

# Newsletter



## Magnetic Island State School

**School Vision:** All students can succeed.

**Mission:** Magnetic Island State School will be a positive and supportive school empowering students to be the best that they can be. Students, staff, parents, carers and community members will work together to foster an outstanding academic, creative and environmentally sustainable learning environment.

Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Safe

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## Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

What a busy term we have been having so far, check out some of the Year 6 camp photos! The intensity is about to increase with students completing their assessments, teachers marking, moderating and compiling the information for their reports, and then the Year 6 students will be busily preparing for the end of year as well. Please try to keep to your usual school routines, helping the students to get a good night's sleep and keep eating well. It is very important that we have your current address on file for the posting of reports at the end of term. Please contact the school office if any of your details have changed.

We have started the process of strategic planning for next year, and are looking at student numbers and class set ups. If you know that

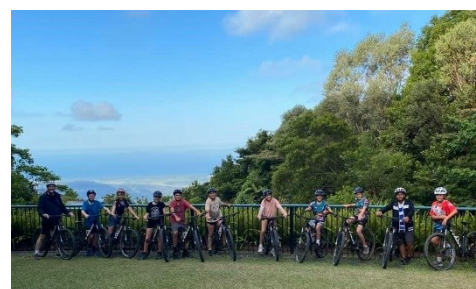
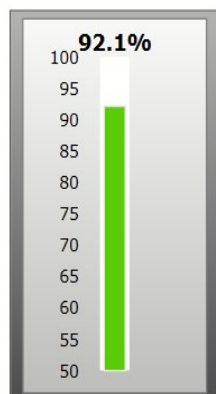
## Kacey Constantine

you will not be at our beautiful school next year, please let us know at the office.

We are looking forward to meeting our new Prep cohort tomorrow, Wednesday 10th November, at our first transition morning. The morning starts at 8.25am and goes until 10.25am. Students practise being a Prep student by participating in activities in the prep class. They will be given a tour of our school and will make some new friends. We will be having a second transition day on the 24th November. If you know anyone who is Prep age for 2022, please let them know about these events. We will also be having an information session on Wednesday 17th November at 5.30pm for the parents and carers to find out about all that will be happening in prep next year. Happy Days!

### Every Day Counts!

School target: 95%  
Year to date: 92.1%



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## Awards for Term 4, Week 4:

| <u>Class</u>       | <u>Achievement</u> | <u>PCL</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Prep</b>        | Mosby              | Isla       |
| <b>1</b>           | Rufus              | Lillian    |
| <b>2</b>           | Oliver McA         | Abigail    |
| <b>3</b>           | Micah              | Baylee     |
| <b>4</b>           | Ondrei             | Jahrabi    |
| <b>5</b>           | Charley-Ray        | Amelia     |
| <b>6</b>           | Anniken H          | Marcus     |
| <b>PE/Japanese</b> | Hunter             | Guilia     |

**PCL Class of the week** went to Prep.  
**Attendance award** went to Prep.

## Awards for Term 4, Week 5:

| <u>Achievement</u> | <u>PCL</u> |
|--------------------|------------|
| Bella              | Scarlett   |
| Evelyn             | Bronx      |
| Heather            | Ines       |
| Lily K             | Tallak     |
| Jack               | Finn S     |
| Jacey              | Esther     |
| Jacob              | Starr      |
| Micah              | Fynn W     |

**PCL Class of the week** went to Year 4.  
**Attendance award** went to Year 5.



## Weeks 6 PCL Focus

Be Safe

Keep your hands and feet to yourself





## Prep

We are very busy in Prep, working towards our end of year assessment. Please make sure your child is at school every day, unless they are sick, of course. We have noticed that on Mondays, a lot of children are coming to school very tired and out of sorts, which makes it difficult for them to have a productive day of learning. It is so important for their learning to come to school well rested and with plenty of healthy food to eat.

We have been fortunate to have Koa's mum, Kate, come into Prep a few times this year to do some sound meditation sessions with the children. They have

responded very well to these sessions and we have all enjoyed them. Thanks Kate, for sharing your time and expertise with us. I have included a photo of the children during the last session we had a couple of weeks ago.

In our Prep yard, we have some banana plants growing and we were very fortunate to have a bunch of bananas grow and ripen. So we used up all the over-ripe bananas to make some banana cake, which was very delicious. I have included some photos of that too.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Have a good week!

## Melissa Digby



## Year 1

In Year 1 we have been building with our great, colourful Lego. We are continuing to look for donations of the Lego to add to our Year 1 bucket. While playing we are creating, sharing, discussing, thinking and improving our design skills.



