Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you were all able to find some time to relax and spend some quality family time together. It was fantastic to see such high student attendance on our first day back, with everyone fresh and ready to learn. I hope to see this continue throughout the remainder of the year!

This term, students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in our annual Swimming Program which will run for the full week from Monday 24th to Friday 28th of October (Wk 4). This year students will travel to the Tobruk Pool where they will participate in 45 minute lessons run by qualified swimming instructors. In an effort to help reduce the growing costs of schooling for parents, we recently successfully applied for a Sporting Schools Grant which will help to cover the cost of the bus and lessons – the rest of the cost will be fully covered by the school. Permission forms and additional information will be sent home this week.

A Term 4 tuckshop menu was sent home yesterday. If any parents are free to assist in the tuckshop for a few hours on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday it would be much appreciated! Please see Emma in the tuckshop if you would like to help out.

Book Club sessions started this week for students in our Extension Reading Program. The students were very excited to begin reading their new novels and are enthusiastically discussing the plot and guessing what happens next! Likewise, students in the extension maths groups have been enjoying the challenge of solving some very tricky problems…they might even bring some home next week to test Mum and Dad!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the three new families who have joined us this term. I am sure your children will thrive here at Machans Beach, both socially as well as academically.

Until our next newsletter… Jessica Wertz, Principal

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**Wednesday 5th October, 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 13th October

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **October Thursday 13th**  
P&C Meeting 6:30pm

- **October Monday 17th**  
Pupil Free Day

- **October Monday 17th and 18th**  
Quest G&T Team Challenge

- **October 24th – 28th**  
Swimming Program

- **October 28th**  
World Teacher’s Day  
Bandanna Day

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open each Wednesday from 8:15 – 8:45am  
for the purchase of uniforms and school supplies.

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*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire*  – William Butler Yeats
Cairns Future Leaders

ECO CHALLENGE

The Eco Future Leaders Challenge was an extremely fun event which taught us about sustainability, biodiversity and many more things.

We learnt ways that we can improve our school’s sustainability like growing a garden, setting up a recycling program and a composting bin.

We learnt that using a drip irrigation system used less water than the traditional sprinkler with the sprinkler using a whopping 60 Litres of water in 5 minutes compared to the drip irrigation system which uses only 3 Litres in 5 minutes.

The experience taught us a lot including being thankful for living in a beautiful part of the world such as Cairns and caring for it, including the Great Barrier Reef.

Thank you to Miss Roe for organising the event!

By Brock and Josh, Yr 6
WINNER!!

Each term, students who have attended school over 90% of the time go into the draw to win a $20 voucher to Jump Mania!

Our Term 3 winner is Zac....

Congratulations!

WIN A BIKE!

At Machans Beach State School we are SERIOUS about ATTENDANCE. To show you just how serious we are, one of our lucky students will be taking home a BRAND NEW BIKE at the end of this year!

EVERYONE can be in the running to win the bike. Here is how it works:

✓ For every full school week that you attend, you get a raffle ticket with your name on it. You must be at school by 9am each morning to be counted, if you are late then you will miss out!

✓ All raffle tickets go into the raffle box which will be drawn at our Awards Night at the end of this year. The student whose name is drawn out of the box will win a bike valued up to $400.00!

To make sure that you have lots of raffle tickets in the draw you must make sure that you are at school by 9am every day of the week to receive a raffle ticket for that week. If you miss a day or are late that week then you won’t get a ticket for that week.

Good Luck, and may the best attendee win!!

(The bikes shown here are some of the actual bikes that the winner could choose from!)
National Bandanna Day is CanTeen’s largest fundraiser and will be held on Friday 28th October. This year, CanTeen is aiming to raise $1.25 million to support young people living with cancer. Every year, another 23,000 young people (63 a day) have to deal with the challenge of cancer. That’s why we need you to get involved this National Bandanna Day. It’s CanTeen’s 22nd anniversary and it’s going to be bigger than ever!

Together let’s raise vital funds for young people living with cancer

Bandannas can be purchased from the Yr 4/5/6 classroom

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