FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Key Priorities
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. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

Be Respectful
- We treat people the way we like to be treated
- We use our best manners

Be Responsible
- We stop and think
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- We always try our hardest

Be Safe
- We always play safely

Reinforcing expected school behaviour
Key messages about student behaviour are backed up through reinforcement, which provides students with feedback for engaging in expected school behaviour. This reinforcement system is designed to increase the quantity and quality of positive interactions between students and staff. All staff members give consistent and appropriate acknowledgement and rewards.

This can be but is not limited to:
- Stickers
- Certificates
- Class/school responsibilities
- Public recognition of awards at parade
- Positive communication with parents
- Recognition in the newsletter
- Awards at presentation night

LOTE visit
On Friday January 31 Mrs Kanako Iwakura, our LOTE teacher, came to the school and had a face to face lesson with our senior students. She came through the pouring rain and we were so happy to see her arrive safely at our school. It was a great way to start this year’s lessons and a brilliant opportunity for us. We are very grateful to Mrs Iwakura for coming up to Marlborough to visit.

Mrs Iwakura took our photo so she could remember us!

We took her photo to add to our website.

Classroom news
Prep – Year 2 room update

English
In the P-2 classroom this week we are learning about narratives. Students are breaking down stories and working out who the characters are, where the story was set and when the story took place. The prep students are busy learning sounds and actions to go with each sound.

Maths
This week the grade 1 and 2 students are working on
fractions and skip counting. The prep students are busy counting forwards and backwards and learning our days of the week and months of the year songs.

Library
Don’t forget to bring a library bag on Tuesdays. If students have bought home books to cover can you please ensure these get returned to school asap.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
In English this week we are looking at fables and the message they contain. We are exploring ‘The Hare and the Tortoise’ and ‘The Ant and the Grasshopper’. We are also comparing short stories to novels, focusing on the narrative genre.

Maths
This week we are looking at odd and even, prime and square numbers, as well as multiples and factors. We are also studying our 3x tables.

Sports Captain Speeches
During this week senior students will be preparing their speeches to present to the other students. The speeches will take place on Friday 7 February at 9.00am. All welcome.

Student leadership conference
On Thursday February 20 there will be a leadership conference in Rockhampton for our Year 6-7 students. It will begin at 9.00 and conclude at 2.30.

Don’t Forget

2014

February
Friday 7 – House Captain Speeches – 9am
Tuesday 11 – Ms Saunderson & Mrs Fallon at 7 Steps to Writing – Mrs Bryant teaching
Tuesday 18 – Ms Saunderson & Mrs Polkinghorne – Parkhurst Budget Workshop
Thursday 20 – GRIP Leadership – Year 6 & 7 Rockhampton
Tuesday 25 – School Photos

March
Saturday 1 – Bunnings BBQ
Monday 10 – Cricket Queensland visit
Wednesday 26 – District Cross Country
Friday 4 April – Last Day of Term 2

Student Council
Congratulations to our student council members who have elected a new president, treasurer and secretary for 2014.
President – Cadyn Murphy
Secretary – Wallace Noakes
Treasurer – Hugh Truelson
This ‘wild’ all boy team are ready to organise events and fundraisers for 2014. Good luck boys!!!

Parent and Teacher Interviews
Parent and Teacher Interviews will take place later this term. A calendar will be sent home for parents to nominate times that are suitable. We would like students to attend interviews with their parents. If you have any concerns prior to these times please don’t hesitate to contact us. If you cannot make it into the school please phone or email us.
Michelle Fallon mvary1@eq.edu.au
Meg Saunderson msaun23@eq.edu.au

Birthdays
No birthdays this week!

Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
Hugh Truelson: for stepping us as school captain and helping the younger students find their way
Grace Lloyd-Jones: for using her manners and listening in class