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 are looking for someone who can give us a hand, please contact the school and let us know if you can help.

- clear the leaves in the gutter on P-2 room to make sure our water source stays clean

Book Week 2014
Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia. Each year many schools and libraries spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. The theme this year is “Connect to Reading - Read to Connect”. Students are currently completing a competition colouring sheet and are also having a character day dress up run by the student council. Feel free to come in and read some of the best Australian books for 2014!

Canberra update reminder
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.

Rockhampton Districts
What a wonderful couple of days. It was great to see the students get behind each other and cheer loudly. Each person that attended contributed to our success and without anyone of you we would not have reached the heights we did. Congratulations!!!
At the end of the two days Marlborough District team came away the recipients of the:
C schools boys champions and
C schools overall aggregate champions (we were joint winners with Park Avenue)

Classroom news
Winter reading challenge
The challenge readers have been decided and will receive their awards at parade on Monday. Keep your eyes open for their photo next week.
Science – Mr Holmes
Physics is the focus of our science investigations this term. The P-2 class have started using the words push, pull and twist to describe forces. They will be investigating these forces in their everyday lives. They will make a photo record of their results before starting to create a sport for the commonwealth games that has all these forces included.
The rest of the school has started to look at the forces inferred in the long jump. They will identify the places where different forces are applied and use photos of the long jump to describe their understanding.

Prep – Year 2 room update
Geography
This week students are beginning their study of geography, focusing on the definition of place. Students will be identifying different places within the school, conducting field sketches and labelling features as either natural, managed or constructed.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update
English
This week we are reading *the hare and the hedgehog* and acted it out as well. We sequenced the story ‘Fire, fire burn stick’ and continued work on word origins. Word of the week this week is: abandon

Maths
This week we continued work on equivalence between fractions using drawings and models and looked at place value with decimals. This week we are focusing on our 7x tables.

Home reading
This week our percentage is 42% which is a little disappointing. Well done to those students who were able to make time to read this week. Remember even if you have other events on it is still important to read every day. Please continue to encourage your children to read through the week and help out by signing off in the homework folder.

Student Council – Tayla Chapman
At our meeting this week it was decided to change the ‘come as your favourite character’ day to Thursday August 14 so that Mrs Collins can judge the outfits. It will be a gold coin entry. Students can come dresses as a character from a movie, book, TV show or cartoon.

Happy Birthday!!!
19 July Tayla Chapman
12 years old
23 July Jonathon Saunderson
20 years old
JULY
Tuesday 29 – Camp Meeting
Thursday 31 – Principals Conference

AUGUST
Friday 1 – Principals Conference
Friday 15 – Art Exhibition
Wednesday 27 – Wombat Stew
Friday 29 – LOTE Visit

SEPTEMBER
Thursday & Friday 4 & 5 – Soccer Clinic Clare Polkinghorne
Mon – Fri 8th – 12th – Canberra Camp
Tuesday 16th – Discipline Audit
Friday 19th – Soccer Carnival