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

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:
- a minor consequence logically connected to the problem behaviour, such as complete removal from an activity or event for a specified period of time, partial removal (time away), individual meeting with the student, apology, restitution or detention for work completion.
- a re-direction procedure. 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.

ANZAC Day Services
Thank you to those families who attended the Marlborough Anzac Day dawn service. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school during the march and the Service with half of the school attending. Thanks also to parents for making sure the students were on time and in their school uniforms. The service was a fine reminder of what our servicemen and women have done for us.

Thank you to all the parents and community members that attended the schools ANZAC service. It was lovely to be able to use the new memorial site. Thanks go to Mr Des O’Donnell who shared his personal history making the ceremony a special experience for us all.

Thanks also go to Mrs Lisle for the beautiful and respectful wreath she put together. We were proud to lay it on the memorial.
District Cross Country
Thank you to all of the families that made the district cross country such a memorable day. It was great to see everyone competing to the best of their ability and we were proud to have two students receive sportsmanship awards. As usual St Lawrence did an amazing job of the catering and the new location was a great success.

Attendance
Next week I will send home each families attendance rates. Students attending 85% of the time will miss approximately 3 days for every 4 weeks of school. Our school has a goal of 96% this year as we want all of our students to have the best chance of success.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS: 13th June, 2012
INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS: 20th June, 2014

Student Council - Mrs Fallon
Chocolate drive
If you haven’t returned your Cadbury Chocolate drive money please do so ASAP. There are still a small number of chocolates available for sale at the school.

Student Banking
Commonwealth Bank is running a fantastic promotion called ‘Sunken Treasure, Underwater Adventure’. All you have to do is make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you are automatically entered into the competition.

Major student prize
One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.
Runner-up student prizes - 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each
Good luck everyone!

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes
There will be some time spent finishing the “bug attack” unit and competition entry for the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Some of the finished models of mutant bugs are pictured here.

Our new focus will be on space.
Students will create and share information reports in the form of e books about the features of the day and night sky (P-Yr2), a comparison of the Earth and another planet in our solar system (Yr 3-5) or the scientific likelihood of a human colony on Mars (Yr 6-7). Most of the student work will be housed in an Education Queensland virtual classroom website. These websites are available online any time and anywhere so please ask your child to logon at home if you wish. We are also going to make the learning more realistic by using green screening techniques to place a photo of each student on a space picture e.g. standing on the Mars landscape. This unit is based on the belief that science is a way of explaining the world around us so it will be expected that the students will be able to talk about things they see in the day and night sky.

Prep – Year 2 room update
English
This Term in English our focus is on learning about aboriginal and cultural stories. The students will be reading different stories, learning about how Aborigines communicated and retelling a favourite story at the end of term. The preps are still working their way through each sound and the 1s and 2s are making their way through the blends.
Maths
This Term our focus is still on building up number knowledge. The 1s and 2s will be learning different strategies to add, subtract, divide and multiply. The preps are still learning how to write each number and are practicing matching up numerals with quantities. The 1s and 2s are also starting to learn their 3 times tables. Our focus for this week is time. All students are making clocks and learning how to read an analogue clock. The 1s and 2s are focusing on measuring time over days, weeks, months and years.

Homework
Homework consists of reading EVERY night, sight words, spelling and some maths sums. The prep students have a home reader, sight words and some tracing activities.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
In English this week we are working on persuasive texts. Should everyone pay the same taxes? Should students wear school uniforms? Convince a friend to help you sell chocolates for the student council. We are reviewing the test from last week and working on high modality words for our persuasive texts. Word of the week this week is: sensible.

Maths
This week we have created a data set for insects in the school grounds, measured lengths of knees to the floor and elbow to finger tips and compared with our classmates. We have been reviewing our knowledge of symmetry, transformations, reflections and rotation. We are unpacked our responses from the test last week and are working on short answer questions. We are studying our 6x tables.

Mother’s Day Stall
This year Mother’s Day is on Sunday, 11 May. The craft ladies from the Marlborough Museum have kindly organised to make some crafts specifically for sale to the students. On Friday 9 May at 1.30 we will walk students down to the museum to purchase items for someone special. We will return by 2.30. Items will be a range of prices starting from $2. Please do not send more than $10 per student. If you wish to send your money in earlier, please put it in an envelope and clearly mark it with your child’s name.

Birthdays
April 7 – Henry Gray - 11 years of age
April 9 – Bonnie Truelson - 6 years of age
April 26 – Mrs Rath- no age disclosed (however there may be a hint if you keep reading the newsletter)
April 28 – Lacee Chapman – 8 years of age

FOR SALE
HP Scanjet 4470c scanner to suit Windows XP.
$20
Contact: Gill Collins
SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 1:

“Art Exhibition & Wine Tasting”

Special thanks to Mandy White for co-ordinating this fundraising event which will incorporate an auction of children’s artwork (to be organised at school) and wine-tasting. Finger food will be served and a bar operating at the Hall. More details will be available as the term progresses.

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BLINDS FOR LOWER CLASSROOM: The P&C received notification of their successful application for funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to install blinds along the verandah-side of the P - 2 classroom, thus providing some shade and helping keep that classroom cool. Well done to Mrs Truelson for her successful application.

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CQCC COMPETITION: Each year the Central Queensland Carcase Classic hosts a competition for carcase cattle which are killed at Teys Lakes Creek plant. Our P&C is fortunate to be one of the nominated beneficiaries of this competition. Competitors choose which beneficiary a small percentage of their proceeds will be directed to, and we have just received a cheque for over $900 from last year's competition. Nominations for this year's event close on May 23, and if anybody is interested, details are available through the CQCC website: cqc_carcaseclassic.com.au

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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 at a previous 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).