FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 – Week 9

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.

June school holidays
The year has certainly flown and the June school holiday break is upon us. School closes for the holidays Friday June 21 at 3:00pm and resumes on Monday 8 July.

Report cards
Report cards will be sent home next week. Parents are reminded that although no formal interviews have been arranged, you are invited to meet with your child's teacher should the need exist. Please take the time to discuss your child's report with them and set new and achievable goals for next semester.

Student council – Veronica Lloyd Jones
On Friday May 31 the student council held a hoedown, most people were there but if you weren't then this will give you a general idea of how much money we made. After adding up and taking away all the money we made it came to $387, which brings our student council total over $2000. Also left over soft drink cans will be sold at the school on Friday this week for $2.

Football Skills
Football skills are on again, Monday June 17 at 9.00. Sally Galloway will join us for the students last session.

Celebration Day
Celebration day will be held on the same day as Educators day, Friday June 21 at 2.00. We hope you can all join us for the drama presentations and poetry recitals.
Romp in the Park
On Friday May 24 the P-2 class went to Romp in the Park at the Botanic Gardens for the under 8s day. They participated in a soccer game, got their faces painted, did bowling, put their hands in goo, sat in an ambulance and then visited the animals in the zoo. Students had a great time.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The stickers have started coming in. Thanks everyone. Last year we collected 2306 stickers and we have already exceeded this! Our target is 5000 and so far we have 3180! We have until June 30 to submit our sheets so 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.

Start reading! (Premiers Reading Challenge)
The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge students began on Tuesday 14 May and ends on Friday 6 September. We have sent home reading records with students. If you send them back in their homework folders each day they can add the books they are reading at school as well.

Attendance
One of the priorities recognised for our school is attendance. Our attendance fell to 89% last year and should be around 94%. Every day is important, even days leading up to the school holidays.

Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?
That’s when every minute counts the most!!

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.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but.......

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More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf
NAB Schools First Awards
Applications for the NAB Schools First Awards are open and students with an idea for a great partnership our school could organise with the community could win $5000 and an iPad! The application window closes on 28 June and the NAB Schools First Awards website has all the details: http://www.schoolsfirst.edu.au/apply

What’s in a name?

Fitzroy River Water is inviting classrooms in the Region to participate in a competition to help name their new educational character; the Fitzroy River Turtle.

Ask your child or their teacher to see if they are getting involved in naming the turtle. The winning classroom will receive goody bags and recognition. Start turtle name brainstorming today!

Regards
Meg Saunderson

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Tennis Coaching in Term 3
Hi everyone, I am keen to start tennis coaching again in Term 3. Could you please let me know if your kids would be interested in playing. Coaching will be every second Wednesday afternoon. So the dates would be: 10th July, 24th July, 7th August, 21st August, 4th September, 18th September
The format will be the same as previous years with a 30min ($5) lesson for the Preppies and 45mins ($7) for the older kids. I also started last year doing the pre-school kids so if I get a few again this year I’d be happy to do them again for just 15mins or so before school finishes. I'll put the groups in next weeks newsletter once I have an idea of who would like to play. Let me know your thoughts/queries/questions.
Thanks. Chloe Atkinson 49356007 or 0417637383 chloe.bidgood@uqconnect.edu.au
What's Happening........

Pub Raffles

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

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P&C News

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.

Catering: P&C will be catering for a clearance sale on the 22nd June at “Oakleigh”Ogmore. If you are able to assist with catering either on the day or with some morning tea items please let Sharyn Truelson know. Catering begins at 9am so please bring your morning tea item along then or drop off at school on the Friday before (21st June).

P&C Thankyou/Farewell: A thankyou/Farewell for Kari will be on 30th July at 10am for High Tea. So please bring along a special High Tea item to share.

Meeting Agenda:

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

From little things big things grow....

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Next Meeting

Tues, 30th July 2013
Marlborough State School
3:10pm

Sue Gray
Secretary

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