come along and represent our school. Mel Trommestad has been busy organising our entry and it looks set to be a great event! All students must have a completed permission form (see attached) as well as be accompanied by an adult. See page 3 for more details…we look forward to seeing you all there!

Our attendance rate is slowly creeping up, however there are still a few families who are regularly absent, particularly on Mondays and Fridays. Students who do not attend school 5 days a week are missing out on valuable lessons which cannot always be caught up. By ensuring that your child/ren attend school every single day you are giving them the best start to their education, as once students fall behind it is hard to catch them up. If your child/ren are regularly absent from school, please think about what you can do to ensure that they come to school every day as 3 or 4 days a week is not acceptable.

This week we are celebrating ‘Children’s Book Week’. During this time Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature. Part of our celebrations this week included a Free Dress Day where students dressed as their favourite book character. Students have also been enjoying reading books with their teachers and peers as well as each class creating their own display for our Resource Centre based on a chosen class book. If you have some spare time this week, pop in and check out our displays, they look great!

If you have family or friends who live in the area with young children starting Prep next year, please be sure to let them know about our upcoming Prep Open Day next Wednesday 31st August. It would be great to see lots of new faces here to take a tour of our school and participate in some fun activities in our Prep classroom!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 24th August, 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 6:30pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: Thursday 25th August

DATES TO REMEMBER

August Saturday 27th
Cairns Festival Parade

August Wednesday 31st
Prep Open Day

September Friday 2nd
Teacher Aides Appreciation Day

September Thursday 8th
Movie Night

September Thursday 15th
Future Leaders Eco Challenge

September Friday 16th
Last day of Term 3

SHOEBOXES WANTED!

Please send in any unwanted shoe boxes for the Yr 4/5/6 students to use in their Science unit this term.

Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar – Bradley Miller
Year 4/5/6 News – Miss Roe

Week 6 has come and gone faster than you can say Happy Week 7! Last week at school, we enjoyed learning more about light in Science and absolutely loved observing first-hand how images can reflect just by using simple everyday materials. The students are getting into the habit of first writing up a science report and then carrying out an experiment every week. This week, we looked at how periscopes work, what they are used for and where they can be found. Some places periscopes are and were used are in the ocean for the Navy, and back in the trenches in WWI. Students enjoyed creating their own periscope using cardboard, duct tape and small mirrors then especially using the final product. We discussed that you can use periscopes to spy around corners (especially handy in hide and go seek), looking over large obstacles and peering into gutters to see where lost balls are. Not only are students doing a remarkable job in Science but within all other learning areas too, I hope they can reflect their knowledge at home. Happy Book Week!

Yr P/1 News – Miss Vallis

Welcome to Mrs Courtney Perry this week who will be replacing Mrs Lui for the next two weeks while she is away. Courtney already knows all the children, so it’s been very easy for them to respond positively to the change. Some of the children are doing such a great job with their homework that they’ve earned rewards this week for their efforts. Lex, Mia and Ned received awards for homework this week. It’s lovely to see so many with their folders here every day, well done!

Please check out our ‘Where is the Green Sheep’ book week display in the library this week. The children worked enthusiastically on Monday afternoon on their sheep with Miss Emma, Mrs Ingrid and Mrs Courtney. Thank you ladies for your wonderful help with this art work.

Don’t forget Year 1’s to learn your spelling well for our test on Friday, as it’s been a while since we’ve won the trophy!

Students of the Week

Ta’ala - for always being a bright and eager member of the class completing all her work with high standards.

Milly - for improved effort, work ethic, results and behaviour.

Zac - for consistently keeping focused in the classroom and putting 100% into every task he completes.
Yr 2/3/4 News – Miss Carvill

This week we have read lots of books as part of our book week celebrations. The books we enjoyed the most were ‘Piranhas don’t eat bananas’ and ‘Queen Alice’s Palaces’. We enjoyed these books the most as they were rhyming stories and we are currently studying poetry in class. ‘We then innovated Piranhas don’t like bananas’ by making up our own rhyming stories about piranhas. Some students innovated the book by making the piranhas like bananas and others introduced new characters or added adjectives. We hope you enjoy our poems!

Yr 2/3 Poetry

**Down in the river**
Was a herd of piranhas
That never even
Ate bananas
They didn’t like plums
They preferred bums
They never ate peas
They preferred knees
They always eat meat
Including feet.

**In the river**
There are lots of piranhas
That love to eat bananas
They hate bums and herbs
When they eat herbs they start saying verbs
People say that’s crazy
But surprisingly, they also sometimes eat daisies.

**Piranhas love bananas**
But they don’t eat lamas
They don’t like lion
Especially Brian
I swim with piranhas
I give them bananas
The piranhas love me
They won’t eat my knee.

**In the river there are lots of piranhas**
Who love bananas
There will be chatter
Only if they try the amazing fruit platter
They like plums
But not bums
They’d rather eat peas
Than knees.

By Chantal

By Kai

By Lilou

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 children eligible for Prep in 2017 and their parents are welcome!
Last week the kids cooked their own Beef Korma Curry. They grated, chopped, stirred and peeled their way to a lovely dinner to take home to share! We also had a sausage sizzle after soccer on Friday, even coach Josh had a sausage!

We found out that there’s a few tennis fans amongst us so we played a few rallies on the basketball court.

There was also a head and hand standing competition!