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 focussing on the best possible ways to teach.

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.

Celebration Day – Thursday 12 December - 10am
This is the second last day of school and will be the day we celebrate student learning for this term.
- 10.00am – games for parents and students
- 11.00am – bring a shared morning tea
- 11.30am – view student learning – Dance fever videos, Here in Marlborough music video, The matter song, Greece game show, school anthem
- 12.30am – P-2 and 3-7 Christmas carols
- 12.45pm - walk to pool – swimming, sausage sizzle, pool games
- 4.00pm - finish
Parents and extended family please join us. School uniform is not required.

Reports: What should I expect?
As Principal at Marlborough State School, I am very proud of the quality of reports our parents receive. They are very detailed and thorough, and I would like to thank our teachers publicly for the long hours and the effort they have put into preparing this semester’s reports. An important point note is that instead, of being the average, a ‘C’ is now referred to as meeting the year level requirements and that your child is ‘on track’ and doing what is required for their year level at school.

Where there is an Australian Curriculum subject being studied (English, Mathematics, History and Science) your child’s ‘C’ grade will be based on the year level achievement standard. For a description of these achievement standards please visit the Australian Curriculum website. This new system means that we could see more students receiving a ‘C’ and that it will be more difficult for students to receive an ‘A’ or ‘B’. On your child’s report card a student who receives a Very Good for Effort and a ‘C’ for achievement is ‘on track’ and this should be celebrated with the student.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Easier access to school information through updated version QSchools app
A recent update to the QSchools app means our parents will now be able to find tuckshop and class time information more easily. On top being able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website the upgraded app can also access uniform shop information and school social media pages. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family. Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store. The Websites for Schools development team would love to hear your ideas for future functionality for QSchools. You can leave feedback within the app via Settings, then Leave Feedback.

School Banking
There will be no school banking next week. All those with excess tokens have chosen a prize so saving will start again next year.

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
Thanks to all those students who wore their work hats today for Buy a Bale. $47.50 was raised. Well Done!

Clean Up Day will be held at the school on Friday, 13 December. We understand that some children will not attend as families will leave early to travel. If your child is not attending, please let us know in advance. Children who do attend need to wear work clothes, including safe, closed-in shoes, as they will be helping to clean and move furniture. Children will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch as usual. Children may bring a set of clothes to change into, as they might get wet when cleaning furniture.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.
Regards,

Meg Saunderson
STAFF BREAK-UP
Bowling at St Lawrence

Next week we farewell our 2013 Year 7’s
Good Luck
Veronica
Troy
Jessie

IMPORTANT DATES

2013
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