FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 – Week 5

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.

Year 7 shirts
On Monday the Year 7 shirts arrived. They look great and the students are very happy with them. The shirts were sponsored by Gary Knight from Raptor Embroidery, who also went to a small school. It was an unbelievably generous gesture so if you’re in town and need embroidery, you know where to go.

Attendance
One of the priorities recognised for our school by district office is attendance. Our attendance fell to 89% last year and should be around 94%.

Every Day Counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

I have attached a table to show how minutes can add up and next week will include one on how days can add up.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf
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**Awards**
This week’s award winners were Wallace for working quietly and productively in design technology and Jake for using his manners.

**Classes in action**
Here are some candid shots of the students in action.

**Year 3-7 working hard on English**

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

**Student council – President Report**
At our meeting this Monday student council decided to hold an Easter themed day where you can dress up in an Easter themed costume. On this day we will have activities like treasure hunts and best costume competition and all things like that. There is going to be a raffle with the prizes being Easter eggs and stuff like that. It is going to be held on the last day of school. (Written by Veronica Lloyd-Jones)

**Tuckshop**
The school will be having a tuckshop on March 8. Bags are attached. Please return by Monday 4th March.

**Regards**

Meg Saunderson
2013

February
Thursday & Friday 28th & 1st March – Principal’s Conference Brisbane – Ms Saunderson 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

WANTED
Country Belle’s & Beau’s
To attend the
Marlborough Show
Boot Scootin’ Ball!

Mustered by
23rd March 2013 at 6.30pm
And rounded up at
Marlborough Hall
Junior Prince & Princess
Balls of the Ball
Mistress 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 – olivie.deo@gmail.com)

BBQ Burger Provided at 7.00pm
Snag on Bread for Kids
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:

3 May Noakes
10 May Truelson
8 March Gray
17 May Chapman
15 March McKenzie
24 May Sharps
22 March White
31 May Gray
Term 2:
7 June McKenzie
19 April Wooley
14 June White

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 has been sent home with each family. 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 by 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 (workplace health and safety)
Show Catering
Phone Directory
Fundraising Ideas for the Year

Please come along to the next meeting, it’s a great way to share your ideas!!!