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 problem behaviour the staff member first determines if the problem behaviour is major or minor, with the following agreed understanding:
- **Minor** problem behaviour is handled by staff members at the time it happens
- **Major** problem behaviour is referred directly to the Principal

Minor behaviours are those that:
- are minor breeches of the school rules
- do not seriously harm others or cause you to suspect that the student may be harmed
- do not violate the rights of others in any other serious way
- are not part of a pattern of problem behaviours
- do not require involvement of specialist support staff or Administration

Minor problem behaviours may result in the following consequences:
- minor consequence logically connected to the problem behaviour, such as:
  1. complete removal from an activity or event for a specified period of time
  2. partial removal (time away)
  3. individual meeting with the student
  4. apology, restitution or detention for work completion
- re-direction procedure where the staff member takes the student aside and:
  1. names the behaviour that student is displaying,
  2. asks student to name expected school behaviour,
  3. states and explains expected school behaviour if necessary
  4. gives positive verbal acknowledgement for expected school behaviour

Bus meeting and AGM
Don’t forget the meeting next Tuesday March 25 at 2.30 in the library.

District Cross Country
When: Wednesday March 26
Where: St Lawrence State School
Time: 8.30 marshalling for a 9:00am start
Please advise the school ASAP if you need transport for your children.

School Cross Country- Mrs Fallon
Don’t forget cross country this Friday morning! It starts at 9am. If your child (in 3-7) is choosing to run through the swamp please feel free to wear old shoes and socks and bring a fresh pair to change into after the race. See you all there for some great racing and a delicious shared morning tea afterwards.
Earn and Learn
Thanks to all parents who contributed last year to the Woolworths earn and learn promotion. Our equipment arrived this week. We now have new paintbrushes, student whiteboard erasers and two new T-ball/softball bats!

Classroom news
Science
The P-2 class are in the process of cutting and gluing statements to describe the habits of the beetles that they have observed. The statements are being glued in their science journals. The year 3/4 students have been recording their new knowledge about the rust red flour beetle by using an easy-speak microphone. This creates a sound file for each student that can be saved and the students can listen to the ideas of other students.

The 5, 6, 7 students have been using the microscopes donated by North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre to examine parts of the beetles and sketch what they see. This science observation skill has been assessed and the drawings glued in their science journals. The word wall in the science room is growing and Mr Holmes is going to create a virtual classroom website for the students to prepare their competition entry. Parents will be able to access this website from home using their student’s login.

Prep – Year 2 room update
English
This week students are predicting the ending of stories. They have to think about what might happen to a character. Will it be a good or bad ending? The grade 1 and 2 students are also learning about connecting words in sentences, such as and, be, as, while, yet, because, so, or then. Students are working hard on learning their spelling words and sight words each night.

Maths
This week we are focusing on patterns. All students are making patterns with different shapes, numbers and blocks. The grade 1 and 2 students are doing addition and subtraction number patterns. Prep students are learning repetitive patterns using manipulatives.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update
English
In English this week we began work on suffixes. 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 choosing one of our short story ideas and creating a humorous story for the P-2’s to read.

Maths
This week we are applying strategies already developed for solving problems involving small numbers to those involving large numbers. We are using known strategies to solve realistic problems and analysing the efficiency of different strategies. We are studying our 12x tables.

LOTE
High praise for our LOTE students from Mrs Iwakura:

Your students demonstrated a wonderful audience manner while they were waiting for their turn to practise their speech. Your students are always motivated and try their best.

Regards,
Kanako Iwakura
Birthdays - March 21
Hannah Chapman
10 years old!

Thank you
Thanks to the Truelson family
who took home our wheelbarrows
and repaired them. They have arrived
back just in time for the ANZAC garden
revamp!

Working hard on dictionary skills

Student of the Week
Awards
Awards this week went to:
Lacee Chapman for Being
Responsible and working
hard on her spelling
Jake Armstrong for Being
Responsible and trying his
hardest in spelling

Bookwork Awards
Awards this week went to:
Logan Beak,
Clayton Armstrong
and
Grace Lloyd-Jones
for presenting neat
handwriting books

IMPORTANT DATES!

2014

March
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
Please join us at 'Mystery Park'

For A

Garden Design Day

Monday 7th April, 10:30am

Guest speaker Clint Kenny will discuss principles of garden design and offer practical advice

www.clintkenny.com.au

$25 pp. (inc. Morning Tea and Lunch)
Proceeds to the Capricornia BOTA - ICPA

RSVP 24th March:
Claire Mactaggart acrm@bigpond.com 0420927088
Ainsley McArthur mcarthurholdings@bigpond.com 0419666543

Directions to 'Mystery Park'
• 80km North of Marlborough
• Turn left (West) on St Lawrence - Croxden Rd
• We are 3.2km from Highway
• House on left, 400m from road

Mackay 170km

Croxden 44km

Greek

4km

1km

Airstrip

St Lawrence

400m

'Rockhampton 180km

'Mystery Park' (07) 49569204
Rob McArthur 0409 721001
Ainsley McArthur 0419 664543
ANZAC GARDEN: The edging and pavers have arrived as part of the refurbishment of our Anzac Garden. Plants and flagpole are in transit and pebbles awaiting collection. We hope to have this project completed by end of term.

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PUB RAFFLES Term 2: A roster for Term 2 will be included in next week's newsletter using the names of those families who volunteered their time this term. If there are any new families able to assist please let me know, or if there are any dates not suitable to you, please email me on the above address before next week.

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SHOW CATERING: We will be catering at this year's Show on April 12, a roster will be printed in coming weeks. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

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NEXT MEETING – Tuesday afternoon 25/3/14:
The P&C Budget for 2014 will be discussed at the next meeting. Please give some thought to both fundraising ideas 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.

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SHOW PHOTOS: A reminder that show photo entries need to be submitted by Friday, April 4. Post to Photography Judge, PO Box 54, Marlborough.

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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).
Marlborough Craft Co-Op

Opening Day Morning Tea
Friday 4th April 2014
At 10am
Museum Complex
Gold Coin Donation
CENT SALE & RAFFLE

The Craft Co-Op will hold its AGM directly following this function. All members and interested persons are invited to attend. Annual memberships will be due at time also.

Information contact: Bev Yates, 49356213