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

Major problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:

- Level One: Time in office, removal to withdrawal room, alternate lunchtime activities, loss of privilege, restitution, loss of break times, warning regarding future consequence for repeated offence
AND/OR
- Level Two: Parent contact, referral to Guidance Officer, referral to Intensive Behaviour Support Team, suspension from school
- Level Three: Students who engage in serious unacceptable behaviours such as major violent physical assault or the use/supply or possession of weapons (including knives) or drugs may receive a School Disciplinary Absence (suspension or proposal/recommendation for exclusion) as a consequence of unacceptable behaviour.

School Cross Country
When: Friday 21st March
Where: Marlborough State School
Time: 9:00am start
Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their children. Please join us for a shared morning tea afterwards.

Classroom news
Science

This week we continued to build our science word wall with new words and images. The aim is to build student vocabulary and support their science writing skills. Each student has a science journal which needs to be kept up to
date every week. For the older students this is part of their homework. The science journals will be used as part of the student assessment and evidence to support their entry in the DAFF “Bug Attack” competition.

During the week Mr Holmes is in contact with the older students by email. Messages are sent to remind students about the new lessons and to get student feedback. All older students are encouraged to check their emails at school regularly. The students are also using a variety of technology to record their learning eg digital cameras, microscopes, easy-speak microphones, computers.

Design Technology
This week all school students are finalising their puppets and backdrops and will begin working on their 1 minute presentation within their groups.

Prep – Year 2 room update
English
Students are working hard on creating interesting sentences using adjectives. We have class characters that students have made up and we are writing about these characters.

Maths
This week we are focusing on measurement. Students are measuring their height, foot length, head circumference and estimating the length of objects around the classroom using blocks, string and rulers.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update
English
In English this week we began work on prefixes. We are finding out the meanings and then looking for them in our reading books, using them in our stories and adding examples to our ‘Tree of Knowledge’ We are working on strategies to brainstorm ideas for our short stories. This week we are using our senses.

Maths
This week we are continuing to look at place value, Cartesian planes and order of operations. We are creating a list of clues about mystery numbers and sharing the puzzles with each other to challenge ourselves. We are studying our 9x tables.

Student Council News – Cadyn Murphy
On Monday, a note was sent home. The note was to let us know if you’re coming to the gender change disco. If you haven’t returned the note yet, please try and get it in before Friday, even if you’re not coming please return the note. Jobs were also assigned on Monday. Wallace, Henry and Riley on drinks; Meg, Hannah and Makayla on games; Tayla and I are on admission and Hugh, Logan and Sally will be taking care of the BBQ.

Birthdays
No birthdays this week!

Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
Clayton Armstrong for Being Respectful and helping other students in the playground
Justin Sharps for Being Responsible and working hard on his spelling words

Bookwork Awards
Awards this week went to:
Lacee Chapman and Justin Sharps for presenting neat homework books

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.
2014

**March**
* Saturday 15 – First Aide Course  
* Friday 21 – Interhouse Cross Country  
* Tuesday 25 – Bus Conveyance Meeting 2.30pm & P & C Meeting 3.15pm  
* Wednesday 26 – District Cross Country

**April**
* Friday 4 – Last Day of Term 1  
* Tuesday 22 – First Day of Term 2

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**FOR SALE**

Laying Hens $15 each  
2 Roosters, 1 silky and 1 different coloured rooster $5 each  
2 Ducks $10 each  
Contact Mandy 0403065170
P & C News
f.noakes@bigpond.com

WORKING BEE: A huge thankyou to those families who were able to help out at Saturday’s working bee. The school grounds look much tidier with pruning up to date, many old trees removed and garden beds reduced in size, not only more pleasing to look at but much more manageable. We will have the relocated Anzac Garden completed before this year’s Anzac service.

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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.

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MEETING MINUTES: will be pinned on the noticeboard in the school stairwell for anybody wishing to catch up on what was discussed.