2 February 2017

From the Principal

Dear Mudgeeraba State School Community

Welcome to the 601 families who have started the school year with us. The quality of our teaching, learning and enrichment programs is once again primed to support every one of our 855 students to become confident and successful learners across our academic, sporting, artistic and cultural pillars. With our Positive Behaviour for Learning approach setting clear expectations for behaviour focussed on students being Respectful, Responsible, Learners and Safe, we are once again aspiring to be Simply the Best!

Class Restructure

With student numbers now confirmed I can advise that we will be creating an additional class in Year 2 with Miss Kat Brown returning to us to teach Year 2K.

We appreciate that this will mean a change for some students and teachers. As with all class placement decisions, we will ensure that consideration is given to the individual needs and balance of classes to support the success of all students. Deputy Principals will be making contact with parents/carers of students that will be involved in the class restructure over coming days with the new classes expected to be operating early next week.

Meet the Teacher

Next week, class teachers have made themselves available to meet with parents to discuss the individual needs and interests of the students in their class. This is a great opportunity to meet and establish a positive working relationship with your child’s teacher and to clarify any questions you may have with regards to the class program, expectations, activities or events. This individual meeting has replaced the whole class parent information session held in recent years.

Please note that a new meeting schedule for students involved in class restructures will be coordinated with parents by the new class teacher.

School Communication

Throughout the year, our school will use a number of methods to keep you informed of school events and activities. This will include our school newsletter, email, phone call or SMS, the QSchools App and through our school webpage. All school events will be posted on our school webpage which is linked to the QSchools App and I encourage everyone to download the QSchools App which can be set up to provide you with an alert every time there is a change or update, please see the related article later in this newsletter.

http://www.mudgeerass.eq.edu.au/

Class teachers will communicate with you their preferred contact method. This may include email, phone messages through the office 5569 1777, prearranged meetings, or through Class Dojo. Please be mindful that teachers are often busy finalising preparations for the day, packing up, supervising activities or attending regular meetings before and after school,
and may not always be available to meet with you if you happen to drop in.

A Mudgee Parents Facebook Page (run by parents for parents) provides an additional place to positively and responsibly share school information that may have been eaten by your child’s bag or lost in cyberspace. This is not a school operated nor monitored Facebook page, however the administrators of the site are supportive parents of our school who aim to ensure the page operates productively to keep parents informed. The parent Facebook page has not been set up as a forum to manage complaints.

As with all methods of communication, any concerns, complaints, compliments or queries should be presented to the appropriate person. If it is a whole school matter please contact the office. If it is a class matter then please contact the class teacher.

Children are greatly influenced by behaviours modelled by adults and your cooperation in modelling respectful communication will continue to maintain our school and community expectations.

Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised the Department of Education and Training does not have student accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents.

Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is up to parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.

Emergency Procedures - Lockdown and Evacuation

We have included later in this newsletter important information for all families regarding our emergency procedures. Outlined you will find details on what to listen for and instructions on what to do in the event you find yourself at our school during a practice or emergency situation. Please note the evacuation and lock down procedures relate to all people on our school grounds, before, during or after school hours.

Park Safe – Everyone’s Responsibility!

Unlike most schools, we are quite fortunate to have several parking options around our school. These include Old Coach Rd, Rainbow Drive, Milky Way and the adjacent sporting fields. With congestion around schools particularly heavy around pick up times, two ‘drop and go zones’ were created to assist in keeping our kids safe and to also help manage traffic congestion during the peak time of 3pm. The drop and go zones along Old Coach Road and Milky Way rely on everyone’s cooperation. If using these zones please ensure that you:

- Remain in the vehicle.
- Only enter at the beginning of the zone.
- Continue to move up to allow others to enter the zone behind you.
- Have children enter the vehicle from the left side (footpath) of the vehicle.
- Adhere to restricted and no parking areas particularly:
  - the yellow solid lines either side of the crossings (no stopping or parking)
  - disabled parking zones in the carpark near the pool, and
  - the bus only car parks in front of the car park near the pool.

For further details about our Park Safe program please refer to the following flyer.
Religious Instruction Commencing Thursday 16 February

Students in Years 1-6 at our school are provided with religious instruction (RI), with lessons due to commence on Thursday 16 February. Our school currently offers RI delivered by trained instructors from a variety of local faith groups. Each instructor holds a blue card and is accredited by their faith.

The information on your child’s enrolment form determines if they are included in RI lessons. If you nominated a religion upon enrolment your child is included in RI lessons. If you did not nominate a religion upon enrolment they are not included in RI lessons. Your child’s inclusion/non-inclusion can be amended by providing written advice to the school office.

