

# Magnetic Island State School



"Achievement Through Effort"

## Newsletter 20/09

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### MAGGIE KIDS

CONGRATULATIONS to our resident critics! Have a look in today's Townsville Bulletin and see the reviews written by **Lachlan, Olivia, Matthew** and **Kira**. Magnetic Island State School was asked to be responsible for the "inReview" page this week and our students have assessed their chosen book or game most professionally. Well done!

#### DATE CLAIMERS

- We 11.11.09** P&C Meeting 6.00 p.m. in the school staff room.
- Fr 13.11.09** Sean Dewar performance (\$3.50)
- Mo 30.11.09** Instrumental Music Concert
- Tu 1.12.09** Town High Transition Day (Year 7s)
- Th 3.12.09** Year 7 Graduation
- Fr 4.12.09** Prep 2010 Orientation Day
- We 9.12.09** Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- Th 10.12.09** Carols by Candlelight
- Fr 11.12.09** Last Day of Term 4, 2009

His performance strikes a perfect balance between entertainment, humour and information, ultimately bringing a deeper understanding of his culture. Students will experience traditional Aboriginal and Islander cultural dance, rap dancing, didgeridoo, beatbox, bush foods and their medicinal properties, as well as costumes and artwork.

If you have not yet sent in your money to the school office - **just \$3.50 per student** - please do so tomorrow. This is a show not to be missed and, parents, you can come along too for the same charge!

#### Proposed Class Allocation for 2010:

Prep	Kitty Connor
Year 1	Melissa Digby
Year 2	Jo Terkelsen
Year 3/4	Stephanie Chaffey
Year 4/5	Martin Hammelswang
Year 5/6	Cat Johnson
Year 6/7	Caron Grey

Students will be allocated to these classes in the last two weeks of school.

**Gindaja – Sean Dewar:** Last week children brought home the notice about Sean Dewar's visit to our school this coming Friday (13 November) at 11.00 am.

#### Instrumental Music:

There will be an impromptu Music Parade to launch instrumental recruitment 2010 **next Monday afternoon** (16 November). All welcome.

Remember to put our Instrumental Music Concert Evening on your calendar - **Monday, 30 November**, at 7.00 p.m..

*Ronda Cooper, Music Teacher*

**No Aerosol Sprays** (including deodorants) are to be brought to school. This is for a variety of reasons – both safety and environmental.

**Gold & Silver Awards:** The gold and silver awards handed out on parade on 27 October went to the following students:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
<i>1</i>	Felix	Jacinta
<i>2/3</i>	Mackenzie	Gracie
<i>3/4</i>	Bridgette	Wataru
<i>4/5</i>	Manny	Grace
<i>5/6</i>	Taihei	Ruby
<i>Library</i>	Yr 4/5, Jake	Sharna, Asha Eliza

**Super Prep Student Awards** went to Connor and Jye.

and those handed out last week were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
<i>1</i>	Boaden	Ethan
<i>2/3</i>	Tahlia	Gistain
<i>3/4</i>	Reegan & Perry	
<i>4/5</i>	Gracelyn	Darci S.
<i>5/6</i>	Saskia	Grace
<i>7</i>	Jalu & Alex	Jake & Yasmin
<i>PE</i>	Alex Cameron	Jumara Tahlia

**Super Prep Student Awards** went to Tyga and Jack D.

**Reminder to Parents:** It is most important that the school office is aware of any change of address, telephone numbers or emergency contacts for your child(ren). There have been a number of occasions recently on which we have found it very difficult to contact parents when their children were not feeling well, simply because we had not been informed of new details. In an emergency, the lack of such information could create a serious situation. ***Please make sure you have notified us of any changes as a matter of urgency.***

**Science Lab on Legs:** Magnetic Island State School aims to be innovative

in its approach to science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students.

Last Thursday (5 November), the North Queensland Science Education Centre's Lab On Legs visited our school and presented an interactive science program with the theme *Eco Enigma* to the Year 5/6 and Year 7 classes. Lots was learnt and the session was greatly enjoyed by all - see the Years 5/6 and 7 news for details.