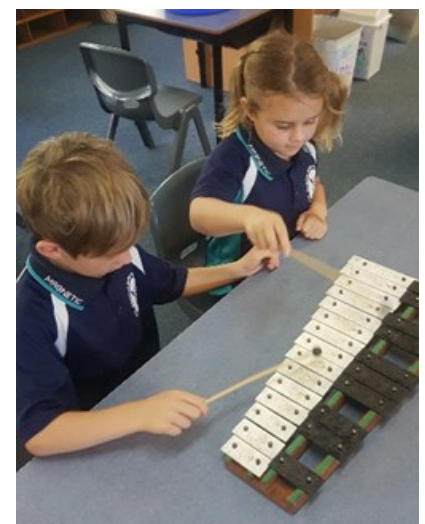
On Fridays we have been having amazing swimming lessons. This week we worked on our 'diving down' and 'swimming through' skills and we worked our way up to swimming the full length of the pool.

In Media Arts we have started recording our voice to add to our art work which has been a lot of fun.



## Deb Hay & Vicki Skinner

This term in Science we are participating in guided investigations, making observations and predictions based around the sounds that we hear and can make.







## Year 2

This week we will be practising an information report on koalas to prepare us for our assessment piece and check to see if we have all the necessary skills required for the task. We have completed some introductory lessons on Key-note and have explored the program so we can publish our assessment pieces in a digital format.

Also this week we will be taking our self-portrait photographs for Media Arts. During some computer lab lessons will we manipulate these photos using tools on PowerPoint, to make the photos appear as though from the future!

The Year 2's have been enjoying finishing off some visual art tasks. We have been looking at the use of line in art works, like Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. They students have created their own rendition of this painting



## Jacky Roper



## Year 3

The middle of the term has come and gone and we now have less than five weeks left of the school year. I could tell you all about how amazing everyone's poetry writing is, or how well they are doing with reading time. I could talk about our investigations into the properties of solids and liquids and how they are affected by heat, but all of this pales in comparison to the impact of our awesome Aquascene excursion.

After a few windy days, the weather calmed sufficiently for our Year 3's to be able to circumnavigate our beautiful island with Adam and Hoppy on the Aquascene boat. The incredibly knowledgeable Adam, taught us all about the S.S. City of Adelaide wreck, the importance of mangroves, the cultural heritage, local bird life and so much more. The talented Hoppy shared his song about the wreck and was a constant sup-

port to the kids while they swam and played in the water in Maude Bay and later while feeding batfish in Florence Bay. 'Best excursion EVER!', was the common opinion of the students...and myself and Miss Sophie too.

Thank you once again to both our incredible P&C and the Qld Government through the Great Barrier Reef Education Experience program, for your financial support in making this excursion happen.







## Year 4

Not long to go now, I don't know about you but this term is flying by. With only 4 weeks to go we are busy little bees.

Most of the students are well into writing their final draft of their character analysis and making great progress finishing their endangered animal PowerPoint. Over the next couple of weeks they will continue to practice their group drama piece, making props and remembering lines. We have two Math assessments we are working towards, time and measurement and the students are really enjoying our Math rotations, where we practice these skills.

I would like to acknowledge all of the students for their enthusiasm and effort Thursday mornings at swimming, they have been amazing respectful listeners.

This week six students were invited to participate in a promotional video being developed by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority called 'I want to be a Marine Biologist for a day'.

Everyone had an incredible day snorkelling and being filmed at Arthur Bay and Florence Bay. We can't wait to see the video GBRMPA !!!!



## Year 5

It was a very busy, yet exciting fortnight in Year 5.

Last Thursday, Dr Naomi Ralph (aka Will's mum) kindly offered her time and expertise to share what she contributes to communities in terms of their wellbeing. As we are learning about disaster preparation, management and recovery at the moment, Dr Naomi shared a research project her team were working on at QCU, which involved using quantitative (numbers/data) and qualitative (stories) information to find out how people were affected after the 2019 mon-

soon of North Queensland. They used this data to inform their work, to better support community members following disasters, and also to help everybody with strategies to better prepare themselves emotionally for future disastrous events. This was a very interesting and informative presentation, and connected perfectly to our HASS unit. Thank you for your time and expertise Dr Naomi Ralph. On the same day, we were visited by the Clontarf group from Gordonvale. The Year 11 boys practised their leadership skills by sharing some fun games with

## Jodie Wilson

Year 5 and 6 students. We thoroughly enjoyed the activities and enjoyed the experience of getting to know them.

Our busy schedule continues into this week, as we prepare for our excursion to Townsville High School on Friday. This is a fantastic experience day for Year 5 students, to provide insight into what high school routines and lessons will be like. We look forward to it. Please do not forget to return your permission form and payment so you don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.







## Year 6

We had a fantastic time at our camp at Paluma, and every participant, adults included, challenged ourselves in some ways. It was wonderful to see those students who pushed themselves beyond what they thought they could achieve. I was most impressed by students who didn't achieve their goal on their first attempt, but came back again and again until they conquered their fears and went beyond their previous efforts. Many thanks to everyone who assisted us to make it to the camp, and especially to Ms C for joining us at the camp. The kids loved having their time with Ms C,

and I'm very grateful that Ms C took the time away from her very busy daily role to attend camp with us.