Students who do not participate in RI are provided with instruction and supervision by class teachers during RI lessons.

Interschool and District Sport

Talented students aged 10 years + may be invited throughout the year to trial for Oceanic District School Sport representative teams across a number of sports. If your child has demonstrated sporting talent that would place them amongst the best in our school, inclusive of 10-12 year olds, please see PE teacher Kylie Summers for further information regarding District Trials. The South Coast School Sport website provides further details about individual sports trials and events.

http://www.southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au

Our school will continue to involve Years 4-6 students in weekly Interschool Sport competitions. Further details regarding sports being offered, trial dates and costs will be sent home later in the term.

Upcoming School Events and Activities

- **Thursday 2 February**
  - First newsletter for 2017 emailed home
  - Whole School Assembly (Years 3-6) in the School Hall at 2:10pm
- **6-10 February**: Parent Teacher Meetings (confirm meeting schedule with class teacher)
- **13, 15 and 16 February**: Years 3 & 5 students engaged in NAPLAN preparation testing. Please see your child’s teacher if you have concerns about your child’s participation
- **Thursday 16 February**: Oceanic District Swimming (for selected students)
  - Religious Instruction commences (participating students only)
  - Junior (P-2) Assembly 9:00am in the hall
  - Senior (3-6) Assembly 2:10pm in the hall
  - Commonwealth Games Mascot ‘Barobi’ visiting
  - P&C Meeting (all welcome) 6:30pm in the school Administration building
- **Monday 20 February**: Year 3 StarLab incursion $9.50
- **Thursday 23 February**: Year 2 and Year 3 Bravehearts Ditto Show (protective behaviour) incursion - school funded

- **Friday 24 February**: 1FR, 1M and 1BP at David Fleay Wildlife Park excursion $18.50
- **Monday 27 February**: 1E and 1RW at David Fleay Wildlife Park excursion $18.50
- **Tuesday 28 February**: 2Y, 2B and 2O at Beenleigh Historical Village $18.50
- **Thursday 2 March**:
  - 2R and 2Q at Beenleigh Historical Village $18.50
  - Whole School Celebration Assembly at 2:10pm in the hall
- **Friday 3 March**: Interschool Sport sign up day (Years 4-7)

Regards
Mr Daniel Duke, Principal

Calendar of Events

To find out what events and activities are happening at Mudgeeraba State School parents are encouraged to download the QSchools app or view the school webpage at the link below. All school events posted on our school webpage are linked to the QSchools App. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools.

http://www.mudgeerass.eq.edu.au

**How do I download the QSchools app?**

To download the app visit the application store for your device:
- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

**Features**

The app integrates with the department’s preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

- Find and favourite our school by searching for Mudgeeraba State School by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from our school
- easily access our schools tuckshop and uniform shop information.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

**Push notifications**

QSchools push notifications are here!

Push notifications will allow your favourite Queensland schools to push essential information directly to your device, including
notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates.

To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

Music News

Vocal Group Rehearsal
Takes place on Wednesdays at 2:10-3pm. These rehearsals are for our auditioned group only with Mrs Felton in the Music room.

Junior Choir Rehearsal
Takes place on Tuesdays from 1:40-2:10pm (lunch) for Year 2 students only with Mrs Felton in the Music Room. All Year 2 students are welcome.

Instrumental Music Program
Band lessons are held on Mondays with Mr Florey and Strings lessons are held on Tuesdays with Mr McLean.

From the Office

2017 Voluntary Contribution
Mudgeeraba State School is pleased to be able to extend to you the opportunity to contribute to our Voluntary Student Contribution. This Voluntary Contribution is not be confused with the Learn to Swim Contribution.

The major purpose of this Voluntary Contribution is to provide financial assistance so that the school can more efficiently:

- Provide broad curriculum options to all students;
- Supplement purchase of consumable resources which are used to ensure real life learning experiences for students across key learning areas;
- Have increased access to Information and Communication Technologies.

Our students participate in learning programs that prepare them to be lifelong learners. Your support of this voluntary contribution provides our students the best possible opportunities to reach their full potential.

Additional information regarding the Voluntary Contribution is attached for your information.

- Voluntary Contribution is: $75.00 per student per year
- $55 for second student in family
- $45 for all other students in family
- Prep students contribute an additional $30 per student per year

Payments can be made by direct deposit or by cash/Eftpos at the payment window on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 8.00am - 10.00am.

Should you require any further information regarding the Mudgeeraba State School Voluntary Contribution please feel free to contact Administration.

