FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 – 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
Ms Nugent gave notice this week and is returning to the Sunshine Coast for family reasons. She finished work yesterday. We wish her well in her future endeavours. We welcome back Mrs Penny Bryant who is returning from maternity leave and Miss Jess Stevens who was with us in term 1 who will share the position until the end of the term. Mrs Bryant’s first day will be next Wednesday and Miss Stevens joins us again for the first time on August 7.

Chicken coop
We are looking for someone who can help us upgrade our hens’ nesting boxes. The barrel they were using has rusted through and no longer has a bottom. We are hoping to attach the plastic boxes they are currently using to something that will lift them off the ground. Let us know if you can help out.

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.

Student council-Veronica Lloyd Jones
This week in student council we came up with businesses that we could write to asking for money so we can go on our Canberra camp next year. We came up with over 60 different businesses we could write to regarding this.
Marlborough district team
Well done to the district athletics team who competed in Rockhampton on Monday and Tuesday and came first in the C Schools, what a great effort! Special thanks to Mrs P and Mrs Fallon for helping on both days.

C Schools Boys 1st Bajool 33.5 pts 2nd The Caves 32.5 pts 3rd Port Curtis 21 pts
C Schools Girls 1st Marlborough Dist. 39 pts 2nd RGGS 26.5 pts 3rd Stanwell 24 pts
C Schools Aggregate 1st Marlborough Dist. 48 pts 2nd The Caves 47.5 pts 3rd Bajool 37.5 pts

 Regards
Meg Saunderson

WHATS ON IN THE GARDEN……..

Last week we got our hands dirty in the vegetable garden, planting a variety of winter crops. Yum Yum! We used different ways of sowing seeds using newspaper pots, gumboots, tins, tyres and pallets. This week we will be looking at our new worm bin. If anyone has any softdrink bottles (empty) can the please bring them in.

Thanks Danii McKenzie
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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**Important Dates!**

**2013**

**July**
Tuesday 30  *High Tea for Mrs Morphy* – P & C  
P & C Meeting 3.15pm

**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  
Friday 20 – Last day of Term 3
### 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.

#### Rockhampton District Athletics

Marlborough District won the all-round Trophy for C Schools at the Rockhampton District Athletics, last won in 1990. Marlborough District also won the Girls Trophy for C Schools. What an outstanding effort from every competitor. We also had winners!! Henry Gray won the 10 year’s boys 800 mtrs and the 10 year’s boys High Jump, Rachael Allgood won the 13 years girls 100 mtrs and the Open 100mtrs event, and Madi Acton won the 10 years girls 100 mtrs. Congratulations competitors for the effort put in and the atmosphere created. Go Marlborough District!

#### Meeting Agenda:

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

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