Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It was great to see the Year 2/3 class achieving 98% on their spelling tests last week - it just goes to show what hard work and persistence can achieve!

Homework for our students consists of reading every night and learning spelling words. Both of these activities are important to improve student’s reading and writing skills. At Machans Beach SS we have deliberately kept homework to a minimum as we are aware that children have other commitments after school and also need time to play and have fun! Homework should only take about 15-20 minutes each afternoon/evening. Students who do not complete their homework at home each night will be required to do so at school either before school or during their lunch breaks.

I would like to remind parents to please label their child’s belongings (hats, water bottles, lunch boxes) so that they can be easily identified if lost. A lost property box is located outside the office door – please have a look through this box if you are missing any of your child’s belongings. Please note that it is student’s responsibility to look after their own belongings, not their teacher’s.

This Friday we will be holding our school Anzac ceremony at 9am on the veranda of our administration block. It will be a short ceremony, partially run by our student leaders. All parents and community members are invited. We are also encouraging all students to participate in the Anzac March at Stratford on Monday 25th. The march starts at 7am so we ask that students assemble outside the Stratford Library at 6:45am wearing their school uniform and hat. It would be great to have lots of students attend to represent our wonderful school! We look forward to seeing you there!

Just a reminder that our school assemblies run each Tuesday afternoon from 2:20pm in the Resource Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world – Robin Williams

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 20th April, 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: Wednesday 27th April

**Apr Friday 22nd**  
School Anzac Ceremony

**Apr Monday 25th**  
Anzac Day Public Holiday

**May Monday 2nd**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**May Tuesday 10th to Friday 12th**  
NAPLAN Testing

**May Monday 16th to Friday 20th**  
School Book Fair

**May Wednesday 18th**  
School Photos

**May Tuesday 24th**  
Chinese Day - Year 4 – 6
Prep & Year 1 News – Ms Vallis

All Prep and Year 1 students who returned to school have begun their term 2 work enthusiastically. Many happy stories of their holidays have been shared.

This week Marina did wonderfully well in her spelling test on contractions and received 100%. Eden received a 25 nights of reading award and Mia a 50 nights of reading award – fantastic work!

Friday’s Teddy Bear hospital was both enjoyable and very informative. All of the students who were present thoroughly enjoyed it and took information away from it. They learnt about good food choices, medical equipment, keeping fit and sun safety. We said a special thank you to the presenters Jahnella, Helen, Laila, Teddy and Rukaiya who were both entertaining and interesting. I think they’ll all make excellent, caring doctors or medical specialists in the future and we wish them well.

Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill

Hi all and welcome back to another term!

This year is just flying by! During the first week students jumped straight back into their work and we were able to finish off our narratives unit in English. We had some very creative stories and students should be very proud of their efforts.

This term homework will continue as usual with nightly reading and spelling. Last week our class got a 98% spelling average! This was our best result yet so let’s keep up the great effort. Every student contributes to this percentage so it is a real class effort. Lastly, please keep an eye out for this term’s curriculum letter which will outline what students are to be assessed on this term.
Teddy Bear Hospital

On Friday, James Cook University’s medical students visited our school as part of an educational community health program known as “The Teddy Bear Hospital”. The aim of this program is to educate children about healthy lifestyles and preventative care and to help alleviate the fear that children experience when visiting the doctor/health professionals. As you can see from the photos, our kids had a fantastic time!

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6:30 – 8:30am
2:50 – 5:50pm

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