FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 – 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.

Staffing update
Please welcome to our school Ms Camille Nugent. Ms Nugent comes to us from North Coast Region. Her days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

New Student – Interview by Clayton photo by Hannah
Anton Nugent is our new Year 4 student. He used to go to North Arm State School. He is 10 years old and doesn’t have a favourite animal because he likes all of them. Anton doesn’t have a favourite food he eats everything!

Congratulations Veronica Lloyd-Jones
Veronica was asked to attend the Rockhampton regional schools hockey carnival in Gladstone yesterday as a goalie. We are all proud of the hard work she has put into being the best hockey player she can be.

School Mobile Phone
Under direction from central office the school has purchased a mobile phone. The phone will be taken on all excursions from the school, including sporting events such as the swimming carnival. This will enable staff to contact parents if the need arises and will provide an emergency contact number for parents. Please add the mobile phone number to your contact list. Mobile phone number: 0477760013

Upcoming dates to remember
This term we have many things happening so make sure you add these dates to your calendar.
Monday May 27 Football skills – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Friday May 31 Western hoedown disco – Student council run disco 5-9pm
Monday June 3 Football skills – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Monday June 17 Football skills – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Friday June 21 Educators day – A day to say thank you to all the staff at Marlborough State School
Educators day
Different days are allocated throughout the year as a way of saying thank you to staff in schools. There is teacher aides day, world teachers day, secretaries day and world cleaners day. Instead of celebrating each of these separately we have decided to combine them into one day and call it Educators Day. This will be a day for students to say thank you to the special people that touch their lives each day when they are at school. I would encourage parents to help students send a personal note of thanks to the fabulous staff here at Marlborough mentioning something they are grateful to that staff member for. These are the notes and cards we surround ourselves with and open when we are having a bad day to remind us why we love our job.

Volunteers
We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to be allocated jobs at the district athletics day. Jobs include timekeepers, high jump, shot put and long jump assistants. Please notify Sharon in the office if you are able to help out so that she can slot you in to the program.

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 Clayton for being polite and trying his hardest in class and Sammy for working hard on her reading. (Photo by Veronica)

Student Council Report – Veronica Lloyd Jones
In this week student council meeting we figured out a date for the hoedown, it is going to be on the Friday the 31st of May. If everyone that is planning to come can you please rsvp by the 21st of May so we know how many people are coming (contacts are down below). Entry is $3 per person or $10 family
Vlloy1@eq.edu.au (President)
Jnoak7@eq.edu.au (Treasurer)
Tchap23@eq.edu.au (Secretary)

Expressions of Interest
We are looking for a grounds beautification officer for 4 hours per week during semester 2. This involves upgrading the schools gardens, working on a vegetable garden with students, weeding and shrub trimming. We are expecting that the successful applicant would work with students for approximately an hour of this time. All enquiries to the principal.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The stickers have started coming in. Thanks everyone. This wonderful program 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 keep those stickers (and your neighbours and family’s stickers) coming in 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.
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

IMPORTANT DATES!

2013

May
Friday May 10 – Mothers Pampering Day.
Tuesday May 14 - **NAPLAN** - Language conventions
Wednesday May 15 - **NAPLAN** - Reading
Thursday May 16 - **NAPLAN** – Numeracy
Wednesday May 22 - **School athletics** - Kelso takes on Delta to hone their skills for districts
Thursday May 23 - **Golf workshop** – Mr Gardiner joins us for our last session
Friday May 24 - **Romp in the Park** – Under 8’s day in Rockhampton
Monday May 27 **Football skills** – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Tuesday May 28 - **Marlborough District athletics** – C’mon Marlborough bring it home again!
Friday May 31 **Western hoedown disco** – Student council run disco 5-9pm

June
Monday June 3 **Football skills** – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Friday June 7- **Rockhampton Show Day** – no school
Monday June 10 - **Queens Birthday** – no school
Monday June 17 **Football skills** – with Sally Galloway the NRL education officer
Friday June 21 **Educators day** – A day to say thank you to all the staff at Marlborough State School

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What’s Happening……..

Pie & Lamington Drive: Thank you to everyone for supporting the Pie Drive. Profits are over $300.

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.

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