FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 – 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.

Staffing update
Our third teacher will begin work on Monday. Please make Ms Nugent and her son feel welcome.

School athletics carnival - date change
Due to regional cross country occurring on May 23 we have moved our school athletics Monday May 20 to give students competing in both events time to recover.

NAPLAN testing time again
Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

Awards
This week’s students of the week are Riley for improvement with his maths facts and Sophie for Great reading and sight words
(Photos by Jacob)

Student Council Report - Jessie Noakes
During the last three Student Council meetings we have discussed a Western themed “Hoedown” which will be held sometime in the upcoming weeks. There will be a flyer coming out with the newsletter next week with more detail. The Easter party that we held last term turned out to be a success with the Student council making $81-50 bringing our balance to $1886-50.
Woolworths Earn and Learn
Yes! It is on again this year. This is a wonderful program that allows us to get a choice of items for free including Maths and English resources, science equipment, arts and craft materials, sports gear and more. Please start collecting your stickers (and your neighbours and family’s stickers) and place them inside the green box located at the school office. Last year we were able to get some large cushions for the classrooms which have proven very popular, especially at reading time.

Mother’s Pampering Day
All mothers are invited to school on Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} May for a ‘pampering day’. Sounds good to me!!!

Parent Contribution
Semester 2 parent contributions are now due. If you have already paid Semester 1 & 2, thank you. These fees are now due.

Regards

Meg Saunderson

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\textbf{IMPORTANT DATES!}
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Wednesday May 1 - \textbf{RREAP cluster} meeting
Friday May 10 – Mothers Pampering Day.
Tuesday May 14 - \textbf{NAPLAN} - Language conventions
Wednesday May 15 - \textbf{NAPLAN} - Reading
Thursday May 16 - \textbf{NAPLAN} – Numeracy
Wednesday May 22 - \textbf{School athletics} - Kelso takes on Delta to hone their skills for districts
Thursday May 23 - \textbf{Golf workshop} – Mr Gardiner joins us for our last session
Friday May 24 - \textbf{Romp in the Park} – Under 8’s day in Rockhampton
Tuesday May 28 - \textbf{Marlborough District athletics} – C’mon Marlborough bring it home again!

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Friday June 7 - \textbf{Rockhampton Show Day} – no school
Monday June 10 - \textbf{Queens Birthday} – no school
What’s Happening…….

Pie & Lamington Drive: Thank you to everyone for supporting the Pie Drive. Pies will be delivered to school Monday morning and sent home with your children on Monday afternoon.

Pub Raffles: Don’t forget to get your tickets in the meat trays at the Pub. Gotta be in it to win it!! Pub Raffles is our most consistent fundraisers for P&C, and drawn each Friday night.

Phone Directory: The phone directory is on sale and available from school, and Post Office @ $10 each. Please let friends and family know so we can get it out into our community.

Inter-School Athletics: Just a reminder to Parents for the Inter-School Athletics on the 28th May, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring along a morning tea item.

Inter-House Athletics: Again at the Inter-House Athletics on the 20th May, please bring along a shared morning tea item.

Meeting Agenda:

- WH&S (work place health and safety)
- Show Profit
- Bush Dance

From little things big things grow….

Thank-you to all helpers who have volunteered their time to help out with the pub raffles.

Pub Raffles

Term 2
3rd May Noakes
10th May Truelson
17th May Chapman
24th May Sharps
31st May Gray
7th June McKenzie
14th June White
21st June Woolley

Athletics Training
Mondays 3.15pm
for those wanting to brush up on their athletics before inter-school join the Parents and helpers on the school oval Monday afternoons.

Next Meeting
Wed. 4th June 2013
Marlborough State School
3:10pm

Sue Gray
Secretary

Please come and share your thoughts and ideas at our next meeting….