FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – Week 8

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 focusing on the best possible ways to teach.

Awards
Student of the week
This week’s grade 3-7 student of the week award went to Clayton Armstrong for working hard during swimming lessons and listening to feedback. This week’s grade P-2 student of the week award went to Sophie Olive for working hard on her reading and sight words.

Best Bookwork
This week in 3-7 Clayton Armstrong received the award for the best Homework book presentation. Keep up the good work Clayton!

AFL
This week there were 2 prizes given out for student participation in AFL. The grade 3-7 prize went to Clayton Armstrong for being a star defender and protecting his goal during a game situation. The P-2 prize went to Lacee Chapman for sharing the ball with her teammates.
What a great week Clayton had!

Christmas Reading Challenge
To help encourage students to keep up their reading over the holidays we are having a Christmas Reading Challenge. Students will record all the books they read over the holidays and a P-2 and 3-7 winner will be announced in early Term 1! The Christmas Reading Challenge record form will be sent home at the end of this term.

Inter house swimming carnival – Marlborough pool – Friday 29 November
Students will walk together down to the pool at 9.00 and we will finish by 3.00pm. The P&C are cooking and selling a sausage sizzle on the day and have asked parents to bring a plate to share for morning tea. Drinks are available from the pool shop. Students who do not wish to purchase sausages will need to bring their lunch for the day.

District swimming carnival – Clarke Creek pool – Friday 6 December
We are still awaiting the final program to advise you of times. A tuckshop form was sent home on Monday afternoon. Please fill out this form and return to your teacher by Friday the 29th November. Tuckshop is payable on the day of the Clarke Creek carnival. Students who need transportation to Clarke Creek need to return the form sent home today by Monday 2 December.

Christmas Market – Camp Fundraiser – Tuesday 10 December
The student council are holding a Christmas Market at 3:15pm – 4:30pm. Students will be selling handmade goodies – wrapping paper, Christmas cards, baking, gift tags, tree decorations, soft drinks and small presents.

If you have any donations:
Ingredients
Christmas decorations
mini gift ideas
trash and treasure items

Please drop them at the school this week. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you all.

Presentation Night – Wednesday 11 December - 5.00pm
Presentation night provides an occasion to acknowledge those students who have achieved academic excellence, or who have shown consistent effort and improvement during the year. It is also an opportunity for the students to present some small items for the entertainment of their parents and friends.

Students will be dismissed at 2.00 to give everyone plenty of time to go home and prepare for the ceremony which will begin at 5.00. The formal part of the evening will conclude at 6.45 when we hope everyone will stay for food and to celebrate the 2013 school year. Students are required to wear school uniform.

Last day of the school year - Friday 13 December
This is a normal school day for all students.

Child restraint laws
As mentioned in a note that went home on Monday due to unforeseen circumstances the talk on child restraint laws due to occur today at 3.15 will not go ahead. A notice will appear in the newsletter advising of a new time when it is available.

Help Needed!
We have 10 student chairs and a 3 drawer filing cabinet we need picked up from Empire Furniture in Rockhampton. If you are able to assist with this please call the office.

Buy a Bale
Next Wednesday 4th we are asking students of our school to wear their work hat, felt hat, farm hat or good hat to school and make a gold coin donation to show our support for those people who are currently doing it tough.

Regards,

Meg Saunderson
DANCE FEVER PHOTOS
2013

**November**
Friday, 29 November - *School swimming carnival* - Marlborough

**December**
Friday, 6 December - *District swimming carnival* - Clarke Creek
Wednesday, 11 December - *Presentation night*
Thursday, 12 December - *Celebration day*
Friday, 13 December – *Last Day of Term*

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**Buy a BALE**

As you are aware, our friends in the North and West of this state are currently experiencing crippling drought conditions.

On Wednesday, December 4, we are asking the students of our school to wear their work hat, felt hat, farm hat or good hat to school and make a gold coin donation to show our support for these people who are currently doing it tough.

Further information available from: buyabale.com.au
What’s Happening……..

Pub Raffles

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

Pub Raffles: Over the next 3 weeks leading into the holidays the Friday night pub raffles offer the opportunity to win one of 3 Christmas Hams. We would like to encourage everyone to grab some tickets and help sell them throughout our festivities over the next few weeks. What a great prize to help celebrate Christmas!

Inter House Swimming: This Friday is our Inter House Swimming Carnival. Please remember to bring an item for a shared morning tea, and a sausage sizzle will follow at a cost of $2.50 Looking forward to seeing our swimmers in action!

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....
Next week (week 9) Monday the 3rd and Wednesday the 5th of December will be the last swimming lessons.

Lions Christmas Tree @ Lions Park Saturday 7th December. Santa Arrives 7pm