FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 – Week 4

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.

Student Leader Investiture

On Monday morning the student leader Investiture took place. Councillor Glenda Mather attended to present the badges to the students and help us celebrate and recognise the commitment our students are making towards themselves, the school and the community. Students made a pledge in front of everyone in attendance.

Before this school assembly I make a promise to:

- uphold the school motto of honesty and trust
- undertake my responsibilities as a school leader
- act as a role model both in and out of school
- foster friendship, fairness and equality
- obey the school rules
- be a responsible member of the Marlborough School Community

Swimming

There will be no lessons on March 6, as the pool will be closed.

Cross country date claimers

Inter-house cross country will be held on Monday 18 March here at the school. District cross country will be held on Wednesday 27 March at St Lawrence.

Mathematics

Last week logon and password information was sent home for the IXL math site. It is a free trial and if it is suitable and easy to use, but also engaging, we will consider subscribing for the year. It is aligned to the national curriculum. Encourage your child to use IXL at home during this trial period. We are using it at school and I have told the students if they try a skill and it is too easy or too hard go up or down a year level for that skill. Please feedback to us your thoughts on how easy it is to navigate, how engaging it is and whether you think it is worth us investing in after the trial.

Reading

To add variety to reading at home, consider different types of reading activities on different nights. For example students could:

- read the newspaper with Dad
- curl up with a soft toy and read a favourite book
- read some junk mail
- get Mum or Dad to read a chapter of a chapter book
- read an information book from the library
Homework
Please remember that Education Queensland recommends the following maximum homework hours over a week:
In the Prep Year, generally students will not be set homework.
Years 1-3: Could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.
Years 4-5: Could be up to but generally not more than 2-3 hours per week.
Years 6-7: Could be up to but generally not more than 3-4 hours per week.

I would suggest:
· do reading and site words first
· math facts second if there is time left
· if students are having trouble let us know
· for 3-7 if the math is too hard try IXL and make a note in the homework book
· Year 1-5 after half an hour stop, make a note in their homework book
· Year 6-7 after an hour stop, make a note in their homework book

First Aid Course
On this Saturday February 23, last chance to register! Capricorn First Aide will be running a course at the school. It is open to the community. Ring the office Wednesday or Thursday 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

School Photos
We have decided to have school photos done at the beginning of the year this year so it is not so much of a rush at the end of the year. Photos will be taken on Thursday 21st March.

Parent Contribution
Thank you to those families who have paid their contribution already. 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. Fees may be paid by Semester or for the full year.

Regards

Meg Saunderson
2013

**February**
Friday 22nd – Budget Workshop, Parkhurst SS – Ms Saunderson & Mrs Polkinghorne attending
Saturday 23rd – First Aid Course
Thursday & Friday 28th & 1st March – Principal’s Conference Brisbane – Ms Sanderson attending.

**March**
Friday 8th - Tuckshop
Monday 18th - Interhouse Cross Country
Thursday 21st March – School Photos
Wednesday 27th – Interschool Cross Country – St. Lawrence
Thursday 28th – Last Day of Term 1

**April**
Monday 15th – Term 2 Begins

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**WANTED**

**Country Belle’s & Beau’s**

To attend the

**Marlborough Show Boot Scootin’ Ball!**

Moderated by

23rd March 2013 at 6.30pm

And rounded up at

Marlborough Hall

Junior Prince & Princess
Balls of the Ball
Matron of the Ball
Back of the Ball
Lucky Spot
Licensed Bar
Raffle

Live Music By Hot Hot Hot

**Tickets at the Door**

Adults and High School Students $15
Primary School Students $5
Under School Age Free

Bus from Rockhampton
(Seats are Limited - Bookings by 15th March 2013 – olive.dxx@gmail.com)

BBQ Burger Provided at 7.00pm

Snag on Bread for Kids
A few changes to the P&C committee occurred on Friday night at our AGM. We would like to welcome Sue Gray as Secretary and Fiona Noakes as Vice-President. Brenda Chapman is continuing as Treasurer and Sharyn Truelson has taken over the Presidents role. We’d like to take this opportunity also to thank Matthew Noakes & Neil Lloyd-Jones for their commitment to the P&C over the last 3 years.

**MEET & GREET BBQ** – Great to see so many come along the BBQ Friday night and it’s a shame some couldn’t make it due to weather conditions. It turned out to be a lovely night, great food & great company.

**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 our Raffles Co-ordinator, 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:** P&C will be catering for the show this year on 20th April. Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to help. We will further discuss the catering at our next meeting.

**Cadbury Fundraiser:** A box of chocolates will be sent home with each family by the end of the week. Please sell as many as you can. This will be a great fundraiser for the P&C. The money and the unsold chocolates will need to be returned to school 22nd March.

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

**Next Meeting:**
Wednesday 13 March 2013
3.10pm
at Marlborough State School

**Agenda:**
WH&S
Show Catering
Phone Directory
Fundraising Ideas for the Year