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

Meet our Head of Curriculum
My name is Tania Biddulph. I have been working for Marlborough State School one day a week, completing curriculum documents for Ms Saunderson and Mrs Fallon so they can focus on their teaching role.

I have been teaching for 22 years in different locations around Queensland, mostly within Central Queensland. I have been working at Glenmore State School in Rockhampton for the last 10 years. Five years ago I decided to move out of the classroom and become a Teacher Librarian. In my current role I teach all students, from Prep to Year 6, a range of skills including information literacy, digital literacy and research skills. I also work on developing reading skills, while trying to instill a love of literature.

I am loving my time working with Marlborough State School, as it reminds me of when I worked at Clarendon State School, a two teacher school near Gatton. There I taught the 4-7 class, so I am fully aware of the rewards and challenges of a small school. Please feel free to say hello when I next visit Marlborough.

Mother’s Day pamper morning
What a wonderful morning. Thank you to those mothers and grandmothers who were able to attend. There was a wonderful array of coloured toenails, fingernails and faces. Some mums also had a little more volume in their hair than they came with!
Libraryopoly
Mrs Collins announced the big winners in the library game that has taken over the school. Libraryopoly!
The big cash holders were:
P-2 Brodie McKenzie
3-7 Clayton Armstrong
Well done to Logan Beak who was the author question winner.

Educators day - Monday June 23
Different days are allocated throughout the year as a way of saying thank you to staff in schools. There is teacher aides day, world teachers day, secretaries day and world cleaners day. Instead of celebrating each of these separately we have decided to combine them into one day and call it Educators Day. This will be a day for students to say thank you to the special people that touch their lives each day when they are at school. I would encourage parents to help students send a personal note of thanks to the fabulous staff here at Marlborough mentioning something they are grateful to that staff member for. These are the notes and cards we surround ourselves with and open when we are having a bad day to remind us why we love our job.

Volunteers
We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to be allocated jobs at the district athletics day. Jobs include timekeepers, high jump, shot put and long jump assistants. Please notify Sharon in the office if you are able to help out so that she can slot you in to the program.

Classroom news
Prep – Year 2 room update
Maths
Our focus is on number this week. Prep students are working on the numbers between 11 and 20. They are writing them, saying them and making groupings. Grade 1 students are adding and subtracting on number lines and working on their times tables. Grade 2 students are learning how to make arrays to assist with learning their times tables. All students are skip counting forwards and backwards.

English
Prep students are working through the qu and ee sounds this week. Grade one and two students are working on the cr blend. All students are still reading stories about the Dreamtime. We are learning how traditional stories start. All students are also doing adjective revision. We are adding describing words to sentences from our traditional stories.

Early Years Curriculum
Our focus is still on health. Students this week are doing a healthy plate activity. They will also be doing a painting like they have seen in the Aboriginal stories.

History – Miss Day
This week we are continuing to look at different types of families and starting an investigation into objects from the past. This includes looking a different family pictures for similarities and differences and posing question about what and how different objects from the past were used in daily life.

REMINDER – Please return your permission forms for our excursion to Romp in the Park next Friday 23rd May.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update
NAPLAN test week
Our students in Years 3-7 have all worked very hard this week. Years 3, 5 and 7 have had their official NAPLAN tests to do while our Year 4 and 6 students have practise tests to complete. They have shown great heart and perseverance and I am very proud of them. Two days down and one to go!

English
In English this week we are finalising work on persuasive texts. We will continue working on improving our sentences by making them ‘super’ sentences. Word of the week this week is: definitely.
Maths
This week we have created a data set for catching a ball in 60 seconds. We used a leaf and stem plot to organise our data. We have reviewed our knowledge of mean, mode and median and continued work on short answer questions. We are studying our 8x tables.

History
This week we are looking at the father of Federation, Henry Parkes. We were especially impressed with his very persuasive speech in particular a quote from Parkes in 1889, in which he speaks of a vision for a federation of the Australian colonies. ‘I do see very clearly that there may come a time and that time not very remote, when the Australian Colonies may be brought more into the position of one great and united people. We should have an outline of empire, such as we could never hope for as isolated colonies, and our place would be admitted in the rank of nations.’ — Sir Henry Parkes. August 1889

Science – Mr Holmes
The year P-2 students are investigating the night sky this week and will be adding at least five things that can be observed in the night sky to their science journals. This includes the moon and its craters. The students will conduct an experiment to see how craters on the moon are formed. A display of space books has been set up in our science classroom and is being used build understanding by looking at the photos.

