FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 – Week 3

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. This means that all students will improve in reading, writing and numeracy because we will be focussing on the best possible ways to teach.

Welcome to Miss Jessica Stevens
We are happy to welcome Jess to our team. Jess is filling in for Mrs Morphy while she is on leave.

Awards
This week’s award winners were Tayla for always giving 100% and Makayla Murphy for working hard in maths.

School Captains
On February the 11th, Marlborough’s new school captains were announced. Jessie and Troy were the two lucky people who are filling these positions. Using their words, they are still hanging in there after 7 years here at this school. All of the students at Marlborough State School are proud to call these two our new school leaders. And congratulations to our other captains, Wallace Noakes (Delta Captain), Hugh Truelson (Delta Vice Captain), Logan Beak (Kelso Captain) Cadyn Murphy (Kelso Vice Captain), Veronica Lloyd-Jones (Student Council President), Tayla Chapman (Student Council Secretary) and Jessie Noakes (Student Council Treasurer)

Student council - President report
On Monday this week the student council met for the first time to hold there AGM and elect a new executive. The president position went to Veronica Lloyd-Jones, Jessie Noakes is treasurer and Tayla Chapman was voted in as secretary. When we found out who got all of the positions we realised that the student council is girl powered because all of the positions went to the 3 oldest girls in the school.

Contact Information
We are currently updating school records; therefore we are asking parents to please update any details that may have changed. Please pay particular attention to any changes of:
- Current address
- Contact telephone numbers
- Emergency contacts, and
- Medical conditions
If changes are required please contact the school office at your earliest convenience – phone 49356166 or email: spolk1@eq.edu.au.
Student leadership conference
On Wednesday February 20 there will be a leadership conference in Rockhampton for our Year 6-7 students. It will begin 9.00 and conclude at 2.30.

Mathematics
This is a good site for practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Students can adjust the difficulty and the time they need.
http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact/mathFact.htm

High Frequency Words Cards
The word cards sent home are used to assist students in developing immediate word recognition which is required for the best possible start in reading and writing. Practising these every night is essential in giving these students

First Aid Course
On Saturday February 23 Capricorn First Aide will be running a course at the school. It is open to the community. Ring the office Monday to Wednesday to register your place. Unfortunately due to organisational constraints we are unable to take registrations on the day.
Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm
Cost: $120

Parking in school grounds
For Workplace Health and Safety reasons, parents and staff are reminded that no parking is permitted in the school grounds. A designated area for off street parking is located between the Principal’s residence and the tennis court. Unless absolutely necessary, vehicles should be parked in the street or in the parking area.

Parent Contribution
The Stationery and Equipment Parent Contribution for 2013 will be $30 per Semester/$60 per Year. Children will be supplied with all necessary stationery etc as well as earphones. They will only receive one set of earphones and if they are lost or damaged and need replacing, it then becomes the responsibility of parents to replace them. Fees may be paid by Semester or for the full year.

Invitation
Parents and community members are invited to attend the investiture of new student leaders on Monday 18th at 9am. Please bring a plat to share for morning tea.

Regards

Meg Saunderson

Welcome Miss Stevens
Hi my name is Jess Stevens. I have been appointed as the Science and SOSE teacher at Marlborough State School. I am looking forward to working with your children and getting to know them. I recently moved to the area from the Gold Coast, where I taught at Somerset College. Previous to that I taught in London, which was an experience to say the least! I enjoy horse riding, fitness, cooking and travelling. I’m really looking forward to meeting you at the Parents “Meet and Greet” this Friday afternoon.
The new preps, Bonnie, Jake, Charlie and Sophie are all cutting out magazine pictures with Mrs Rath. Keep on cutting and pasting preps!

Text and Photo by Wallace Noakes

MEDICATION
Education Queensland regulations prohibit students carrying their own medication to school. We require that parents deliver medication to your child’s teacher. Non-prescribed medications should not be brought to school and will not be administered by school staff. Non-prescription medication including pain relief medication (Panadol, Stingose, etc) and cough mixtures will not be administered.
Medication prescribed by a doctor or dentist may be administered to students by school staff. It is necessary to:
☐ complete the medication form available from your child’s teacher or forward a letter indicating the child’s name, the type of medication and dosage.
☐ The medication must be handed to your child’s teacher in its original prescription container and administered according to the instructions. A copy of the pharmacist’s label will be made.
☐ A school register is kept of all medication issued.

