FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – 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.

Classroom update - specialist lessons

Science

Wet, Wet, Wet

In science this term, we will be investigating basic properties of chemistry through fun and interactive experiments. Students will distinguish familiar household objects as a solid, liquid or gas and observe the effects of these objects through reversible or irreversible changes such as adding hot or cold temperatures. The students started their unit by making slime and had a great time exploring the properties that make slime a suspension. Maybe ask your child why slime is a suspension and see what they discovered!

P-2

Over the next few weeks, Prep to Year Two’s will identify the difference between a liquid and solid, understand what makes things waterproof and bendy and test materials that can sink or float. At the end of this unit the students will be given a design challenge to build a boat that can carry a set weight for a certain period of time. It will be interesting to see the designs and materials the students choose to use!

3-4

During this unit, the Year Threes’ and Fours’ will discuss their reasoning of why an everyday item is a solid or liquid. We will then continue to investigate how heat can change a solid into a liquid by understanding the melting point and how removing heat can change a liquid into a solid by learning about freezing points. At the end of this unit, students will complete a fair test investigation about an aspect of their choice about the property of water. We look forward to learning about different experiments from our peers.

5-7

The Year Fives to Sevens will be extremely busy in science this term as they conduct a number of tests to find new understandings of the properties of liquids, solids and gases. We will be revising student’s knowledge of change of state from liquid to a solid and back, through hands on tasks. Students will be involved in learning about condensation and looking at the change of state in a water cycle. Also we will be investigating the properties of rusting through experiments that show the change happening. After looking at different solutions and mixtures, students will investigate distillation using four separation techniques. Upon completing this unit, students will discuss the elements of a water cycle which purify water based on the book, “Whizzy’s incredible journey”. The “budding scientists” are sure to have an exciting time in the classroom this term.
**Student Resource Scheme**

Throughout term 3 notifications in the school newsletter and at P and C meetings (July 30 and August 21) advised parents of the schools intention to move to a resource scheme in 2014. Coming home today is a Year Level Requirement List and a participation form. The Year Level Requirement List is our official list of school requisites that your child/ren will require for 2014.

Please complete the participation agreement form and return it to Marlborough State School by Friday 22 November 2013 so that bulk orders can be made. No money is required until next year when invoices will be issued to parents who have returned their signed agreement form by November 22 this year. Do not hesitate to contact the school on 07 4935 6166 if you have any questions.

**Movember**

November has arrived and with it scary facial hair. Movember’s tagline, changing the face of men’s health, aptly describes the challenge of those participating in Movember – changing their appearance by growing a moustache for 30 days, and the outcome – changing the understanding and attitudes men have towards their health.

Neil Lloyd Jones has joined the cause and is madly growing facial hair to raise awareness. To support Neil and help raise funds for a good cause go to [http://au.movember.com/mospace/7481601](http://au.movember.com/mospace/7481601) to donate.

**School Bus for Next Week**

Bus times next week will change because of Dance Fever. The following is the timetable for Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Regards,

Meg Saunderson
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**November**
Monday to Thursday, 11-14 November - *Dance Fever visiting*
Wednesday, 13 November – *Final Prep Orientation Day 9am – 11am*
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*
For the Community of Marlborough

A cardiac arrest occurs when the heart has stopped or is too weak to pump effectively. 76% of cardiac arrests occur at home and the most likely witness is a spouse or family member. In an emergency, every second counts. CPR is easy to learn and can help save lives.

**Applied First Aid Course**

I will be holding a one day Applied First Aid Course on Sunday the 8th of December here in Marlborough. I need at least 10 people to run the course. You will be rewarded with a certificate that lasts for 3 years and your CPR will be valid for 1 year.

**Where:** Marlborough Hall next to the Ambulance Station

**When:** 08/12/2013 Sunday

**Time:** 8.00am-4.30pm

**Cost:** $139.15

Please call 137468 to book ASAP or go to the website to book online:


Hope you see you all there!

Justin Nehring (Officer in Charge – Marlborough Ambulance)
What’s Happening……

Pub Raffles

Term 4

1st Nov  Gray
8th Nov  Olive
15th Nov Noakes
22nd Nov Truelson
29th Nov Chapman
6th Dec  Gray
13th Dec Olive

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. Volunteers, we appreciate your help, but please be aware the Pub has the raffle as a favour to our school community. If you are unable to meet your rostered date please change with someone or let Sharyn or myself know so we can arrange someone to fill in.

**Working Bee:** A working bee will be held on Sunday the 17th of November at school to help tidy up around the place before the holidays. A note will be sent home to advise what tools will be needed for the day. If helpers could be there by 8 am.

Jobs that need to be done are:
- Remove green waste and take to tip – palm fronds etc
- Spray round up on some weeds in garden beds
- Lay the path pavers behind the main building
- Move soil into garden beds
- Collect some woodchips/mulch from the pub to be put onto garden beds

**Meeting Agenda:**
- WH&S (work place health and safety)
- Grants for funding of Blinds
- Presentation Night/Celebration Day

From little things big things grow....

Sue Gray
Secretary

Next Meeting

Wed. 27th November 2013
Marlborough State School
3:15pm

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