

Monday, 11 November 2019

## From the Principal

Welcome to what is going to be a creative and busy week with lots to show off to our families. It's forecast to be an interesting weather week, with strong winds again tomorrow. If it's as windy and dusty again we'll have indoor lunch and recess breaks again on those days where it's just too uncomfortable to be outside. My thoughts go out to those communities battling fires, it's a horrible start to our spring.

Our students and school staff had a wonderful surprise this morning as they come into our COLA area. I spent the weekend at school while a team of people laid artificial turf under our COLA area. Very few people knew about our plans as we wanted it to be a surprise and the looks on the faces of our school community was priceless. The area looks fantastic and the kids are very excited knowing they've a better area to sit on during assemblies and play time. No more cold cement!

This week we started with another Cold Rock Day due to popular demand. Only sold at lunch, our kids got to enjoy a lot of different styles of this yummy treat. I still can't decide if my favourite is the cookie dough or the gummi bears. Thanks to all who prepared our Tenambit styled speciality treat.

I very proudly attended the Remembrance Day Service with our School Captains and Vice Captains today, in awe of their participation, poise and conduct as they laid a wreath. We have always had wonderful Student Leadership Teams and it's been great to see the next year's nominees stepping up to the expectations of the role over the last couple of weeks. Our 2020 Leadership Team will be chosen next Tuesday after our nominees address the school with their speeches and our school undertakes the voting process. The 2020 team is then announced at the Primary Presentation Day.

We've two big Showcases for you this week: our Music Showcase on Thursday (12:30pm) and our Tassie Devil Showcase on Friday (2:00pm). Please come along to both if you can, our Stage 2 and 3 students have been working very hard on both and are eagerly wanting to 'show off' to you. Bring your coins and notes to cover our Tassie Devil

and buy an artwork too. All funds raised will sponsor a Tassie Devil. Our fund raising thermometer is starting to get higher and higher.

We're one of several Hunter schools gaining an additional student support class for the start of 2020. This class will support children who find life difficult at times, affecting their emotional regulation. The class will have a specialist teacher and student support learning officer. This will be a teaching Assistant Principal position and staffing have allowed us to advertise in order to fill the position. An Expression of Interest has been placed to fill the SLSO position for the first term before being filled through the staffing process. There will be a small amount of building work taking place in preparation, however it won't affect classes at all.

This week our CUBS students graduate. It's been great to see the next class of Kindergarten students getting to know each other, make friends, learning all about big school and getting to learn while playing with lots of kids. Our Kindergarten Expo is next week (Wednesday Week 6) and I know we'll see lots of parents attend. This will also be the start of the more traditional transition into Kinder program, where our 'almost Kinders' spend time with their next year's teacher, learn about being in a classroom and meet those children who'll most likely be in their class. This also allows teachers to see if the class mix is working (or not) and if tweaks need to be made. Our 'almost kinders' will also meet their older buddies, the older student who'll guide their first few weeks of school. It's always a time of nerves for parents, excitement for kids and a fun time for teachers.

I'd like to finish this week by inviting parents to the last P&C meeting of the year next Monday evening. I will miss this one as I'm spending a long weekend in North Queensland, getting cuddles from my grandchildren. Miss Moss and Ms Fittler will attend on my behalf.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

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School Calendar Term 4	
Week 5	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Ceremony - Maitland Park
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Tassie Devil Trivia Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>CUBS Graduation – 10.15am</b> Tenambit Tots Playgroup 9.15 – 11.00am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Music Showcase – 12.30pm In the School hall <b>NO PRIMARY ASSEMBLY</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Real Project Showcase and Art Exhibition – 2.00pm
Week 6	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	P&C Meeting – 6.00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Leader speeches & voting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder Expo 9.00am-11.00am – School hall CUBS transition Tenambit Tots Playgroup 9.15 – 11.00am
Week 7	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	CUBS transition Tenambit Tots Playgroup 9.15 – 11.00am
Week 8 – School Swimming Scheme (Stage 1 & 2)	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last Infants Assembly
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 MHS Orientation Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	CUBS transition Tenambit Tots Playgroup 9.15 – 11.00am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Primary Assembly
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 – MHS “Taking care of me” Wellbeing Day
Week 9 - School Swimming Scheme (Stage 1 & 2)	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PBL Badge Ceremony – 12.00pm School hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	MHS Presentation Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	K-6 Presentation Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Whole School Performance
Week 10	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PBL Acknowledgement Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class party day Last day of term
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL FULLY CLOSED</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL FULLY CLOSED</b>
School Calendar – Term 1 2020	
Week 1	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	School commences - Yrs 1-6
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Kinder Best Start testing
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Kindergarten commences

## LOCAL COMMUNITY

Each week we would like to share some events that are happening in our local community as well as some websites that may be of interest.