We now face a VERY busy few weeks as we complete our class work and prepare for our ceremony and events to complete primary school for our Year 6s. Wherever possible, it is important that children attend school every day, in order to complete all tasks and not fall behind. There will be some occasions when children need to be elsewhere (e.g. high school transition days) and so attendance on other days will be even

## Martin Hammelswang

more important. Thanks for supporting this in any way you can.

Following a big co-operative effort from the kids last week, I have now decided not to allocate the class written homework for the remainder of the year. However, there will be some children who will need to complete class-based activities at home, and I will let parents know if I need their extra support and supervision of this.

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



## Extension programs

Year 4 and Year 5 have been working hard in the kitchen again with Mrs Jupp. Students made bread rolls, with butter and jam and some delicious zucchini muffins.

We were learning more about how bread rises, so we also did some cool science experiments. We tested which flours had the most gluten by washing dough balls, and how much gas different chemical leaveners produce. We

discovered some flours have no gluten (rice and corn flours) and some chemicals (Bi-Carb with Citric acid) react more quickly than others. There were plenty of smiles and amazed faces.

## Mrs Jupp





## Date Claimers:

| November       |   |
|----------------|---|
| Wed 10th Nov   | Prep transition, visit #1 for 2022 students, 8.25-10.25am   |
| Thurs 11th Nov | Remembrance Day   |
| Fri 12th Nov   | Year 5 excursion, High School Experience day                |
| Sat 13th Nov   | Entertainer of the Year final, Ryan Community Centre 9.30am |
| Wed 17th Nov   | Prep transition, 2022 parent information session, 5.30pm    |
| Mon 22nd Nov   | Yr 2 Nativity Play filming, 1.30pm                          |
| Wed 24th Nov   | Prep transition, visit #2 for 2022 students, 8.25-10.25am   |
| Thurs 25th Nov | Last swimming lesson—Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6                         |
| Fri 26th Nov   | Last swimming lesson—Prep, Yrs 1, 2                         |
| December       |   |
| Wed 1st Dec    | Interhouse Swimming Carnival                                |
| Thurs 9th Dec  | Year 6 Graduation   |
| Fri 10th Dec   | Last day of the school year!!!!                             |

## Kitchen Garden

We are lucky enough at Magnetic Island State School to have a magnificent Tamarind tree growing down near the basket ball court. Our children can fill you in on all the interesting information about this tree and according to them the fruit is delicious, adults are not so sure. Tamarind fruit pulp is found in the pea-like pods surrounding one to twelve seeds. It is highly acid (and very sour), it contains 30% – 40% sugar and has high vitamin C and excellent keeping qualities. It is used in Indian cooking to enrich the taste of savory dishes (especially with meat). It is a popular ingredient in curries, chutneys and refreshing drinks. The fruit is also known for its medicinal uses, either eaten straight, infused into tea, or added to poultices.



### Dried Fruit Energy Nuggets

Do you ever get the hungry but don't have time to stop? Hangry is not a good place for students or teachers. Here is a healthy recipe for a quick snack that requires no cooking, is gluten free, vegetarian and takes only a few minutes to make. Enjoy!



#### Ingredients

- 50g soft dried apricot
- 100g soft dried date
- 50g dried cherry
- 2 tsp coconut oil
- 1 tbsp toasted sesame seed

#### Method

**STEP 1**  
Whizz apricots with dates and cherries in a food processor until very finely chopped. Tip into a bowl and use your hands to work in coconut oil. Shape the mix into walnut-sized balls, then roll in sesame seeds. Store in an airtight container until you need a quick energy fix.





We raised over \$200 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation last Friday when we all dressed in red for Day for Daniel. Thank you for your support!

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**Save Our Wildlife**

Slow Down (especially at dawn and dusk).  
Have a Rescue Kit in your car.  
Save the phone number of your local wildlife rescue.

**SLOW DOWN**

Rescue Kit  
Box Torch  
Pillow Case/Towel  
Gloves

**Safety steps for an injured animal:**

1. SAFETY – To yourself, look around are you safe? If not move to a safe place.
2. Use your phone and call for help: Wallaby Refuge M.I. 0400243842 or M.I. Fauna Care Organisation 0457934732
3. If not in a signal area and the animal needs immediate help, use the rescue kit.
4. Put on the gloves and collect the towel!
5. Approach the animal slowly and carefully, put the towel over the animals head and rest the animal in the box.
6. Keeping the head covered, transport to area of phone signal and phone for help.

**GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND**

**Safety First! Poster Launch**

After many months of work from the Brownies, Wallaby Refuge and Eve our artist, the Magnetic Island Brownie Guides are ready to launch to the public our safety message on what to do if you find an injured wild animal. How to keep yourself safe and help the injured wild life to a speedy recovery.

When: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 8am until 1pm

Where: Horseshoe Bay Markets

Come and visit the Guide and Wallaby Refuge stall and collect an information flyer.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
25 Nelly Bay Road, Nelly Bay  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Raffles- BBQ – Drinks – Entertainment – Games – Children's Artwork

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