Key Priorities
Our key priority this year will be an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school pedagogical approach which includes explicit instruction. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
Be Respectful
• We treat people the way we like to be treated
• We use our best manners
Be Responsible
• We stop and think
• We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
• We always try our hardest
Be Safe
• We always play safely

Major behaviours are those that:
• significantly violate the rights of others
• put others / self at risk of harm
• require the involvement of school Administration.

Major behaviours result in an immediate referral to Administration because of their seriousness. When major problem behaviour occurs, staff members calmly state the major problem behaviour and remind the student of expected school behaviour. The staff member then fills out the office referral form and escorts the student to Administration. A report of the student’s behaviour is recorded on OneSchool.

Major problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

• Level One: Time in office, removal to withdrawal room, alternate lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence AND/OR

• Level Two: Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to Intensive Behaviour Support Team, suspension from school

• Level Three: Students who engage in serious unacceptable behaviours such as major violent physical assault or the use/supply or possession of weapons (including knives) or drugs may receive a School Disciplinary Absence (suspension or proposal/recommendation for exclusion) as a consequence of unacceptable behaviour.

Mother’s Day Stall
This year Mother’s Day is on Sunday, 11 May. The craft ladies from the Marlborough Museum have kindly organised to make some crafts specifically for sale to the students.
This Friday 9 May at 1.30 we will walk students down to the museum to purchase items for someone special. We will return by 2.30. Items will range in price starting from $2. Please do not send more than $10 per student. If you wish to send your money in earlier, please put it in an envelope and clearly mark it with your child’s name.
Mother’s Day pamper morning
DON’T FORGET this Friday the 9th of May is our Mother’s Day Pamper morning. Mums and Grandmas are welcome to come for a morning of pampering, followed by a shared morning tea.

NAPLAN testing
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

Attendance
On Monday each family received their attendance rate letters. Students attending 85% of the time will miss approximately 3 days for every 4 weeks of school. Our school has a goal of 96% this year as we want all of our students to have the best chance of success.

Staffing update
Mrs Polkinghorne will commence long service leave on May 16 and return on June 16. In her absence Mrs Truelson will manage the office. During this time the office will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Beak will replace Mrs Truelson in the classroom of a Monday during this time.

Classroom news
Easter Reading Challenge Winners
Great work to those who participated. It is great to see so many students reading through the holidays. Congratulations to the Easter Reading Challenge winners:

P-2: Justin Sharps
3-7: Meg Truelson

Great work to Charli White and Tayla Chapman who came a very close 2nd!

Prep – Year 2 room update
Maths
This week the 1s and 2s we are focusing on adding small decimal numbers. We are doing small money problems, adding different amounts. The grade 2 students have started rounding. The prep students are still working through the teen numbers and counting backwards and recognising numbers on their own is a huge focus too.

English
This week in English we are reading Aboriginal stories and looking at how they usually begin; ‘Long, long ago.’ Students are learning about what the flag means and that each story is their justification of why the World is the way it is. We have read about the sun, black crows and the magic fire sticks. They are enjoying looking at the Aboriginal symbols and are learning about the different types of boomerangs they used.

Early Years Curriculum
This term our focus is on Health. The students are still engaging in weekly fine and gross motor skill activities. Students have made a food pyramid and we talked about what foods we should when.

History – Miss Day
Students will look at family structure and the different structures across different cultures.
Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
In English this week we are continuing work on persuasive texts. ‘Beef is better than lamb’ and ‘It should not be compulsory to wear a helmet when riding a bike.’ We are working on improving our sentences by making them ‘super’ sentences. Word of the week this week is: conclusion.

Maths
This week we have created a data set for throwing bean bags into hula hoops and looked at various data sets and then made line plots of the data. We have continued to review our knowledge of symmetry, transformations, reflections and rotation and continued work on short answer questions. We are studying our 7x tables.

History
This week we are looking at the arguments for and against Federation. This includes migration, tariffs, colony power, land protection, decision making, transport and communication as well as the economy. We are continuing our independent research into the colonies before Federation.

Science – Mr Holmes
This week the P-2 students will be expanding their focus on the day and night sky observations. This includes the moon and the reason why we have day and night.
The year 3/4 class are focusing on the Earth’s atmosphere and investigating all the elements. They will use a mind mapping approach to show their thinking. One of their tasks is to create a collection of photos to show their ideas e.g. storms. Comparing the Earth and Mars is the focus of the year 5/6/7 group. They will be using digital images and experimenting with green screening techniques to see if it is possible for humans to live on Mars in the future.

Students’ work
Two examples of our Narratives from last term.

My new puppy by Madison Year 3
I’m excited! Today is the day. I can see a cage full of puppies. The steering wheel was shaking because of the bumpy road that led to where the puppies lived. I sat in the cage. Then a ginger puppy with four legs and a stumpy tail came to me. She had a very wet nose and a wet mouth and she bit my ear. I was nervous and excited. I picked her up. This was the one I wanted. We got in the car. The other puppies started to bark because they were sad because their big sister was leaving them. I’m going to call her Kelly.

