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.

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.
Prep – Year 2 room update

**Romp in the Park – Friday 23rd May at the Botanic Gardens**

On Friday the P-2 class went to the Botanic Gardens for Romp in the Park. We did arts and crafts, face painting, went on the jumping castle, played tug-of-war, sang songs and even visited the animals. It was a very quiet bus trip home!!!

Tug-of-war, hand painting and crafts!

**Maths:** This week students are looking at the language of chance in describing the outcomes of events. Words such as likely, unlikely, certain and possible are being used. Our focus is still on learning number – counting forwards and backwards, using strategies (other than fingers) to add and subtract.

**English:** This week we are looking at making our own Aboriginal stories. Grade 1 and 2 students will take elements from previously read stories and create a new story. All students are looking at the *ch* sound this week.
The grade 1 and 2 students are also learning about the *fl* blend and the short *oo* sound. Sight words are a major focus as students need these in order to progress in their reading.

**Design Technology:** All students have started to make their tiny tot toy creations. Students are working on collecting progressive photos of their creation to add to their design board.

**PE:** All students have been working hard on sprints, ball games and field events. With smaller numbers this year, it seems to be making students more competitive than ever! The lunch time practises are paying off.

**EYC:** Students have been looking at what makes foods healthy or unhealthy. We’ve made a class food pyramid and each student has made an individual healthy plate with a serving of protein, carbohydrate and vegetables.

**Year 3 – Year 7 room update**

**English**

In English this week we have continued work on poetry. We have been looking at rhyming poetry. We have also used published some of our poems from last week for you to read. We are continuing our work on punctuation in our sentences and spelling our sight words correctly in our day to day writing *every time*. Word of the week this week is: *cautious*.
Home reading

This week our percentage is 100%! Woohoo!! This was fantastic news, let’s keep the momentum going. Please continue to encourage your child by reminding them to read and signing off in the homework folder.

Maths

For maths this week we have moved onto symmetry, transformations and rotations. We are completing symmetrical shapes and looking at the definitions. We are also looking at scale and coordinates of maps and 3D structures. We are studying our 12x tables.

History

This week in history we compared the British and American systems of law and government and drew conclusions about the influences they have had on Australia’s system of law and government. We also want to share with you why the poets of the time considered that God or destiny intended Australia to be a nation. The evidence for this was physical. They forgot Tasmania (which was inconsiderate since it was always keen about federation) and saw the nation-to-be as a single geographical unit, a whole continent with only natural boundaries. This seemed to them a special ‘sign’ as other nations had man-made frontiers and Australia’s were the sea.

Golf

Last Friday, Doug Gardner visited the school to start the golf lessons. The 3-7 students had a great time remembering how to swing a club correctly. The next lesson is on Thursday 5th June at 9:00am.

Science

Our space unit is progressing well with the classroom board display growing each week. It is a record of the student learning. Drop in and take a look. The year 5,6,7 students used the Education Queensland web conferencing tool called “Collaborate” to explain their thinking about the challenges of living on Mars. The teacher presented the same information on each computer screen and the students were able to write their ideas on the screen. They could then immediately read the writing by every student and reply if necessary. This interactive approach to learning was a great way to boost group discussion and hopefully understandings.

The year P-2 group continued their investigation of the night sky by adding clouds and the wind to their list. The Earth’s atmosphere and moving air provided more information which they put in a basic mind map. Feedback on their thinking was a major part of the year 3/4 group. Their mind maps became more complicated when they used them to compare Earth and Mars. They were encouraged to think harder about the task. Each student received individual feedback about their mind maps. Their mind maps will be glued in their science journals and a copy added to the classroom display board. Parents are welcome to drop in and take a look.
CONGRATULATIONS

Students of the Week

Henry Gray – for demonstrating responsibility during independent activities
Sophie Olive – for being respectful of other students and property

Bookwork Awards: Homework Book

Logan Beak
and
Bonnie Truelson

Birthdays
May 24 – Meg Truelson – 9 years of age

Student Council – Tayla Chapman

Trash to Treasure Market Saturday 21st of June 8:00 to 10:30am Marlborough State School, there will be lots of cool stalls such as clothes, shoes, jewellery, toys, food and a white elephant stall (extra). There will also be a $2 sausage sizzle.

If you have any donations (shoes, clothes, jewellery, toys, books) please drop them at the school 😊

Sports day is the 13th of June. The student council will be selling a $2 sausage sizzle for lunch and $1.50 for a soft drink. COULD YOU PLEASE RSVP WITH THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS ATTENDING.

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The ______________________ family have _______ adults and _____________ children attending Athletics Day on 13th June 2014.
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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!

May
26-29 May Principal’s conference
Friday 30 May CQ Mobile Education Trailer

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

THANKS to the parents who put up our new flag pole!
It looks great.
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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Trash and Treasure

Marlborough State School Student Council invites you to our
Trash to Treasure Market.

There are lots of cool stalls!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

When: Saturday 21st of June
Where: Marlborough State School
Time: 8:00 to 10:30am
Food: $2 Sausage Sizzle
Stalls: clothes, shoes, jewellery, toys, food and a
white elephant stall (extra)

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
P & C News

28 May 2014
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MEAT TRAY PICKUP – If anybody will be in town either Thursday or Friday and would be able to collect meat trays from Kev Brown Butchery and deliver to Marlborough Hotel, please let me know either by email or 0428 345 180. Many thanks.

THANK YOU: To the ladies who were able to assist with some garden renovations last week. More work to do as time permits. The new flag-pole is in place in the Anzac Memorial Garden, be sure to check it out next time you’re at school. Special thanks to Graham and Tracy Sharps who’s bobcat is becoming a familiar sight around the schoolground.

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DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CATERING: 20/06/14
We will be catering at this event and ask all families if possible to please donate one (or even two) morning tea items for the day.

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PHOTO COMPETITION: Please see attached flier regarding photo competition with winning entries to be printed in a 2015 Calendar which will be available later in the year for purchase. Entries to be received by 14/07/14. Enquiries to Mandy White. Email: marlphotocomp@gmail.com Mob: 0407 380 440

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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).
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