**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Term 3 – Week 1**

*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.*

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome Danni McKenzie to the staff at Marlborough. Danni will be working on our gardens and with students of a Friday afternoon in our vegie patch. You may have noticed that she has already been hard at work securing donations from Boundary Nursery Garden Centre in Yeppoon for the ANZAC garden. Yesterday a brochure from the nursery was sent home to each family.

Welcome to our new students Jade (Prep) and Taneeka (Year 1) who have recently moved into the Marlborough area with their family and new baby sister.

**Welcome back!**  
Mrs Lisle and Mrs Collins both return to us this semester. They have returned refreshed and ready for action and were greeted with big smiles by students who have missed their smiling faces. A big thankyou goes out to Mrs Truelson who filled in for them while they were on leave. She had big shoes to fill and did a splendid job. Lucky for all of us Mrs Truelson will continue at school one day a week for the rest of the year.

**Annual report**  
The 2012 school annual report is now available online at our website with hardcopies available through the office for those who do not have access to the internet.
State of Origin
On Wednesday next week the final State of Origin game is on. Students are encouraged to wear team colours to school on the day as a show of support. Let’s all hope for a close exciting game!

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Stickers are no longer available from Woolworths. We will be sending our sheets in next Monday so if you have any stray stickers around please send them in as we have a few incomplete sheets and only full sheets are counted. Thanks everyone. Last year we collected 2306 stickers and we have already exceeded this! Our target is 5000 and so far we have 4140!

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 – Congratulations!
Last semester our overall attendance was 96.5%. One of the priorities recognised for our school is attendance. Our attendance fell to 89% last year and should be around 94%. All students will bring home their attendance rate for last semester. Remember, every day is important.

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.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

Great teachers = Great results
Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.
It will:
• support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
• reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
• strengthen state school discipline
• allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live. There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions. Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers
Student council – Veronica Lloyd Jones
In term 3 in student council all of us have decided to hold a 70’s themed disco, we are hoping that it will be as successful as the one that was held last term.

Tennis Lessons
Tennis lessons commence again this week and parents are reminded that as this is not a school activity, staff of the school are not responsible for students after 3pm. Children must be supervised by an adult, for their own and others safety. If any equipment is used by students not participating in lessons, then these must be returned and the grounds left tidy before leaving.

Rockhampton District Athletics
Events lists and participants will be sent home with those students who qualified and will be competing in the Athletics trials in Rockhampton on Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 July at Rockhampton High School oval. If your child is unable to participate please advise the office so that their position can be given to someone else.

Regards

Meg Saunderson
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July
Tuesday 16  *Ambulance Visit* – 9.30am
Monday 22  *Rockhampton District Athletics* – Field Events- Mrs Fallon
Tuesday 23  *Rockhampton District Athletics* – Track Events-Mrs Fallon
Wednesday 17  *Data PD Milman* – Ms Saunderson & Mrs Fallon Attending, Mrs Caton relieving.
Tuesday 30  *High Tea for Mrs Morphy* – P & C

August
Friday 2  *LOTE Visit* – Teacher visiting
Thursday 29  *P & C Meeting* – 3.15pm

September
Monday 9 – Friday 13  *Brisbane Camp*
Tuesday 17  *Science Final Rockhampton* – 6/7’s attending
Thursday 19  *T-Ball Competition* – Clarke Creek

Who was that masked man?

Eat your heart out Annie Oakley.

Yee-Haaaa!!!