Excursions / Incursions and Event Payment Reminders

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**Please be advised that payments for Excursions, Incursions and School Camps will NOT be accepted after the cut-off date.**

To ensure that parents/caregivers are given as much notice as possible your child’s teacher will receive regular finance reports showing who has/has not yet paid, excursion cut-off dates will be published fortnightly in the newsletter, the school office will send a text message to relevant year levels to remind parents of the cut-off dates and communication will be made to parents/caregivers by the class teacher if payment remains outstanding prior to the cut-off date.

To assist families in making sure payments are made prior to cut-off dates, parents/caregivers are able to make deposits into the school’s account to accumulate a credit balance which can then be applied to excursions, incursions and school camps as they arise. This credit balance can also be achieved by arranging a Centrepay deduction. Please come to the school office to complete a Centrepay Deduction form.

If paying for excursions etc. is financially difficult, please speak with one of the Deputy Principals before cut-off dates.

The Payment Window is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between **8am to 10am ONLY. Cash or Eftpos will not be accepted at any other time.**

For your convenience internet banking can be made at any time - Please note that Direct Deposits must be made at least 2 days prior to the cut-off date. **If your payment has not been received by the cut-off date your child will not attend the excursion, incursion or camp.**

**Providing Medication to the School**

Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If you believe your child is capable of self-administering their own medication at school, please contact the office.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

**Scholastic Book Club Orders**

Your child may have recently brought home a Scholastic Book Club brochure. If you would like to order any of the items please return the order form and correct payment to Administration by Friday 10 February 2017.

**Administration of Student Medication**

**Administering Medication at School**

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- Has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist);
- is in its original container;
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.
**Evacuation Procedures**

A siren will be played over the P.A. system

Assembly Area is on the oval

DO NOT LOCK CLASSROOM DOORS - TAKE ANY PERSONAL ITEMS WITH YOU

Each member of the leadership team has been allocated an area of the school to check before making their way to the Assembly area on the oval.

Our Fire Wardens are Lorraine Yolek and Michaela Johnson who will be identified by wearing fluro vests.

All staff, students and visitors head to the oval. Students line up behind their teachers.

**Teacher Responsibilities:**

Lorraine Yolek is the Fire Warden for teachers and students.

Upon arrival at the Assembly Area:

- Teachers are responsible for confirming that their students are accounted for.
- Teachers should then work to ensure that they are all present.
- Teachers who are on-site but not with their class (i.e. playground duty) must proceed to their class to ensure all students are accounted for and then return to the Assembly Area.
- Teachers who are off-site will be expected to be accounted for from the Assembly Area.

**Non-Teaching Staff, Specialist Staff and Visitors Responsibilities:**

Michaela Johnson is the Fire Warden for non-teaching staff, specialist staff and visitors (including replacement teachers).

Upon arrival at the Assembly Area:

- All non-teaching staff, including teachers and uniform launderers are expected in the Assembly Area to be accounted for.
- Specialist staff (including IT, ICT, Basketball, LOTE, Music, 2PD) are expected to be accounted for.
- Visitors (including parents, students, TGS teachers, School Banking representatives, P&C representatives) are expected to be accounted for. Details will be confirmed on arrival.

Under no circumstances will any Fire Warden walk around the oval asking staff if they have been accounted for.

The "Safety Check" will be given when all Fire Wardens are satisfied that everyone has been accounted for.

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**Lockdown Procedures**

"Don’t Worry be Happy" will be played over the P.A. system

The ‘all clear’ will be signalled by a member of the Leadership Team (either by a visit or through the PA/Intercom).

When a lock-down occurs during play time, all teachers and students are to go in an orderly manner to the nearest available open classroom or hall.

When a lock-down occurs during school time, all students and staff are to remain quietly on the floor out of sight with doors and windows locked, until the “all clear” is signalled by Admin.

Students located at Admins are to remain.

- Teachers and staff are to lock up and remain in the Uniform Store.
- Visitors and school work to a door should remain in the classroom or go to the main building.
- Visting personnel and auxiliary staff i.e. volunteers, security, grounds persons, cleaning and catering supervisors should go to the nearest building or to the Admin building.
- Teachers are to take the class roll as soon as the students have returned to class to ensure that all students are accounted for.
- Students at the pool and bell room are to go to the change rooms.

Note: It is necessary for all visiting personnel located on the school site to be aware of their responsibilities for both “Lockdown and Evacuation procedures”.

