Achieving and Improving

Key Priorities
Our key priority this year are an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school approach which includes explicit instruction. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Can you help?
We have a couple of jobs at the school that we need some help with. If you are able to give us a hand, please contact the school and let us know.

• construct the new flat pack shelving for the shed
• put 4 new behaviour signs up around school
• clear the leaves in the gutter on P-2 room to make sure our water source stays clean
• move equipment from Principal’s residence back to the shed

Cyberbullying
In the last week of last term the Year 3-7 students participated in an online Cyberbullying session with Milman State School. It was run by the Cyber safety team in Brisbane. The aim of the session was for students to become aware of how to stay safe online. Five areas were covered known as the 5 P’s.

• Privacy – keep your passwords and personal details safe
• Positive – make sure online information is as positive as possible
• Profile – use a nickname and a profile picture that doesn’t show your face
• Protect – keep evidence and never bully back, tell someone!
• Permission – make sure you have a grown-up’s permission to use a new site or app

The session also covered the age requirements for some games and social networking site. Whilst many of the students at our school are not yet involved in online environments it is important to make them aware of the issues that can occur. Students were very responsive to the session.

Canberra update
We will be having a meeting for parents and students on Tuesday 29 July starting at 3.15pm. The itinerary, belongings lists and other important information will be handed out at the meeting. Please be assured you will not have to buy any snow gear, the hire of that is included in the cost of the trip. If you do have any questions before the meeting feel free to email or call.

Rocky River Run
A very big thank you to the Rotary Club of Rockhampton who have very generously given us a cheque for $86.00! This was given to us because runners who participated in the Frenchville Sports Club Rocky River Run nominated us as their school. Each online nomination allowed us to receive $2, so thank you to each and every one of you.
Rockhampton Districts
We have eight students competing in various events at the District Athletics next Monday and Tuesday. Good luck to each of them. We wish them the very best of luck and know they will represent our school and Marlborough District with pride and sportsmanship.

Every day counts – will your children be in school?
It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Classroom news
Winter reading challenge
Don’t forget to bring in the Winter Reading Challenge folders back. The winners will be announced next week!

Science – Mr Holmes
This term we will be learning about physics. The focus will be through the Commonwealth Games sports. Students will be studying forces and the science behind the sport science principles involved in the games. Each student will use their science journal to record the new knowledge that is acquired and use a variety of research methods to gather data. A great deal of the research will require the students to complete sporting activities.

Design Technology – Mrs Fallon
This term students are creating a junk yard outdoors sculpture. If you have any ‘junk’ like nuts, bolts, wheel rims, rakes, tin cans, wire, pot plants, cutlery or springs and are willing to donate it to the school that would be wonderful.

Prep – Year 2 room update
Maths
This Term we are looking at fractions, measurement, chance, number, patterns and money. This week we are doing number and place value revision. We will be writing numbers, arranging them in ascending and descending order, working out their place value and doing lots of counting.

English
This term our focus is on persuasive language in stories. We are doing a lot of work with sight words (highlighting them in stories, arranging them in alphabetical order, writing sentences, chanting them and playing games with them). All students are looking at blends, digraphs and tricky vowel sounds too.

Homework
This term the grade 1 and grade 2s homework will look a bit different. They each have a different spelling list (based on a Term 2 spelling assessment). All these words are used in the activities each night. Students will be writing them out in class and using them in sentences too. Preps have a reading book, sight words and as of next week will do a Maths activity. ALL students need to be reading EVERY single night.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update
English
In English this term we are reading and analysing traditional stories. This week we are looking at the structural and language features in particular explaining the message or moral. We have read the tiger, the rabbit and Chung Ho and acted it out as well. Word origins and how they help us break down what a word means has been a big focus for us...we have seen triheaded lions and blueastro flags. We have written our goals for the next 5 weeks and they are glued into our homework books. Word of the week this week is: equivalence
Maths
In maths this term we will focus on the development of fractions, money, patterning and measurement concepts. This week we will be demonstrating equivalence between fractions using drawings and models. This week we are focusing on our 6x tables.

Geography
This term we will be exploring how people and places affect one another. Students will extend their mental map of the world with a focus on Europe and North America. This week we focused on Australia, revising our knowledge of State names and Capital cities. We were given an Australian map jigsaw that we had to piece back together and label.

Student Council – Tayla Chapman
Hello we hope you had a great holiday. At Monday’s meeting we talked about having a ‘come as your favourite character’ day in week 5. It will be Friday August 15 and will be a gold coin entry. Students can come dressed as a character from a movie, book, TV show or cartoon.

Birthdays
No birthdays this week
P & C News
16 July 2014
f.noakes@bigpond.com

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL : CATERING UPDATE
The P & C has recorded a profit in excess of $1000 from the
Athletics carnival last term. Thankyou to everybody involved.
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ART EXHIBITION/WINE TASTING: This is the next big
event on the school and community calendar and will be held
on Friday evening, 15th August commencing at 5pm.
Students are working on artwork which will be displayed and
auctioned on the evening and a wine rep will be in
attendance offering samples, with wine available for sale. A
bar will be operating and we ask if families attending could
please bring along a tray of finger food to share.
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PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2015 CALENDAR: Photo
entries are in and in the next few weeks winning entries will
be chosen for inclusion in the 2015 calendar. Calendars will
be available for purchase by end of term.
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SCHOOL WEBSITE: If you haven’t already done so, be
sure to check out and bookmark our school’s fabulous
internet presence. With photos of school activities, listings of
news items and upcoming events, the website is a wonderful
information resource as well as a great reflection of our
school.
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GOOD LUCK to all those students representing Marlborough
District at next week’s District Athletics Carnival.
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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).
Marlborough P & C Association
Invites you to an evening of "Wine Tasting & Art Admiration"

Friday, 15 August 2014
Marlborough Hall
Commencing 5 pm

Featuring:
Student’s Artwork to be auctioned
Wine Tasting & Purchasing
Finger Food & Bar Operating

$15 Admission Adults    $5 Children

RSVP by 8/8/14 to Mandy White Mob: 0407 380 440  Email: mbramhalt@hotmail.com