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.

School opinion surveys
During the coming weeks, school opinion surveys will be conducted for staff, parents and students. Historically, Marlborough’s survey results have been very positive and the process continues to provide a valuable opportunity for participants to provide their feedback on the operations of the school. When you receive your parent survey, I would ask that you complete and return it sealed in the envelope provided to the school office by the date indicated on the survey.

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.

3-7 Camp
Permission notes for camp have come home this week. Payment is required by August 2 however we need permission notes back ASAP so that we can send a confirmed list of names to QANTAS.

Camp parent information session
A parent information session will be held on Monday July 22 at 3.15 in the P-2 room for any parents interested.

Endeavour visit
We had a surprise visit from the support vehicles of the Great Endeavour Rally yesterday. Over the past 24 years, Great Endeavour has seen all walks of life participate in this unique event. There is always one common cause - helping Endeavour Foundation raise as much money and awareness as possible, to provide opportunities for people with a disability. This year they are driving from Caloundra to Port Douglas and we wish them all the best.
Ambulance visit
Yesterday Justin Nehring, Officer in Charge at Marlborough Ambulance Station, made a visit to the school to talk to students about how to deal with an emergency situation. Students’ role played finding someone unconscious and calling 000. It certainly made us more aware of how important it is for students to know their phone number and address. Everyone also got to have a look through the ambulance. Thanks to Mrs Fallon and Mrs McKenzie who were our volunteer victims.

School jackets
An order is being placed for adult sizes of the blue Marlborough school jacket. If you would like a jacket please contact the school and let us know what size you need ordered. Adult sizes are S through to XXL.

Student supplies fee
The $30 second semester fee for student supplies is now due. This covers all books, pencils, photocopying and art supplies. Some families have not yet paid for first semester meaning that $60 per student is due. If you wish to opt out of this fee please notify the school so that we know you will purchase all supplies needed for your children.

Well done Henry Gray!
Henry has just returned to school after competing in Ipswich as part of the Capricornia team. He ranked 18th in his age group which is a massive effort and his relay team came 6th! Well done Henry you have made us very proud.

Garden
Work in the garden has begun and the watering roster is working very well. It is not a good time to be a crow around Marlborough SS at the moment as we have two of the scariest looking scarecrows around.

WHATS ON IN THE GARDEN……..

Last week the Butterflies and Bumblebees worked in their groups to make the newt members to Marlborough State School, Jack and Jill. They are the scarecrows who will be guarding the soon to be vegetable garden. This week I look forward to working with the groups to sow seeds and seedlings into the vegetable beds.

We have been very fortunate to have several Nurseries donate plants to the school. I am working on planting them all ASAP, so keep an eye out for some new changes to the garden beds. Feel free to pass on any suggestions or ideas. I’d love to hear them all.

Thanks Danii McKenzie

Thank You
A big thank you to Mr Truelson for picking up our new fridge. Also to Mr. McKenzie who was in the right place at the right time to help put the fridge in place.

Regards

Meg Saunderson
MISSING!!
From Marlborough Historical Museum
9 Green Plastic Outdoor Chairs not returned after hire.
If anyone has any information about these chairs please contact:
Sharon on 49356290

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July
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