FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 – Week 5

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
Miss Jess Stevens started back with us today and will continue through to the end of the term doing a job share with Mrs Penny Bryant. Students are very excited to see her. Please make her welcome.

Year 5-7 working with circuits

LOTE teacher visit
On Friday August 2 Mrs Kanako Iwakura, our LOTE teacher, came to the school and had a face to face lesson with our Year 7 students. Her other schools didn’t miss out as she taught those lessons via phone and iConnect in the same way she normally does, just from our school. The students really enjoyed the session and wanted to work through lunch and even offered up their Friday independent study time to keep working with Mrs Iwakura. What a great opportunity for them and a great complement to the program they receive. We are very grateful to Mrs Iwakura for coming up to Marlborough to visit.

Not long to go now! (Premiers Reading Challenge)
Come on everyone our target is 100% of students completing this 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
P-7 students will be walking down to the museum next Thursday at 1.30 with Ms Saunderson, Miss Stevens, Mrs Rath and Mrs Lisle. We are still waiting on a couple of permission notes.
Milman visit
On September 6 Year 3-7 from Milman will visit for lunch and a T-ball match. They will arrive at 10.30 and head home around 1.30. The game will take place around 11.30. Please feel free to join us.

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.

Archaeologists in the making!
Recently our budding cricketers made a historic discovery. A cricket pitch thought long gone. Working through lunch hours and before school the treasure was unearthed. Ohhh we can feel a cricket day coming on!

Voluntary contribution
Semester 2 contributions are now due. These contributions help the school with the purchase of books, stationery and other consumables that students use each day in the classroom. As recommended by our Auditor, next year we will move to a resource scheme and families will either opt in or out at the beginning of the year. If families opt in they will be invoiced for the resource scheme levy and the school will then provide all of the student requirements. Booklists will be provided for families not wishing to enter the scheme and they will then be responsible for all student supplies throughout the year.

Regards

Meg Saunderson

GIVE AWAY!!
We have a large number of lever arch folders, all in good condition that we no longer need. If you think you may be able to find a use for some of them, please come to the office.
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**August**
Wednesday 21 - **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……..**

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**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.

**Meeting Agenda:**
- WH&S (work place health and safety)
- Profits

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

Sue Gray  
Secretary

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**Next Meeting**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013  
Marlborough State School  
3:10pm

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