Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

I would like to remind parents and carers that students are not to arrive at school earlier than 8:15am. If parents need to drop their children at school earlier than this they will need to enrol them in before school care. Likewise, parents who are going to be more than 20 minutes late picking their child up will need to send them to after school care. Enrolment forms for Outside School Hours Care can be collected from the school office.

Next week we welcome an Artist in Residence who will be teaching our staff and students how to do print making. All of our students will be participating in 3 printmaking sessions next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We look forward to seeing the great art works that our students will produce!

We will be holding our second Prep Open Day on Wednesday 16th November from 9:30 – 11:00am. All parents with children eligible to enrol in prep in 2017 are welcome. We have some great activities planned and it looks set to be a fun-filled morning!

Planning is underway for our end of year Awards Night which is being held on Friday 2nd December at 6pm. This is a night where we celebrate all of our achievements throughout the year and present awards to a wide variety of students in our school. Our classes are busy preparing some concert performances too so please ensure that you save the date as it will be a fantastic celebration!

Congratulations to Lency who won the Tobruk Pool colouring in competition that was held last week. Her prize includes 10 FREE swimming lessons!

Until our next newsletter….. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared - Buddha
A warm welcome to Miss Nikki Comley who will be taking the Prep Ones for the next six days while I’m away on leave. I’m sure the children will be trying their best to help her with everything they do. Wow, the wonderful lights and sounds at our school Disco on Friday certainly fitted in perfectly with our current Science unit – we are learning how we can use light and sound to create and enhance a theme or a show. Thank you to Matt our disco DJ, who also supplied us with some photos and a video to use as a follow up activity. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes! We noticed wonderful improvements in the children’s water confidence and improved swimming ability last week, not to mention their fantastic attendance. Everyone was enthusiastic and happy, and gave their best efforts to this important task. This week we had four year 1 students achieve 100% in their spelling test, and well done to the rest of the year ones for a big improvement this week, up by 28%. Keep up the hard work!

Over the last two weeks in maths our class has been working on measurement. We have investigated capacity, volume, time and area. We all really enjoyed capacity and had a lot of fun as we tried not to flood the classroom! Our investigations on capacity required us to compare and order containers. We found this harder than we initially thought because a container that is taller does not necessarily hold more. Sometimes a container that is shorter but wider may hold more. This made for some interesting investigations especially when the boys were told they could empty the whole container. There was a lot of excitement thinking that containers would reach their peak and would overflow as they poured. But to their surprise the amount of liquid they were pouring easily fit as the container was so wide. All students will be completing an assessment on measurement this week to display their developing understanding of measurement.

Lex – for always showing respect, effort & great behaviour in all curriculum areas, listening and showing more confidence and improved attendance.

Ben - for working hard to ensure that all set tasks in guided reading are completed to his best ability.

Azaria – for her amazing effort in maths.
During the past few weeks, the year 4, 5 and 6 class have been writing persuasive arguments preparing for one of the last pieces of their English assessment. They have been working quite hard, taking on board feedback and improving every time. Some arguments can be seen hanging on our Wall of Achievement which is a wonderful way in which students can proudly present their work. A new practice we do every morning is a quick editing activity which is proving extremely helpful for students to better their own work. I’m really enjoying seeing students show their own initiative by using a dictionary to find a word that they are unfamiliar with, a great practice to use across all subjects.

The SRC have come up with a great competition to improve our recycling within our classrooms and they’ve introduced a large cardboard box for each classroom which will hold recyclable materials only. Like a V8 goes through fuel, so does our school with paper and having a recycling program not only ensures paper and plastics becomes reusable, it also teaches students the importance of sustainability and caring for our environment. The competition was between all 3 classes to see who could decorate the best box using only recycled materials and it definitely was not easy to choose a winner! Our class chose to create a box which showcases the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef and the importance of keeping it safe through recycling. We used old sea themed toys that we came across which really emphasised the diverse life underwater, a fantastic job to my class. The Prep/Year 1s created a magnificent lamington man box made from recycled paper, an all-round amazing piece of artwork, well done to the entire class who came runners up. The amazing winners of the competition were year 2/3/4 class with a phenomenal design, each side of the box a different theme including a teddy bear made from an old outdoor mat, a rubbish bin monster, a giant cupcake using mosaic tiles and a collaged side using all different types of coloured paper. They won a yummy cupcake each for their great efforts! It is hoped all students will continue their passion for recycling their entire life.

Have a wonderful week 5!

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**DAY FOR DANIEL**

Last Friday we held our Day for Daniel – a day to remember young Daniel Morcombe and to remind our students about personal safety. Thank you to Miss Carvill for her great presentation on how we can keep ourselves safe. We learnt to:

**Recognise**
Recognise when you could be in danger by listening to your body clues (sweaty hands, shaking, hot face, nervous feeling in stomach)

**React**
If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT by getting away from the danger. Remember to run to a safe location if you feel unsafe.

**Report**
Tell an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem.
I thought I’d share a couple of things Dan has said about the kids at Machans. He is so impressed with how our kids get along with each other, there isn’t any fighting amongst them, they can sort out differences without adult interference and they can amuse themselves for 2 – 3 hours (after school care) mostly making up their own games and fun! I think that’s such a compliment to the kids at Machans coming from a new-comer.

Next Wednesday we are having a party because we have been open for one year! If your child doesn’t usually come to OSHC but would like to come along to the fun events we have planned from time to time, enrol as a casual and they can come!

Don’t forget to enrol in Vacation Care, either as a permanent or casual booking!