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

When responding to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviours, staff members ensure that students understand the relationship of the behaviour to expected school behaviour. One method that staff members might use to achieve this is to have students:
- articulate the relevant expected school behaviour
- explain how their behaviour differs from expected school behaviour,
- describe the likely consequences if the problem behaviour continues; and
- identify what they will do to change their behaviour in line with expected school behaviour.

Should an inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour be repeated, the staff member may not repeat the discussion/explanation process but simply remind the student of the consequences of their problem behaviour.

Office closed - Monday 3rd March
The office will be unattended on Monday as Mrs P will be working on an office and management review.

Classroom news

Science
This week we counted our beetles, made our observations and filled out more information on our scientific report. With the help of Mr Holmes we made a bug trap using pheromones. Our competition entries are coming along nicely.

Prep – Year 2 room update

Maths
We are focusing on number this week. Grade 1 and 2 students are arranging numbers from ascending to descending order and breaking numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. The prep students are arranging numbers from 1-12 and figuring out which number is missing. They are also representing numbers in different ways, dots, pictures or numerals. All students are skip counting every day in 2s, 5s, 10s and 100s.
English
We are still reading narratives as a class and identifying the plot, characters and setting of the stories. This week, students are focusing on the ending or resolution in stories and how they could be changed. We are reading every day and students have been working on breaking down their own levelled readers into beginning, middle and end and identifying the characters and setting.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update

*English*
In English this week we are looking at ‘sizzling’ starts for our stories. We want to grab our readers’ attention quickly. From the library we selected books to share that had sizzling starts, ones we wanted to keep reading. Then we found some we thought had ‘fizzing’ starts, we couldn’t wait to stop reading!

*Maths*
This week we have focused on place value including how many thousands, hundreds or tens a number has. For example 23987 has 239 hundreds. We continued work on odd and even numbers and prime and composite numbers. We are studying our 7x tables.

*Student leadership conference*
On Thursday last week our Year 6-7 students attended a leadership conference in Rockhampton. They were full of excitement when they returned and enjoyed being able to mix with students from other schools.

*Bookwork Awards*
The focus last week was on our Maths books. Awards went to:
- Cooper McKenzie
- Madison Wooley

*Cybersafety help button*
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.


Birthdays
Mrs Collins – 21 again!
Jake Armstrong – 6 years old

*Student of the Week Awards*
Awards this week went to:
- Hannah Chapman – for *Being Responsible* and working hard on her times tables
- Sophie Olive – for *Being Respectful* and using her manners and working hard on her spelling
DISCO!

The student council is having a DISCO and you’re invited!

When? 28th March at 5.00 PM
Where? Marlborough State School
What theme? Come dressed as the opposite gender!
Cost? Gold coin donation, but if you’re not dressed in the opposite genders clothes, you have to pay $3 dollars

R.S.V.P - 6th March - Cadyn Murphy - cmurp98@eq.edu.au

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QADA provides information, education and advocacy support to resolve issues related to aged care or community care service provision. QADA’s free, confidential and client directed advocacy support is available for people who are:

- living in residential aged care facilities;
- receiving community care services;
- receiving Australian Government aged care services; or
- carers or representatives of clients of the above services

QADA also provides a guardianship advocacy service, supporting adults with guardianship and administration matters including support at tribunal hearings.

QADA operates state-wide with our head office in Brisbane and 7 regional offices, including Rockhampton. We provide outreach services to rural and remote communities and we have a free-call information line. Our local Rockhampton Advocate, Joanne Jamieson, covers the area from Ogmore in the North, to Miriam Vale in the South, and West to Springsure and the Gemfields. Our Mackay Advocate, Roslyn Loader, covers the Sarina area.

Joanne plans to provide an information morning in Ogmore in the near future. In the meantime, should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact QADA on 1800 818 338.

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**IMPORTANT DATES!**

**2014**

**March**
- **Saturday 1** – Bunnings BBQ
- **Saturday 8** – Working Bee
- **Monday 10** – Cricket Queensland visit
- **Saturday 15** – First Aide Course
- **Friday 21** – Interhouse Cross Country
- **Tuesday 25** – P & C Meeting- 3.15pm
- **Wednesday 26** – District Cross Country

**April**
- **Friday 4** – Last Day of Term 2
Friday evening’s Annual General Meeting saw the following positions filled for 2014. Special thanks to those who offered to take on roles for this year.

President: Sharyn Truelson
Vice-President: Sue Gray
Secretary: Fiona Noakes
Treasurer: Brenda Chapman
P&C Qld Rep: Tina Armstrong
Uniforms Officer: Tessa Beak
Catering Team Leader: Rachael Olive
Pub Raffles Co-ordinator: Matthew Noakes

Thank you to everybody who was able to attend the meeting, and also the Meet’n’Greet. We look forward to a successful year in 2014 offering support to our great school.

We encourage all families to please consider coming along to a meeting. Meetings are a relaxed, informal opportunity to keep up to date on exactly what is happening at your school. All welcomed. The P&C Budget for 2014 will be discussed at the next meeting. We would love you to come along with ideas for both fundraising and also items the P&C could purchase to make school an even better place for our students.

PUB RAFFLES: Don’t miss out on your chance to take home one of four meat trays, a six-pack or bottle of wine, every Friday night of term at the local Hotel. Many thanks to the families who volunteer to sell tickets, please take note of the roster and if you are unable to make your date, feel free to swap or contact Matthew to make alternative arrangements (Ph. 0439 356 222).

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Thank you to those families able to assist with this Saturday’s Sausage Sizzle. A roster was sent home earlier in the week.

FRCC CATERING: A reminder to those who have offered to assist with food preparation for tomorrow’s gathering. If you could please send your food items into school tomorrow morning for collection.

WORKING BEE: A Working Bee will be held at school, Saturday March 8 commencing 8am. Jobs will include general pruning and tidying as well as removal of some garden beds, edging and large trees. The following equipment would be useful:
- Pruning Tools
- Chainsaws
- Ropes
- Utes

**Reminder:**
If you haven’t sent back your Show Catering form, please do so by end of this week. Many hands make light work.