FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 – Week 6

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.

Scientist visit

On Friday August 7 we had a visit from our school’s Young Science Ambassador for the Wonder of Science program. Miss Angie Jarrad is a chemistry PhD student from the University of Queensland. She is working on making potential new drugs to combat resistant superbugs. Angie spoke to all the students about her job and science in general, a great way to break the stereotypes that exist around what a scientist looks like. She shared materials that the children could pass around such as some of the disposable plastic ware used in the lab, a 3D book of microscope images of bacteria and fungi and some photos of the lab that she works in. The students also had fun with a colour separation investigation with her.

Angie will be working with our Year 6 and 7 students on a WOW science challenge which involves students undertaking a research project that forms part of their study of science for Term 3. They work on their research project over a period of 7 weeks and then attend a student conference in Rockhampton on September 17 where they present their findings through a competition. Angie will be back for one more visit before the competition in Rockhampton.

Last chance to order adult size school jackets this year

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.

Well done Henry Gray!

Henry has just returned to school after competing in Rockhampton district athletics carnival. Henry placed 1st in the 800m and 6th in high jump. This means that Henry will go on to represent Rockhampton district in Mackay in the 800m. Good luck in Mackay Henry we will all be cheering for you!

Museum excursion - Tomorrow

P-7 students will be walking down to the museum tomorrow at 1.30 with Ms Saunderson, Miss Stevens, Mrs Rath and Mrs Lisle.

Tennis

Tennis lessons are well underway this term with a high participant rate. Parents are reminded that this is not a school run activity and as such students need to be supervised by a responsible adult. Students should not be in the classrooms, office, staffroom or library after school finishes without teacher permission.
Workplace health and safety
Due to the workplace health and safety requirements of Education Queensland no one is to drive onto the school grounds without prior permission from the office. Please ensure that you obtain permission before entering the school grounds with a vehicle.

Parent and community engagement
Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together. To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children. We are looking for parents to help form this framework and contextualise it for our school. Please contact Ms Saunderson if you are interested in being a part of this committee. We will meet after school as a committee to work through the needs of our school.

Every day counts
As we reach the middle of Term 3, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Repeat notices
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.

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.

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
Keppel Community Care is a Community Business providing in home support to frail aged people and people with disabilities. We are funded by the Dept of Health & Ageing and Dept of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services.

If you would like to know more about our services and what we can provide to people in your area we are conducting an Information Session on the following Days.

We would love to see you and look forward to supporting you to maintain your independence in your community.

**OGMORE Town Hall**  
Wednesday 28th August  
9:30am to 10:30am

**MARLBOROUGH Town Hall**  
Wednesday 28th August  
1pm to 2pm

Light refreshments will be provided.
**2013**

**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

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**Marlborough State School**

**P&C News**

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**What’s Happening……..**

**Pub Raffles**

**Term 3**
- 16\(^{th}\) August  McKenzie
- 23\(^{rd}\) August  Gray
- 30\(^{th}\) August  White
- 6\(^{th}\) Sept      Wooley
- 13\(^{th}\) Sept    Olive
- 20\(^{th}\) Sept    Noakes

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

**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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**Next Meeting**

Wed 21\(^{st}\) August 2013
Marlborough State School
3:10pm

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From little things big things grow….

Sue Gray
Secretary