Comparing the Earth and Mars is the focus of the year 3-4 group. Last week they also used green screening photography to add a photo of themselves on the surface of Mars. This e learning technique is being used by many schools across Queensland to allow students to imagine what it would be like somewhere else. The students will then infer and explain new concepts about the two planets. Their comparisons will be added to our wall display in the science classroom and their science journals.

Brainstorming all the variables that any visitor wanting to live on Mars was the focus of the 5,6,7 students. To help them organise their information they constructed a mind mapping diagram in their science journals. Then a free computer mind mapping tool called bubbl.us was introduced so they could create their own. The aim is to allow each person to build their own view of the challenges to live on Mars.

Student Council – Tayla Chapman
On Monday student council talked about the end of term markets (21st June) and who was on each stall. If you have any old toys, fake jewellery, dress ups, clothes or shoes that you would like to give to student council to sell that would be great.

Please remember if you have any chocolate money to bring it back to the school.

Student Council – Mrs Fallon
CONGRATULATIONS - Tayla Chapman was voted the new student council President. Tayla is looking forward to helping the boys run the meetings, organise events & write a weekly newsletter article.
**Bookwork Awards**

Awards this week went to: Madison Wooley, Justin Sharps and Makayla Murphy for neat and consistent work in their homework books.

**Student of the Week Award**

Awards this week went to: Wallace Noakes for **Being Responsible** and consistently applying himself to his school work.

**Birthdays**

**Clayton Armstrong 10 years old!**

**Home reading**

The number of students in the upstairs room reading at home is declining. Each week we will include a percentage of the Year 3-7 students that have read at home during the previous week and had it signed by a parent. Please help us out by reminding students to read and signing off in the homework folder.

Home reading 58.3%
May
14-16 May NAPLAN
23 May Romp in the park
26-29 May Principal’s conference
30 May CQ Mobile Education Trailer

June
4 June Under 8’s Day
5 June Golf workshop
6 June Rockhampton Show Holiday
9 June Queens Birthday
12 June Golf workshop
13 June School athletics
20 June District athletics
26 June Golf workshop

Marlborough State School
Under 8s Day.

Come join us for a fun morning of science, arts, crafts, games and more!

When: Wednesday 4th June
Where: Marlborough State School
Time: 9:00am – 10:30am
Bring: a hat and morning tea
RSVP: ring the school on 4935 6166 or email mvaryl@eq.edu.au

H O P E T O S E E Y O U T H E R E !
Women aged 50 - 74

This is a special invitation for you to attend the
FREE
BreastScreen Mobile Service
Located at next to the Lions Shed
Barnett Street,
MARLBOROUGH

15th May 2014
No referral is required

Call
13 20 50

to make an appointment

Women between 40 and 49 and over 75 are also eligible to attend for free
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Marlborough State School
Centenary
2017

We are forming a committee in preparation for our celebrations in 2017.

If you are interested in joining the committee to help organise this event please contact:

Sharyn Truelson
P&C President 49380143
or school on 49356166

If anyone has an hour or two to spare we have lots of books that need covering. Please call to the office for details.
P & C News
14 May 2014

GARDENING HELP: Calling for helpers to please come in to school next Thursday 22 May, (before P&C meeting) from around 11 am if possible to assist with tidying the large garden behind/beside the library. We would like to have this area improved before our District Athletics Carnival.

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MEDICARE LOCAL: is a Government-established health organisation aiming to plan and fund additional health services to Australian communities such as ours. If parents would like to find out more or offer suggestions about children’s health services which could be established in Marlborough, Mark Tobin is available to come and speak to us. Further discussion will take place at the next P&C meeting to determine if there is enough interest to make it viable for Mark to come and speak at either a meeting or a separate event.

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VOLUNTEER WEEK: is this week 12 – 18 May. Small communities such as ours rely heavily on the efforts of the many volunteers who make up committees and give their time to organise community events such as the Show, the Campdraft, Anzac Day celebrations and Pony Club. They work to maintain the Hall, the Museum and the Pool and keep the public area of our town mowed, and of course there are those who are members of our P&C. A big pat on the back to everybody who contributes to their community by being a volunteer.

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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).

23 May 2014

P & C DAY

President: Sharyn Truelson 4938 0143
Vice-President: Sue Gray 4935 6082
Secretary: Fiona Noakes 4935 6062
Treasurer: Brenda Chapman 4935 6030

PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:
16/05/14 Olive
23/05/14 Noakes
30/05/14 Sharps
06/06/14 Chapman
13/06/14 Rasmussen
20/06/14 Truelson
27/06/14 Gray

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