FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 – 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
Mr Jonathon Saunderson will be doing volunteer teacher aide work in the school for the next couple of weeks. He will be working with both the P-2 and the 3-7 classrooms helping in all aspects of the curriculum before heading back to Brisbane. Please make him feel welcome.

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.

Museum excursion
Permission notes have come home for a trip to the Marlborough Museum. It will happen on Thursday August 15 in the afternoon.

Regards

Meg Saunderson
GARDEN CLASSROOM

Last week was super fun, Hugh, Cadyn, Josh and Justin worked together to build a frame of 2 tepee's to allow our beans to grow up, now to just sit back and let nature take it's course. We also got time in to plant some yummy strawberries in milk containers that will hang on the fence, and plant a purple cabbage. Our vegetable garden is well on its way - very exciting. The marigolds are starting to flower and the beetroot, leek and Lettuce seeds are staring to sprout. We had an incident with the birds last week. They have been flying off with our newspaper pots. Luckily Mrs Rath found some netting to protect them.

We are calling on families and the community to help us out with bringing in some plants to put in the garden beds around the school, so any cuttings you may be able to spare would be fantastic. We are about to start preparing our herb garden so if you have any packets of seeds laying around you could spare bring them on in.

30th July 2013
To the Students, Parents and Staff of Marlborough State School,

Let me start by saying what a wonderful privilege it has been to be a part of your school for such a large part of my life. Little did I know when we enrolled our first child in Pre-school (as it was known then) in 1991, what lay ahead of me. The many memories I have as both parent and teacher at Marlborough State School over the past 18 years will forever have a special part in my heart as will your beautiful gifts and words of thanks and gratitude. The wonders of technology mean that I will always be able to stay in touch with what is happening at the school and I look forward to many more years of being a part of Marlborough State School as a supporter and volunteer.

With heartfelt thanks
Kari Morphy
Did you know an unregistered cat or dog can incur a $220 fine?
Animal Registration Notices have been mailed out. This year payment is due by 31 August. If you are claiming a discount, make sure you bring along your desexing and microchipping documents to receive the discount at the time of payment. For more information contact Rockhampton Regional Council on 1300 22 55 77 or 4932 9000.
Animal Registration Notice coming soon...

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Animal Registration Notices are due to be paid by 31 August.

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