### **P & C News:**

#### **Sausage Sizzle/Interhouse Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 9/12/09**

Coming up on Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> December) the P & C will organize a Sausage Sizzle in conjunction with the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. As the carnival will be going for most of the day, the P & C have organised the Sausage Sizzle to provide food and refreshments for both first and second break. The following items will be available to purchase at a very reasonable cost to students, family and friends:

Sausage in bread (with or without onion)

Frozen Fruit Sticks

Coffee or Tea

Cake

Don't forget, it will be well and truly heating up by then – so SLIP SLOP SLAP and BYO water bottles.

***Volunteer helpers needed*** - please contact Gail Hamilton on 4778 5351 if you have some time to spare to help on the day, even it's only for an hour or two.

#### **Tuckshop Clean Up**

The Tuckshop will need a spring clean in preparation for the Sausage Sizzle. We anticipate it will take place within a week of the event, so anytime from 1 December. The date and time can be organised to suit volunteer helpers and we estimate

approximately 2 hours maximum is all the time needed. If you think you can help, please call Suzi Herrero on 4778 5115. All help is greatly appreciated!

### Next P & C Meeting – Date Changed

The next P & C meeting has changed to tomorrow **Wednesday 11/11/09 at 6.00 p.m.** Meet at the school staff room. All welcome.

### Pool Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday – 6.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. – open to the public for lap swimming.  
Monday to Saturday – 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. – open to the public.

Cost: Adults \$3.00  
Children \$2.00

Annual Membership is \$80.00 per adult or \$160.00 for a family.

### **Library News:**

Library Draw: Congratulations Perry and Scott!

Book Club: Book Club closed yesterday - the last for 2009. The books should be here by the end of November.

Congratulations go to Matthew on successfully attaining his level 2 certificate in Junior Librarianship!

Many thanks to Olivia and her family for their generous donation of books.

Library Closed: The library will be closed for borrowing during the last 3 weeks of the term as we are stocktaking as well as the usual end of year procedures. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could ensure that their children have returned all books, etc., by Monday, 23 November.

Library Borrowing Bags: Please remember that, in order to borrow, students **must** have a M.I.S.S Library borrowing bag. These bags are strong and waterproof and are available at the office for \$9.00.

*Linton Watkins, Teacher Librarian*

## *Class News*

**Prep Year:** The year is rushing past with less than 5 weeks until the end of the year. We have just begun a unit on celebrations, both those the children know well like birthdays and those they are not so familiar with like graduations and weddings. It would be great if you can look at some photos of past celebrations and chat about special events and how we celebrate them. Your children will love to hear about your wedding, their first birthday, the celebration of a particular person's life (funeral) and larger celebrations such as when the Olympic torch came through Townsville.

Continued thanks goes to all those who assist their children with swimming. Keep up the good work with nightly reading, we can see the results. If your child is not yet ready for a reader, please do read to them regularly, as a love of stories and books greatly motivates children to solve the mystery of words for themselves.

If any parent would like to talk to me about their child's progress, please see me for a mutually convenient time. *Kitty Connor*

**Year 1:** We have learnt about saving and recycling water, the water cycle and keeping waterways clean. Now we are thinking about floating and sinking. Today we made a small boat which needed to "carry treasure". We discussed what design features were most successful.

Although we are heading towards the end of the year, it is still important to replenish basic supplies if needed. A number of students are without glue at the moment. Please check to see if your child is in need of this.

Continued thanks for the fantastic support with reading. Your help has contributed to the students' success! *Jo Terkelsen*

**Year 2/3:** We had a great trip to the Magnetic Island History and Craft Centre last Friday. Many thanks to Cathy and Jodie who came along with us to help. The children were very interested in the photos and exhibits and asked lots of questions. They were also able to answer many questions, which shows they have been concentrating well on the work we have been doing at school. We will be compiling a booklet of our excursion over the next week. I am hoping we may have a couple more “outings” to look at historical sites over the last few weeks of term.

*Melissa Digby*

**Year 3/4:** Our campaign to raise money to make Christmas very special to disadvantaged families is moving along nicely. Thank you to those who have donated money or bought our worm wee. Demand is out-stripping production at the moment, so I'll let you know when our stocks have risen again.