Self-Administration of Medication
Contemporary management of chronic health conditions encourages students to administer their own medication, to recognise the signs and symptoms of their condition and to participate in the full range of activities offered by the school. In the event of an emergency situation, it may be necessary for a student to be assisted with the administration of medication (e.g. using an EpiPen to treat anaphylaxis or Ventolin to treat asthma).
Parents/caregivers must notify the Principal in writing if their student is to self-administer medication and/or to carry their own medication (e.g. Adrenaline auto-injector for emergency first aid treatment of anaphylaxis) or store their medication at the school.
Self-administration or assisted administration of medication may include:
☐ inhaling medication such as “Ventolin” for asthma;
☐ use of adrenaline auto-injector (e.g. EpiPen)
☐ monitoring blood sugar levels and the injection of insulin for diabetes;
☐ orally administering anti-convulsant medication for epilepsy; and
☐ orally administering enzyme replacements for cystic fibrosis.

EARLY DEPARTURE/LATE ARRIVAL FROM/TO SCHOOL
A Student sign out register will be in place in the office beginning this week. If you need to take your children home early or they are late arriving for any reason it is an Education Queensland requirement that you sign them out of the school; stating the reason for early departure. This is a standard safety practice for all Queensland Schools.
SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot - it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!

Applications forms have been sent home today if you are interested in opening an account for your child.

Tokens collected last year can be carried forward to 2013!!

2013 Rewards - Our new exciting suites of rewards:

- Handball (available Term 1 and 2)
- Wallet (available Term 1 and 2)
- Knuckle Bones (available Term 1 and 2)
- Torch with removable lenses (available Term 2 and 3)
- Calculator (available Term 3 and 4)
- Headphones (available Term 4 only)

Money Boxes - available all year round.

LEARN TO SURF

Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf will be holding the annual Girl's Go Surfing Day on the 16th/17th of February. This is an initiative to get girls into riding waves and a healthy lifestyle. Info can be found at [http://www.girlsgosurfingday.com/](http://www.girlsgosurfingday.com/) and places can be reserved by phoning Pat on 49392780 or 0488076595. Please note that we are holding the event a week later than advertised due to extremely high tides and flooding. Surf Groms is also starting again Term 1 for our younger students and info can be found at [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com)

TENNIS LESSONS

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association's coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($8 weekly) commence Saturday, February 2, from 8.00am - 11.00am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experience supervisors employed.
2013

February
Friday, 15th – P & C Meeting AGM 5pm followed by Meet & Greet
Monday 18th – Leaders Badge Presentation
Wednesday 20th – GRIP Leadership Workshop – Year 6 & 7
Friday 22nd – Budget Workshop, Parkhurst SS – Ms Saunderson & Mrs Polkinghorne attending
Saturday 23rd – First Aid Course
Thursday & Friday 28th & 29th – Principal’s Conference Brisbane – Ms Sanderson attending.

Marlborough State School

P & C News

President: Matthew Noakes 49356062  Secretary: Sharyn Truleson 49380143
Vice President: Neil Lloyd-Jones 49356641  Treasurer: Brenda Chapman 49356030

MEET & GREET BBQ – Friday 15th February: Come along to the meet & greet bbq to welcome our new families to the school. We will be having our AGM at 5pm followed by BBQ dinner.

Meat is provided just bring a salad or dessert to share

Prep-2  Dessert
Years 3-7  Salad
Staff  Either

Thank-you for your prompt replies and look forward to seeing you all there.

Pub Raffles – Thank-you to all the helpers who have volunteered their time to help out with the pub raffles. Following is a roster for term 1 & 2:

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If you are unable to help on the night listed please change amongst yourselves or contact Matthew. Remember to purchase tickets to be in the running to win 4 meat trays, a six pack or a bottle of wine. Tickets are available all week from the hotel.

Show Catering: Thank-you to all who have volunteered their time to help for the show catering. This will be discussed at our next meeting to decide if we will go ahead.

Tuckshop - There will be a tuckshop day on Friday 8th March. Order forms will be sent home soon.

Next Meeting & AGM: Friday 15 February 2013
5pm followed by BBQ at Marlborough State School

The President and Secretary positions will be up for grabs, so please consider becoming an executive on such a wonderful committee!!!!

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and Meet & Greet BBQ.