FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – 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.

Dance Fever
Plans are still being finalised for the Dance Fever activities in week 6 however as soon as information is available I will send notes home.

Prep Orientation
Prep orientation started this week with our 2014 Preps joining us for the morning. These days are a valuable experience for pre Prep children as they meet new friends and become familiar with the school environment.
Welcome Brodie, Grace, Katelyn and Shelby.

Visit 1 - Wednesday October 23 2013
Visit 2 - Wednesday October 30 2013
Visit 3 - Wednesday November 6 2013
Visit 4 - Wednesday November 13 2013

AFL
Our first AFL session started this week. Students participated in a warm up, followed by skill activities designed to improve and familiarise them with the necessary skills of the game.

Grandparents Day – 27 October
We invite you to celebrate and acknowledge the role of grandparents and the special relationship they share with their grandchildren. Grandparents are custodians of the values, stories and histories of our families and our communities. Share memories and family traditions and more importantly – create new ones by spending the day with your grandparents this Sunday!

Turn your phone into a life saver
The Australian Red Cross has released a free first aid app for smartphone users. The app guides users through the correct response for many incidents including heart attacks, strokes and diabetic episodes along with the more common burns, sprains and strains. The app is easy to use and features vital life-saving information, videos and quizzes to test your first-aid knowledge on correct treatments for children and adults. Learning the skills to save a life through first aid training is one thing, but remembering what to do when under pressure is where this first aid app can help most.
This new Smartphone app is available from www.redcross.org.au/first-aid-app.aspx or the Google Play and Apple app stores.
Reminder notices:

School Banking
School banking will continue this term. If you have any tokens make sure you use them up this year as Commonwealth bank are changing their rewards system next year and will no longer be using the tokens.

Shoe Boxes
In design technology this term students are making dioramas. If you have any shoe boxes with lids at home please send them in.

Prep – Year 2 room update

English
Grade 1 and 2 students are starting biographies of each other this week. They have been learning about adjectives, synonyms and antonyms and will use these in their biographies. The whole class have been working on their handwriting and the setting out of their work.

Maths
The last 2 weeks students have focused on number, shape and collecting data. They have constructed 3D nets of shapes and made a shapes poster to display in our classroom. Students are still working on counting forwards and backwards and doing their 2 times tables. Each day for a warm-up they skip count by 2s, 5s, 10s, 9s, 100s and 1000s. They have been learning how many days are in each month and how many months are in one year.

Library
Library borrowing is on Thursdays. Please remind students to bring their books and library bag to school.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
This term we are examining poetry. So far we have looked at an Indigenous poem called Corroboree, The Wild Colonial Boy and Ode to a Fish. We have looked at the poetic devices poets use when writing to engage the reader and help them build of visual image. As part of the unit we are going to learn the second verse of the national anthem and ultimately we will work together to create a school anthem.

Maths
During the last 2 weeks students have revised their knowledge of time including using timetables, activity time estimation and problem solving using time. This week we begin work on angles, shape and symmetry. We are using isometric grid paper to draw 3D shapes, drawing equilateral triangles and revising angle sizes. Each day we continue to build our basic facts including multiplication.

School captain applications came home this week
Elections of School Captains will take place this term with our 2014 school captains receiving their badges on presentation night. On Tuesday students in Year 5 and 6 were given the Student leadership framework and application book. Even if a student is not interested in applying for the position of school captain the framework and booklet will be used next year for sports captain elections. Student application booklets will be due back in week 5.

Regards

Meg Saunderson
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

THE MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE IS SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR FUNDRAISING RAFFLE.

Grocery items
Drinks
Toys
Games
Anything at all!!!
A wheelbarrow has been donated already.........

Now we need to fill it up.
Any item will be greatly appreciated.

All items can be left at Marlborough Convenience Store.

THANK YOU

2013

October
Wednesday 30 – Prep Orientation 9am until 11am

November
Wednesday 6 – Prep Orientation 9am until 11am
Monday to Thursday, 11-14 November - Dance Fever visiting
Friday, 15 November - Dance presentation (parents invited)
Wednesday 23 – Prep Orientation 9am until 11am
Monday, 25 November - 2014 School captain nomination speeches
Friday, 29 November - School swimming carnival - Marlborough

December
Friday, 6 December - District swimming carnival - Clarke Creek
Wednesday, 11 December - Presentation night
Friday, 12 December - Celebration day
The Marlborough Public Hall Committee are holding a Stall at the School on 9th November 2013 (Election Day) to raise funds for much needed repairs to the Hall and general running costs. If you can help with any of the above items please send to Gill Collins at the School by Thursday 7th or Friday 8th November.

Many thanks
Have you heard about eKindy?

Kindergarten for rural and remote children!

What is eKindy?
A flexible ‘at home’ kindergarten program ...
with online support from qualified teachers ...
equivalent to a centre-based program.

What does it cost?
There are no fees* for families who meet the eligibility criteria.
* eKindy places are funded through a National-State government agreement.

Is my child eligible?
You can register for eKindy if:
1. your child turns 4 by June 30 in their kindy year
2. your child/a parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
3. you fit one of the following categories.
   - Distance – live at least 16 km from the nearest centre-based service
   - Medical – due to a medical condition your child is unable to attend a centre-based service (medical certificate required)
   - Travelling/itinerant lifestyle – your child will be away from their principal place of residence for 10 weeks or their residence will change at least twice.

How do I find out more?
Contact the Brisbane School of Distance Education
(07) 3727 2421
Visit the Brisbane School of Distance Education website