So far, we have raised enough money to improve the lives of families with the following gifts:

- ***Clean drinking water*** to stop water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea, which claims 4,000 young lives every day.
- Supply a family with a bag of local **vegetable seeds** to provide vitamin-rich veggies to eat and sell, *and*
- Supply a family with a chicken and chicken feed to give them eggs, manure for the veggie gardens and offspring to sell.

We have chosen gifts that will have an ongoing benefit to families and communities. Our next target is a goat, which will provide milk and offspring that can be sold or traded to supply other needs. Thank you to parents for ensuring your children are at school during this vital time. Your co-operation is appreciated.

*Stephanie Chaffey*

**Year 4/5:** Last week we concluded our work on Australia's Democracy. Many children seemed to engage well in the information and I was especially impressed by those who reviewed their information effectively to prepare for the assessment. Hopefully this work will have prepared children for further learning in later years.

We are continuing to work on building understanding of fractions and using this information in a variety of circumstances. I have been pleased to see that some children, who've listened well in class, have picked up some useful strategies and understandings about the way this system works. A lot of continued practice is required to maintain these understandings.

We are beginning a science focus this week, looking at forces that act on various objects. The children seem keen to learn and investigate more about forces, so we look forward to the upcoming activities.

Please continue to help the children be organised for swimming lessons on Tuesdays, as well as library borrowing and water polo on Wednesdays. Most children are well organised, but a few need the extra assistance.

Please be sure to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress.

*Martin Hammelwang*

**Years 5/6 and 7:** Our *Oceans Alive* unit continues this week, exploring Australia's fishing industry. We are hoping to plan a fishing excursion in the next few weeks. Notes will go home as soon as it is organised.

Last Thursday we had a terrific time when *Heidi Steiner from the CSIRO* visited our classes. The students were given the task of completing a series of experiments to

investigate the impact of development and industry on a fictional bay area. **Our young scientists** donned safety glasses, and followed the instructions to test and measure a range of different materials. It was educational and enjoyable.

The next **Graduation Meeting** will be held this **Thursday, 12 November, at 2.30 p.m.** in our classroom. All Grade 7 parents are encouraged to come along.

**Computer Groups** this term involve the students accessing a website via their email account. The activities are related to our Oceans Alive unit, and this week's require the students to explore the concept of the centre of gravity and to apply this to storing loads on a ship.

Our **Troy Thompson** cinquain poems are **due in Friday** - published and illustrated. The students have taken the time in the drafting process to choose interesting words for their poems, developing their vocabulary skills. As a result, the poems are of a very high standard.

**Homework** continues this week. Congratulations to the 5/6s who complete their homework to a high standard every week. Grade 5/6 homework is due on Friday, and Grade 7 on Monday.

*Caron Grey,  
Cat Johnson & Linton Watkins*

## ***Community News***

**Arcadian Surf Lifesaving Club:** The annual North Australian Surf Lifesaving titles held in Mackay on 31 October – 1 November proved to be a great success for our local kids. Overall, Arcadian Juniors came 3<sup>rd</sup> – a great achievement considering we only took 17 competitors away.

All our kids did exceptionally well, bringing home a swag of medals. Terrific effort, kids – all your hard work in training really paid off and you did yourselves proud - Cameron, Tom, Grace, Annelise, Darcie, Erin, Alyssa, Carina, Anna, Mariko, Gavin, Mitchell, Jack, Peter, Riley, Cara and Lyn-Lyn.

Special congratulations go out to Alyssa and Mitchell, who were the Under 13 female and male age champions. These two kids, along with Erin, were selected to be a part of the Queensland Country team to compete on the Sunshine Coast from 10 - 13 December. Only four kids in each age group from Under 13s to Under 17s were chosen. Awesome effort, kids, and good luck down south!

Our next carnival is at Sarina on the weekend of 21/22 November. This is a great weekend away for all, so any one wanting to compete at this carnival should please ring Lisa on 4778 5385 to make arrangements regarding travel, accommodation, etc..

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