Coming Soon

- 26th Nov - Senior Awards Night
- 2nd Dec - Whole School Transition
- 4th Dec - Swim Fun Day
- 9th Dec - Report Cards Out
- 10th Dec - Year 6 Graduation
- 11th Dec - Last Day of Term 4

 Principal’s Report

Children being able to learn from their peers is an important part of the way learning occurs. Having good student role models in the school is a very significant way in which children are able to observe how good choices are made. This week we announced the school leaders for 2016. These students will play a very important role in the school over the next year, representing our school at both school and community functions but even more significantly being role models for their peers in the classroom, on the sporting field and in the playground.

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Principal’s Report Continued

Congratulations to the following students:

**School Captains**: Bridget Opeti and Vojko Ivecovic

**School vice Captains**: Georgia Simpson and Joey Srhoj

**Indigenous Leaders**: Mahkeeba Gutchen and Kurtis Mullholand-Bryde

**Mitchell Sports Captains**: Chloe Hebenko and Cain Hastie

**Granite Sports Captains**: Coco Gambino and Domenic Gallo

**Barron Sports Captains**: Lindsay McDonald and Nicholas Battistin

**Choir Captain**: Aidan Bylebyl

**AUSLAN Group Captain**: Emily Rickard

**Instrumental Music Captain**: Amy Hill

Well done to each of these students for successfully nominating for these important school positions. I wish you a very rewarding year ahead.

On Thursday night we will celebrate further student achievement at our annual Awards Night. The evening will commence at 6pm at the International Club. We would love to see you there.

Finally, a reminder that if you are in the school, could you please ensure that you sign in at the office when you arrive. This is a workplace health and safety priority and an important way that the school ensures everyone’s safety. Have a great week.

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**Apply NOW for the Mareeba SS RATEP Program**

Are you an indigenous person who would like a career in education? Then RATEP is for you. Study at the school and work your way up from TAFE to JCU with the full-time support of a teacher coordinator. Ring and have a chat with Trudy on 40922556.

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**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank Brumbys Bakery Mareeba & Howe Farming for donating bread and bananas for emergency lunches. We appreciate your generosity.
Music Update

The Mareeba State School choir has been very busy this year. A dedicated group of students have been rehearsing during their lunch breaks and performing at a number of events in the community including the Multicultural festival and for Seniors' week. Most recently our Senior choir (Year 3 - 6 students) performed at the Garden Settlement. This performance was very well received by the residents and staff. The choir is currently rehearsing for their performance at the Senior Awards Night and a performance with the Auslan students on the Cairns Esplanade.

Resource Scheme

Parents and carers are welcome to call in at the office and pay the annual resource fee of $50. EFTPOS is available. If you are unable to pay the total amount, we accept part payments. All monies go directly towards purchasing resources for classrooms.

Read-a-thon

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who participated in the Mareeba State School Read-a-thon. A total of $3057.30 was raised. This money will go towards the cost of providing wireless internet connection across the entire school. A special congratulations to Raychelle Srhoj (2W) who raised $410.00 and was the highest individual fundraiser in the school. Also, congratulations to 2W who was the highest fundraising class. Prizes were distributed to participating students on Tuesday 17th November. Thank you to Mrs Sharelle France for her assistance with the organisation of the Read-a-thon.

- Valerie Dayes, Head of Curriculum.

What’s Been Happening in Year 1?

The year one students have finished making their pillows for the ‘Very Cranky Bear’. This term our year one students have been learning about writing procedures. We have been writing different procedural texts and we have been reading the story ‘The Very Cranky Bear’. Their final assessment was to write a procedure on How to make a Pillow for the Very Cranky Bear. Here are some pillows and our little bear sleeping happily.

Tuckshop

Last day for tuckshop this year will be Wed 9th December.
(CLOSED Thu10th & Fri 11th December.)
The tuckshop would like to thank everyone for their support in 2015.

We Need Your Bottle Caps!

Please bring your plastic bottle caps to the Library. We will accept ANY size and ALL colours of the rainbow!!
Thank you,
Mrs Crunkhorn, Mrs Dayes, Miss Cassie and Miss Leevi

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**THE PLAYGROUND**

One early morning,
Standing on the oval.
I can see...

A crowd of pushing little people waiting to get on the monkey bars,
One towering scary spider web swinging side to side,
A big tall wall stretching up to the sky,
Some slippery cement stairs getting all dirty.

I can hear...
Lots of excited children chasing their friends to play,
A white and black magpie chirping all day,
An enormous hot teacher yelling at the boy,
A big group of people fighting over a toy.

I feel...
The lovely cool breeze rushing through my hair,
The really hot sun making me all sweaty,
BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, I bang on the rusty shed,
A soft brown rope pulling me up high.

This is a wonderful place to play,
I am so happy, it is a good day.

By Georgia Battistin 3A

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**Year 3 Update**

**Science News**

The year 3’s have been learning about the sun, Earth and moon. We did a shadow investigation to learn about how the earth spins on its axis while orbiting the sun.

- Charlz and Ella on behalf of 3WK.

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The Year 3’s have been hard at work creating poems for your entertainment. Don’t forget the Poets in the Playground on Tuesday afternoon, 8th December at 1:50pm. See you there.

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In the spirit of Christmas and the Season of Giving, the Mareeba State Primary School is holding a Christmas Giving Tree from the 18th November through to the 9th December.

Families are asked to donate gifts of non-perishable food items to be placed under the tree in our library. You will then be given a card on which to write your name and help decorate our tree.

All gifts will be given to local charities to help families in need this Festive Season.

We would like to thank you in advance for your generous donation and wish you a very

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**Merry Christmas**
**RAATSICC Family Support Program**

Are you a Parent/Grandparent/Carer who has child/children from the ages of 0-18 years in your care and require support?

The Family Support Program is a voluntary service which has a number of experienced Family Support Workers that work with Indigenous families within the Cairns & District areas south to the Cassowary Coast, Northern Peninsula Areas and Cape York Communities. The Family Support Worker can engage with Indigenous families who may be experiencing difficulty or stress. Example: Grief & Loss, Budgeting, Link in to appropriate Counselling Services, Domestic & Family Violence, Substance Abuse Misuse, Relationship Issues. If you feel that you or a relative would benefit from our Family Support Program please contact us! Phone number and email address provided. (fsregionalintake@raatsicc.org.au)

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**Pedestrian crossings**

Pedestrian crossings are safe places on the road marked for pedestrians to cross at. Drivers must give way to pedestrians that are on the crossing.

**Children’s crossings**

Children’s crossings work when kids are going to school or back home. They’re marked by orange flags.

If there is no supervisor at the crossing, you must give way to pedestrians walking on the crossing, or stepping on to it, until they’re safely back on the footpath.

If the crossing has a supervisor, you must wait until the pedestrians have crossed the road and the supervisor has returned to the footpath.

You must not overtake a vehicle in front that has stopped at a children’s crossing. This is because a car in front of you makes it difficult for you to see children who may be using the crossing.

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**Mareeba Heritage Centre Inc. 20th Anniversary Birthday Party**

Saturday 28 November 2015
10am - 2pm
345 Byrnes Street (next to Centenary Park)

Prizes to be Won!

North Queensland Miner’s Assoc.
Gold Panning Competition

St Thomas’s School Choir

FREE Sausage Sizzle and Cash Bar

Opening of Jamieson House

Games and Competitions

Mareeba Heritage Museum & Visitor Information Centre

Best Heritage Costume Competition Man Woman & Child

Tobacco Stringing Competition

Mareeba Shire Council

GoKart Action

Carins 4WD ZOO

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Australias Aboriginal School

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