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 behaviours are those that:
• significantly violate the rights of others
• put others / self at risk of harm
• require the involvement of school Administration.

Major behaviours result in an immediate referral to Administration because of their seriousness. When major problem behaviour occurs, staff members calmly state the major problem behaviour and remind the student of expected school behaviour. The staff member then fills out the office referral form and escorts the student to Administration. A report of the student’s behaviour is recorded on OneSchool.

ANZAC memorial
Thanks to workers at the working bee for relocating the memorial stone. The new location is in front of the assembly area. Big thanks to Mrs Noakes, Mrs Beak and Mrs Sharps for what is the beginning of a beautiful, respectful ANZAC garden.

Classroom news

Science
This week the P-2 students investigated the life cycle of the red rust beetle using drama techniques. The students were asked to think about the actions of the beetle at each stage of its life cycle and act them out. The year 3 to 7 students will be making a 3D model of the beetle to demonstrate possible mutations. Parents are asked to collect any materials that may be useful to create a model. Students are asked to bring their items to school as soon as possible. The models will be sent away to the competition judges.

Photo demonstrates their understanding of the beetle eggs.
**Design Technology**
All students have presented their puppet shows and they were funny and well rehearsed. The students spent a lot of time in their pair designing and making their puppets and backdrops and should be very proud of their efforts.

**Prep – Year 2 room update**

**English**
This week our focus is on writing interesting sentences about our class characters. The students have come up with a list of class characters that we write about weekly. Some of the characters are an angry principal, a scary teacher, a tree that eats school kids and a homework robot.

**Maths**
This week our focus is on money. Students are learning that you can spend, make, bank and lose money. We have made a pretend Marlborough Cafe and students are calculating what they can buy with their money. The prep students are counting dollar coins and learning what small amounts of money can buy. All students are learning about Australian coins and notes and their respective values.

**Reminder**
Please bring back any library books you may have at home! There will be no borrowing of books this week for the P-2 class as next week is the last week of term 1.

**Year 3 – Year 7 room update**

**English**
In English this week we are continuing 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’ Our short story plans are finished and we have begun work putting them together.

**Maths**
This week we are revisiting factors and multiples, looking at the conversion of time from analogue to digital and continuing work on place value. We are studying our 4x tables.

**New cybersafety website**
The *Meet the creeps cybersafety* website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

**Christmas Reading Challenge**
The winners of the Christmas reading challenge have been announced. Well done to the following students:
P-2 room - Charli White

**Birthdays**
No birthdays this week!

**Student of the Week Awards**
Awards this week went to:
- **Sally Noakes** for **Being Respectful** and helping other students in the playground
- **Cooper McKenzie** for **Being Responsible** and working hard on his skip counting

**Bookwork Awards**
Awards this week went to:
- **Hugh Truelson** and **Jake Armstrong** for presenting neat math books
School Cross Country
Congratulations Delta!

It was great to see so many parents in attendance and to share morning tea with you all afterwards. Thanks to everyone who bought a plate to share. The level of sportsmanship and support for fellow team members shown by all the students was amazing.
Netball
The students this term have been busy learning the skills of netball. They have been learning about all the different types of passes, pivoting and where they can run in the netball thirds. They love the game play and enjoy beating each other in defending situations. The best defender is Clayton Armstrong. Don’t throw the ball anywhere near him, he WILL get it! Keep up the good work.

2014
April
Friday 4 – Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 22 – First Day of Term 2

COMMUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENT

Marlborough Convenience Store

Until further notice the hours of the store will be:
8:00am – 11:00am everyday
Thank you for your understanding
SHOW CATERING: We will be catering at this year's Show on April 12, a roster has been circulated to those who have volunteered their time and any changes to that roster can be discussed with Sharyn. **We are calling for donations of morning tea items for the day.** If these could be sliced and left at the canteen on show day it would be much appreciated. Special thanks to Rachael who has taken on the role of catering co-ordinator this year.

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PUB RAFFLES Term 2: Please check the dates on the attached roster and let me know if there are any problems. If there are any additional families willing to assist please let me know and I will slot you in.

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The P&C Budget for 2014 was discussed at yesterday's meeting. It was wonderful to have some fresh fundraising ideas brought to the meeting and we look forward to a year of providing better opportunities for the students of our school whilst enjoying some community social gatherings. Further details will be made available as the year progresses.

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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).