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.

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey has started. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how our school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students last week. Access details are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. If you have any questions, please contact the school. The survey closes on August 3.

QCWA International Competition for 2014-Capricornia Division
Last semester the CWA show work from the Marlborough Show was forwarded onto the Capricornia Division for judging. We have just received the results. All of the students did very well and should be proud of their efforts. The first place winners at Division then go onto the State level of Competition and will be displayed and judged prior to the QCWA Annual Conference at the end of October. Those entries that will go onto State Competition are:

Year 1 Colouring In: Charlie White
Year 3 Poster Sheet: Meg Truelson
Year 4 Poster Sheet: Riley Murphy
Year 5 Poster Sheet: Clayton Armstrong

Well done to those students and a big thanks to Mrs Rath who took the time to send the students work onto Rockhampton for the next level of competition.

P-2 class 2nd Place! - 2014 DAFF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition
This year 93 schools from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania registered for the 2014 DAFF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition. Each child receives a certificate of participation, just for having a go. Those rust red flour beetles spent a lot of time in our classroom and all students were able to engage in some real life investigation and had fun in the process. Mr Holmes put all of the student entries together and sent them off. When the results came back this week it was very exciting to see that our P-2 class received the overall 2nd Prize. We are now eagerly awaiting the trophy, science kit and certificates.
Sponsors for the district sports shirts
At the recent district sports day we realised we need to order some more district sports shirts. Last time the district was able to secure two groups to sponsor the shirts. If you know anyone that may like to sponsor the shirts and have their name embroidered on the sleeve of the shirt please ask them to contact the office.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability
- level of adjustments we provide for those students
- broad category of disability

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the: Department’s website: http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html
Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open
Please advise local families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011) that they can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. We will contact these families directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page. https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx Information about ‘eKindy in small schools’ has been recently added to this page. We have an opportunity to support an eKindy program from our school in 2015 and receive advice and support from the eKindy team. If you or anyone you know would be interested in accessing this program, please contact the school to enable us to make all necessary arrangements so that the program is ready to start in 2015.

Classroom news
Winter reading challenge
The challenge winners are:
3-7   Wallace Noakes
P-2   Brodie McKenzie
Highly Commended Tayla Chapman
Well done to everyone who participated as we know how important reading is for our vocabulary development.

Design Technology
All students are enthusiastic about building a junk yard sculpture. There are some very creative ideas. Clayton Armstrong is making a unique key ring, Hannah Chapman is creating a lovely pot plant stand and we have all sorts of wall art, mailboxes and frames in the process of being constructed.

PE
All students are eager and keen to compete in soccer drills and skills this term. It may have something to do with Clare Polkinghorne, who plays soccer for Australia, coming to teach us a thing or two in week 8. The students are learning to
juggle, dribble, shoot, tackle and defend. A huge shout out to Clayton Armstrong and Sophie Olive, they have both been enthusiastic and shown a good level of skill during our game times.

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.
This week we also wrote a birthday card to our sponsor child Rebecca.

Science – Mr Holmes
The P-2 students explored the physics concepts of push and pull forces. They have started to apply them to everyday activities and will be investigating how the shape and size of an object can influence how it can move. The classroom display board has photos of the students doing activities that require the use of a force.
Sport science was introduced with the 5-7 group researching the influence of long jump run up length and its possible effect on the distance jumped. An investigation template was provided to every student and their results recorded to answer the question: What happens if I change my run up in long jump? Mr Holmes collected all science journals and will be providing written feedback on their research notes.
The year 3-4 group used their own template to answer the same question about long jump but they made a visual record of their jumping by adding photos to their notes. The photos provided evidence of the materials and techniques used to conduct the experiments.

Prep – Year 2 room update
Reading Eggs
This week three students received reading eggs awards for dedication to reading eggs work. Well done to:
Jake Armstrong
Katelyn Rasmussen
Justin Sharps

Maths
This week all students are looking at measurement (standard and non-standard units). We are measuring height, weight, temperature, foot length, hand size, the length of the classroom and much more. Students are estimating length/weight/height/volume and then measuring various things.

