Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Next Monday 17th of October is a Pupil Free Day. This means that while the staff will be at school, students are not to attend. Pupil Free Days are an opportunity for staff to participate in professional development to further develop their skills and knowledge in a variety of areas.

Outside School Hours Care is hoping to be able to provide care on the Pupil Free Day from 8am to 6pm for families that require it. We will notify families later this week if this is going ahead.

It is important that parents who drop their child to school late go via the office to obtain a late note. Class rolls are marked between 8:50 – 9:00am so if your child arrives late they will be marked as absent, hence the need to go to the office so that we can change our records to ensure that they are correct. If your child is absent from school, please text, email or phone the school to explain their absence. Classroom assessment is occurring throughout the term, so it is vital that students attend school every day so that they do not miss out on valuable learning. It makes it very difficult for teachers to adequately assess students who are missing numerous lessons, and in turn, this will affect their report card grades.

Last term our school introduced a new Reading Intervention program for students who were below school and regional benchmarks for reading. I am very pleased to see the great progress that these students have made over the past few months, however those students who have low attendance continue to make the least amount of progress compared to their peers.

Since starting here at Machans Beach SS I have been so impressed with the high standard of behaviour set by our students. Our staff are very proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by our students both in the classrooms as well as in the playground. Well done!

Please ensure that all swimming permission and medical notes are returned to the office by next Wednesday 19th of October.

Until our next newsletter… Jessica Wertz, Principal

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**Wednesday 12th 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

**BOOK PACKS**

Parents, if you are paying for your child’s book pack by term, please ensure that you have paid for Term 4. Payments are to be made to the P&C Association. For more info call 0431636260 or email pandc@machbeacss.eq.edu.au

*Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it – Charles R. Swindoll*
Welcome back to everyone after their lovely holidays and congratulations to all who managed to make their learning count for the first week of Term 4 by arriving on time every day. I’m sure the attendance this week has been slightly improved. A special welcome to our second set of twins, Siobhan and Kadyn. It’s hard to believe that we’ve only 9 weeks until the end of the year!

Year 1’s even completed their first Maths assessment task for this term today on halving. Next week Preps will do their first Maths assessment in quantities, more or less than a number quantity and number names.

This term we’ll learn about light and sound during Science and we enjoyed some investigations on light this week. Year 1s are aiming to improve their reading levels to at least a 19, and Preps are aiming to achieve a target of 9, or as close as possible to this. Both grade levels are looking at procedural texts in English.

Let’s hope we can keep up the strong attendance this term as work improvements have been noted for children who attend school consistently.

Wow! We are in fourth term already! Can you believe how quickly this year has gone? This term we have come back motivated and ready to jump straight back into our learning. We have kicked off our new science unit ‘What’s the matter?’ in which students will explore properties of solids and liquids. We have started off by investigating the properties of liquids. We conducted a viscosity race to determine which liquid would travel the quickest across the baking paper. Water was the clear winner (excuse the pun). Followed closely by oil. Poor old Mr Shampoo came in fourth position. We learnt that we got these results because water has low viscosity and shampoo has the highest viscosity.

In maths this week students investigated chance and data. This is our class’s favourite maths topic so everyone was excited to get started. We got through all of our weeks content in only 4 days and have already completed our first assessment for the term. Some of you may have noticed the student data upon the back wall. This is here to give students an indication of what grades they can be expecting come report time. Most of our students are tracking well and I am sure will be pleased with their report at the end of the term. For those who feel they can do better there is still time to ensure a better grade by being at school every day and keeping focused during lessons.

**Velma** - for showing respectful behaviours towards teachers and other students in the classroom.

**Siarne** - for his amazing effort in all subject areas and for always being a great role model

**Tahlia** - for showing improvement in her attitude in class.
Welcome back to the last term of the semester, I hope everybody is feeling refreshed and excited after the holidays. This week in Yr 4/5/6 we had a lot of fun researching about misleading data in the media. The Yr 6 students have discovered many ways in which the media can manipulate facts and statistics for their own profit whilst the Yr 4 and 5 students enjoyed conducting surveys and creating some useful classroom statistics such as preferred sports and fizzy drinks.

In English, heated debates were had between teams in the class on topics from banning school uniforms to having a class pet. Having healthy debates in class is setting the foundation for one of the last pieces of assessment of the year which will be a persuasive text. Students are enjoying learning about appropriate and respectful ways to engage in debates as well as strong and persuasive language to help convince the audience.

Now for an exciting announcement…on Thursday the 17th of November, our class will be heading to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre for an excursion day of boating, croc spotting and other fun water activities. Notes will be sent out soon with all of the necessary information and medical forms. The cost is expected to be $12 per student, with parents to transport their own child to and from the centre. This will be a fun day for all of our class, and it will be one of the last days the class will be spending good quality, memorable experiences together with the Yr 6s before they head off to high school next year. I hope everybody has a wonderful week 2.

Yorkeys Knob boating club is offering to students in the beaches area free access to our very popular Tackers fun sailing course.

The introductory course dates are from 9am to 2pm each day on the weekend of the 29th - 30th October, and the weekend of the 5th - 6th November.

There is a limit of 12 students aged from 7 to 12 years of age in each course so make sure that you book soon so that you don’t miss out! Your kids will have lots of fun learning the basics of sailing.

We will also be running two full courses in the school holidays. Details can be obtained from the club.

For more information or to book a place for your child, please contact Phil Dry at YKBC:
Email: pdry@ykbc.com.au / Phone: (07) 4055 7711 / http://discoversailing.org.au/tackers/

Together let’s raise vital funds for young people living with cancer
Bandannas can be purchased from the Yr 4/5/6 classroom
A huge welcome to Dan Spick to OSHC! Dan will be working every afternoon and Thursday and Friday mornings. Dan has over 12 months OSHC experience at Trinity Beach and is studying his Bach Ed. He brings a lot of enthusiasm and has been very warmly welcomed by the kids!

VACATION CARE! We are taking enrolment now for vacation care. Please call or email for more information. Enrolment forms can be found in the office or at OSHC.