### Activity of the Week - Free Art Sunday

*Maitland Regional Art Gallery – 11.00am-1.00pm*

Every Sunday families are invited to drop into the art gallery for free art activities inspired by the exhibitions on display. Our activities are designed for kids of all ages, and as a family you can all join in and get creative. Each activity takes around half an hour to complete.

Art Sunday is staffed by qualified art teachers. The workshop is designed to encourage parents and children to add to their experience of the gallery by accessing hands-on activities in a family friendly environment.

*Free for children of all ages and their families*

*Bookings not required*

*All materials provided*

*Please note: children cannot be left unattended during Art Sundays*

### Website of the Week - Basementbooks.com.au

This website is an online book shop that sells great books at low prices. There are over 1000 children's books listed on here and in the lead up to Christmas it is a great time to jump online and see what bargains you can grab! With free shipping for orders over \$30.00 you may just find a great bargain!



### PBL Affirmation

Our PBL focus for Week 5 is being Respectful, Responsible and Excellent when using **the green**. Our expectations on the green are:

<u>SETTING</u>	<u>RESPECT</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Excellence</u>
<b>The Green</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Respect the gardens</li><li>- Respect the chickens, only helpers to feed chickens</li><li>- Students are to be supervised</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pick up rubbish, lunch boxes away</li><li>- Park bikes and scooters safely in racks</li><li>- Only touch your own bike/scooter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We do our personal best</li><li>- We challenge ourselves</li><li>- We strive for quality</li></ul> 

### Tassie Devil Trivia

Students can test their knowledge of Tasmanian Devils for their chance to win a family pass to Reading Cinema, Maitland 12<sup>th</sup> November (Week 5).

**Entry costs:** \$1.00

Students who score 100% correctly will have their name entered into the lucky draw for the prize.



**Prize:** 2 adult and 2 child tickets to Reading Cinema Maitland.

### 200 Nights Reading

The cut-off date for 200 nights reading certificates will be 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Friday – Week 6).

The book labels for these certificates will be handed out at the End of Year Assemblies in Week 8.

The book label can then be taken to the Library on Presentation Day to collect your book prize.



### PRESENTATION DAY

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Years K-2 commences at 9.30am

Years 3-6 commences at 12.00pm

### School closed

Please note the school will be fully closed on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December as staff development have already been completed earlier throughout the Semester.

### Remembrance Day – Maitland Park



**CUBS Graduation Day**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
10.15am – School Hall

No Primary Assembly this week  
(Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November) due to the  
Music Showcase performance.

**PBL Badge Ceremony**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
12.00pm – School Hall

### COLA – Artificial turf



### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm

Silk worms <sup>mulberry</sup>  
~~By the time it is six weeks old it could be 7cm long.~~  
 Silk worms only eat ~~mulberry~~ leaves

in the wild the cocoon would have been a safe place to pupate.  
 these days the only silkworms are farmed ones the farmer kills the pupate with hot steam then collects the silkworm cocoon

Silk moth facts  
 size: wingspan to 5cm long  
 home: native to china but now <sup>worldwide</sup>  
 eats: mulberry leaves (larvae)



flip over

What they look like  
 silk worms are white with skin colour with a brown nose silk worms have 6 legs it has little black spots ~~on~~ it is very slow

By max and ethan



silk worms

~~NOT~~ The silk is made from ~~an~~ dried caterpillar spit.  
 They also don't like loud noise.  
 They ~~only~~ eat mulberry leaves  
 They have tiny eyes.  
 Silk is the strongest known fibre.

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~~ethan~~  
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What they look like  
~~The female~~

The female silk moths are fat and the male silk moth is skinny.  
 When you touch the silk moth to touch it will move the wings fast.  
 They have a ~~very~~ good grip.  
 The silk moth can lay 500 eggs a time. it is a slow ~~white~~ and white

by max and ethan