English
All students are working on the ir sound and the pr blend. Each student will be tested on their reading over the next few weeks to check for progress. All students have been reading class stories and seeing how they relate to their own lives. Our class has been working hard on the spelling & the quick recall of sight words.

EYC
This term students are doing a fine motor skills program and are also learning about our skeleton. Each week students will make a different part of a skeleton and at the end of term they will have a completed version to take home.
Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
This week we have been working on our quick writing techniques and extending our vocabulary through word origins and brainstorming categories of words. We read *the brother pig* and *the wise men of Gotham*. When we looked at these traditional tales we discussed the characters, the moral to the story, the purpose of the text and what we liked about the characters. We also tuned in to a web conference with author Jackie French and asked her how she gets her brilliant ideas. Word of the week this week is: yearn

Maths
This week we are studying decimal and fraction equivalence in tenths and hundredths as well as beginning work on fraction addition. We have continued to work on naming fractions from arrays and ordering decimals from smallest to largest. This week we are focusing on our 8x tables.

Geography
Thanks to Mrs Truelson this week we were all given a large section of a map of Queensland. We will work with a partner to identify lakes, rivers, national parks, major towns etc. and then join the pieces back together to make our map.

Home reading
This week our percentage is 63% which is not great. Well done to those students who were able to make time to read this week. If you want to be a better reader you have to read!

Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
**Katelyn Rasmussen** for
**Being Respectful,**
friendly and helpful towards other class members.
Congratulations To

Henry Gray who will go on to represent Marlborough District at Regional level in 800m and High Jump on August 6.

Good Luck Henry!!!

Bookwork Awards

Awards this week went to: Wallace Noakes, Lacee Chapman and Katelyn Rasmussen for neat and consistent work in their Maths book.
Our love and thoughts go out to Kelly, Sean and their family. Sean is currently in Brisbane with serious injuries, after an accident yesterday afternoon, he is in good spirits but has a long road of recovery ahead of him. We all know times can be tough, so let's show them we are here to support them as a community. Friday night at the Marlborough Pub we are getting together to raise some money to send off to them to help them in this tough time. The Marlborough P&C have kindly donated Friday’s raffles so please come down and give a donation or buy some raffles tickets. If you can’t make it please feel free to drop off a donation to Marlborough Motors.

THANK YOU!

Danii McKenzie
Well Women’

Pap smears and health information

Date: Wednesday 27th August
From 10:00

Venue: Marlborough Ambulance Centre

Free health checks for women including pap smears and information on any women’s health issue now available by Mobile Women’s Health Nurse

Book your appointment today!

Free and Confidential Service

Phone:
(07) 49325440 – for an appointment.
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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CQ CARCASE CLASSIC: Last Friday evening was the Presentation Dinner for the CQ Carcase Classic Competition. Our P & C are fortunate to be a beneficiary of this competition and were very happy to be presented with a cheque for $1595.57. Thankyou to those school families involved: Joe & Rachael Olive, the Chapman and Noakes families as well as other contributors: Andrew & Roxanne Olive; Ross & Natalie Olive; Stephen & Claire Farmer and John Atkinson. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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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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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).

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PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:
01/08/14................. Noakes
08/08/14................. Chapman
15/08/14................. Rasmussen
22/08/14................. Truelson
29/08/14................. Gray
05/09/14................. Olive
12/09/14................. Sharps
19/09/14................. Noakes

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, 26/8/14
At School, 3:35 pm
Agenda:
* WH&S
* Art Exhibition/Wine Tasting
* 2015 Calendar
* Soccer Carnival Catering

You’ve Got Three Choices In Life: Give Up - Give In - Or Give It All You’ve Got!

Marborough P & C Association
Invites you to an evening of “Wine Tasting & Cutlery Admiration”
Friday, 15 August 2014
Marborough Hotel
Commencing 5 pm

Features:
Student Artworks to be auctioned
Wine Tasting & Proctoring
Finger Food & Bar Operating
$11 Cutlery Tablets - $5 Children