The excitement by Lacee Year 3
The horses were galloping. They nearly ran me over. The dogs started to bark and Shelby started to scream. She was excited! I ran out to the car. It’s my cousins. Dad is cooking the onion, steak and sausages and mum is cooking the potato bake. I can smell it from here. Onion is disgusting when it’s raw. The dogs peed on the wheel and the horses were pooing near the car. We went down to the dam and had a swim, it was so refreshing. The car got bogged and I had to get out and push. I had to call out for someone to help me. I can’t push it by myself. I’m too small. I can’t push it. So dad had to help me. We went home and had dinner, there were people everywhere. I couldn’t hear anything. It’s so loud. My cousins and I went outside and played a game. It was like corner sply but then they had to go. I said goodbye to my cousins. I couldn’t wait until they came back.
Discover kindy fun!
The kindy section of the department’s website is now home to fun activities, resources and events. The ‘Fun and games’ page, features the ‘Monster Match’ game which was distributed to more than 35,000 rural and remote families in Queensland. The game was developed as part of the ‘Kindy counts!’ campaign to communicate the benefits of kindy. Visit http://www.qld.gov.au/kindyfun

Transition to school from kindergarten
Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years’ teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children’s continuity of learning is maintained. A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

P & Cs Queensland 2014 State Conference
P & Cs Queensland 2014 State Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Gold Coast on 12 – 13 September 2014. Registrations are now open. For more information visit www.pandcsqld.com.au/state-conference or contact the Conference Manager on 1800 218 228 or 07 3352 3900.

Student Council – Cadyn Murphy
The student council is going to have another market! We are looking for any old clothes, shoes, jewellery and toys for our trash and treasure. If you are willing to donate items please bring into the school.

Our markets will be on Saturday, 21st of June from 8am to 11am. There will be refreshments for sale. Also make sure you have sent back in the money for the chocolate fundraiser.

Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to: Meg Truelson for Being Responsible and working well with others during group activities

Bookwork Awards
Awards this week went to: Madison Wooley and Cooper McKenzie for neat and consistent work in their handwriting books
**Important dates this term**

**May**
14-16 May NAPLAN
23 May Romp in the park
26-29 May Principal’s conference
30 May CQ Mobile Education Trailer

**June**
4 June Under 8’s Day
5 June Golf workshop
6 June Rockhampton Show Holiday
9 June Queens Birthday
12 June Golf workshop
13 June School athletics
20 June District athletics
26 June Golf workshop

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Marlborough State School Centenary
2017

We are forming a committee in preparation for our celebrations in 2017.

If you are interested in joining the committee to help organise this event please contact:

Sharyn Truelson
P&C President 49380143
or school on 49356166
Tennis Coaching

Term 2 2014

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A chance to have YOUR SAY on Health and Service Needs in YOUR Community

Community Healthcare Forum

Date: Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} May, 2014
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Marlborough Town Hall
Address: Milman Street
Hosted By: Central Queensland Medicare Local
RSVP: Please indicate your interest by phone (4921 7777) or email communications@cqmedicarellocal.com
SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 1:
“Art Exhibition & Wine Tasting”

Special thanks to Mandy White for co-ordinating this fundraising event which will incorporate an auction of children’s artwork (to be organised at school) and wine-tasting (with wine available for purchase). Finger food will be served and a bar operating at the Hall. More details will be available as the term progresses.

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CQCC COMPETITION: Each year the Central Queensland Carcase Classic hosts a competition for carcase cattle which are killed at Teys Lakes Creek plant. Our P&C is fortunate to be one of the nominated beneficiaries of this competition. Competitors who choose which beneficiary a small percentage of their proceeds will be directed to, and we have just received a cheque for over $900 from last year’s competition. Nominations for this year’s event close on May 23, and if anybody is interested, details are available through the CQCC website: cqcarseclassic.com.au

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MEETING MINUTES: will be pinned on the noticeboard in the school stairwell for anybody wishing to catch up on what was discussed at a previous meeting.

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PUB RAFFLES: Don’t miss out on your chance to take home one of four meat trays, a six-pack or bottle of wine every Friday night of term at the local Hotel. Many thanks to the families who volunteer to sell tickets and Bob & Annie at the Hotel for their continued support. Please take note of the roster and if you are unable to make your date, feel free to swap or contact Matthew to make alternative arrangements (Ph. 0439 356 222).

LUNCH BOX SANDWICH IDEA:

Spread one slice of bread with Peanut Butter, sprinkle with sultanas. Layer thinly sliced apple and top with sprouts and second slice of bread.

It really is delicious ... and a little bit healthy.
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Each year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is held in the month of May. The aim of the month is to:

- Raise community awareness on the effects of domestic and family violence;
- Promote a clear message of NO tolerance to domestic and family violence in our community;
- Promote what support is available in our community for those affected by domestic and family violence; and
- Encourage those who used abuse or violence to take responsibility and seek support to change.

Do you know someone affected by domestic and family violence?

This year’s campaign is **MAKE THE CALL** (Queensland Government – Deptartment of Communities). The campaign encourages the friends, family, colleagues and neighbours of people experiencing abuse in a domestic or family relationship to call the statewide DVConnect Womensline or Mensline to seek confidential advice about safety strategies and available support.

The aim of the campaign is to enable people in the community to recognise signs of domestic and family violence and especially non-physical form of violence – such as stalking, threats, verbal abuse or controlling behaviour.