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

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Attendance

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<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
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Congratulations to our P and C secretary **Fiona Noakes** who received the inaugural ‘Excellence in Social Media’ award for her blog. The award was presented on Valentine’s Day at the Queensland Rural Press Club’s first luncheon of the year in Brisbane.

The RURAL PRESS CLUB (RPC) was founded by a group of agricultural journalists over 40 years ago who wanted to promote the development of pastoral and agricultural resources in Australia and to spread knowledge of new farm developments, ideas and techniques to the Australian community. *Looks like our record keeping is in good hands!*

**Classroom news**

**Science**
This week we checked our beetles, counted them, made our observations and continued to fill in our results tables. With the help of Mr Holmes we checked our bug traps to see if the pheromones had worked.

**Year 3 – Year 7 room update**

**English**
In English this week we continued our work on ‘sizzling’ starts for our stories. We are writing 5 starts in 10 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. At the end of the week we choose our favourite and improve, edit and publish it for our class display.

**Maths**
This week we are continuing to look at square and triangular numbers, place value and Cartesian planes. We are plotting coordinates to discover hidden messages and pictures. We are studying our 8x tables.

**Student Council News – Cadyn Murphy**
The meeting on Monday was a reminder to tell parents to RSVP to cmurp98@eq.edu.au either today or tomorrow. It’s ok to let your children know if you’re coming or not, and ask them to tell Wallace, Hugh or Myself. We also had a little discussion about the prizes but nothing was really finalized. Can’t wait to see all of you on the night!

**Birthdays**
No birthdays this week!

**Student of the Week Awards**
Awards this week went to:
**Tayla Chapman** for **Being a Respectful** leader and helping other students
**Shelby Chapman** for **Being Responsible**, trying her best and working hard on writing her name
**Bookwork Awards**

Awards this week went to:
Logan Beak for working hard on the setting out of his English book
Charli White for terrific presentation in her English book

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**Central Qld. Athletics Club Sign-on**

**Club:** Central Qld Athletic Club

**Sign-on Info:**
Friday, 14th March at CQ Uni Oval at 5.30pm to 7pm

**Age:** 4yrs to Masters.

**Contact person:** Carolyn Johnson on 0407763552 or 49282715.

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**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 - cmurph99@eq.edu.au

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**Fridge Pick-Up**

We have purchased a new fridge for the upstairs classroom. If you are able to assist with the pick up of the fridge, please call the school office to collect necessary paperwork.

THANKS!!!!!
P & C News

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: A giant thank you to those families and staff who assisted with Saturday’s Sausage Sizzle. A huge profit in excess of $1200 was made, so well done and thank you to all involved.

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WORKING BEE: Don’t forget a Working Bee will be held at school this Saturday March 8 commencing at 8am. Jobs will include general pruning and tidying as well as removal of some garden beds, edging and large trees. We would like to have the front garden bed tidied up in readiness for Anzac Day. The following equipment would be useful:

- Pruning Tools
- Chainsaws
- Ropes
- Utes

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SHOW CATERING: Thanks to everybody who has returned forms indicating their availability on show day. We will be going ahead with catering and a roster will be printed in coming weeks. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

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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 and Bob & Annie at the Hotel for their continued support. 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).

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We encourage all families to become involved with your P & C. 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.

Prez Sharyn Triulson 4938 0148; V-Prez Sue Gray 4935 6082; Sec; Fiona Noakes 4935 6062; Treasurer: Brenda Chapman 4935 6030