**Teacher Responsibilities:**

To ensure all students in their class are familiar with the appropriate action to be taken in the event of a “Lockdown” occurring:

- Sit students on the floor, away from doors and windows or areas where students may be vulnerable.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Turn off lights and lights in the hall.
- Turn off music to Admin. should a student be unaccounted for.
- Ensure students remain quiet and seated.
- A member of the Admin team continues to monitor the situation.
- The “all clear” is signalled by Admin.
- Information students.

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**Mudgeelicious Menu**

Welcome to the Mudgeelicious.

We are open Monday to Friday 6:30am to 2:00pm serving Munch No 1 and Lunch to students and staff.

We offer a range of nutritious meals, snacks and drinks that comply with the "Smart Choices" guidelines.

You can order before school or your child can place their order in the shop or their classroom.

We also have easy Online Ordering!
Welcome back to school! We hope 2017 is going to be an amazing year for all students and families, old and new. There are many stressors that come with the start of the new school year: how to carry the whole book pack in on the first day, who is in whose class, where, when and how to drop off and pick up your child and by whom?!

As parents, Amaze teachers understand all of this and aim to ease the load somewhat. Here are 6 reasons why it is cool for your child to stay at school:

1. **Sleepy Prep children:**
   - Prep children are often tired after a long day at school. Staying at school for the day enables them to have more energy and focus on their learning.

2. **Avoiding Traffic:**
   - Staying at school can help avoid traffic congestion, especially in the morning.

3. **More Time for Learning:**
   - Children who stay at school for the day have more time to engage in academic activities.

4. **Socialization:**
   - Staying at school allows children to interact with their classmates throughout the day, fostering a sense of community.

5. **Parental Convenience:**
   - For working parents, it can be convenient to have their child stay at school instead of arranging for after-school care.

6. **Health Benefits:**
   - Staying at school can provide a more structured environment, which can be beneficial for children's health and well-being.

In conclusion, staying at school can be a positive experience for students and families alike.
children from other schools, can be very confronting and overwhelming. Even if they aren’t asleep, most Prep children have had an exhausting day and just need a quiet place to sit down and rest. It is easier for them to be gently moved to Amaze Active OSHC right here at Mudgeeraba SS, where they can wake in a familiar environment with children they know.

2. **Plenty of friends to play with:** At Amaze we cater for many children which means there is always someone they can play with, whether it be someone from their Year or an older or younger buddy. A bigger group means more playmate possibilities. If your child has a disagreement with someone there are plenty of other children they can play with.

3. **Room to run:** As Amaze is located at Mudgeeraba SS rather than a little daycare, there is plenty of room to run. We do not have to wait until little children have left a playground before we are allowed outside. Plus, our equipment is school kid size! We are enjoying the use of our home in the hall which is great for any weather. Amaze has an active philosophy so we also use the oval, playgrounds, undercover and indoor spaces. There is no such thing as bad weather as we always have a place to run off steam after sitting at desks at school all day.

4. **A place to call home:** Miss Melissa sees many little faces pop in to her office during the day to say hello. Children can create artworks or unfinished lego and come back to them later in the week. The children have a sense of belonging and ownership over the service.

5. **Raving fans of Mudgee SS:** Amaze has contributed to a number of school projects over the years, such as the hall ceiling fans. We are a not for profit provider who is invested in our Mudgee community. We love our school!!

6. **No lost children:** Most importantly, as your child stays at school, they will NEVER get lost. They will never go to the wrong meeting place, be picked up when they shouldn’t be, miss the bus or catch the wrong one. This peace of mind is priceless. Even if your child comes to Amaze on a day they are not supposed to, we will look after them and contact you to help them get back to you. There is no issue as they will always be at school with someone to look out for them.

We have an open door policy, so please feel free to wander over for a visit and check out the Amaze difference. You can also reach our Co-ordinator Miss Melissa on 0408663683, or feel free to email activemss@amazeeducation.com.au.

Have an AMAZE-ing year!
Gold Coast SUNS Family Fun Day and Mudgeeraba Spartans JAFC

**Gold Coast SUNS Family Day**

Come down and join the Gold Coast SUNS players to celebrate everything AFL

**Where:** Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Rd, Carrara

**When:** Saturday 11th February from 8am to 12:30pm  
**Cost:** FREE

Your local Junior AFL club is **Mudgeeraba Spartans JAFC** - sign up on the day or at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mudgeeraba on Saturday 4th March from 9:00am - 12noon

For more information on Mudgeeraba JAFC AFL  
Auskick or Junior AFL please contact:  
Kristy on 0419507131 or at spartansjafc@gmail.com

To register for Auskick please go to  
www.aflauskick.com.au