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.

Semester 1 Report Card Data
I have also chosen to publish the overall behaviour and effort results aggregated from last semester’s student reports. While the Behaviour Breakdown graph represents one result per semester, the Effort Breakdown includes the overall effort result with the effort results from each subject are – hence the large number of results (76 “A”s for effort). As always I am impressed by this data and believe that it would be difficult to find many schools with results as good as this. Congratulations to teachers, students and parents for your ongoing partnership which contributes so heavily to these results.

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Rockhampton district representative
Well done to Henry Gray who received two overall firsts at the recent Rockhampton district carnival. He went to Farnborough today as the 11 year old boy representative for 800m and high jump. Good luck today Henry!
Soccer and netball skills and game afternoon
This Friday the 4-7 students will travel to The Caves State School for an afternoon of skills training in both netball and soccer. After the skills session students will have time to participate in a game.

Livingstone Shire library visit
On Thursday August 21 Julie Bickley, the Coordinator of Library, Arts and Culture at the Yeppoon Library, will visit for the middle session. The purpose of the visit is to show the students the Children’s Book Week finalist books, provide information about how to join the library and promote the library services available to students.

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.

Student Council – Tayla Chapman
Next week student council is having a dress as character day. It is a gold coin entry. Come dressed as a movie book cartoon or TV show character.

Classroom news
Design Technology – Mrs Fallon
All students continued work on the sculptures. Thanks to Mr Lisle who came in and helped out with attaching pieces together. We are starting to see the beginnings of our ideas coming to fruition.

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
Maths
This week we worked with students in the 3-7 room to measure our height, foot length, hand span, shoulder to fingertip and head circumference. Then we put the information in a table so we could compare it with other students.

English
All students are working on the or sound. Each student will be tested on their reading over the next few weeks to check for progress. We worked with students in the 3-7 room, reading traditional tales and working out with the lesson in the story was. Then we sequenced the story in our writing books.
Geography – Miss Day
Students are continuing their investigation into different types of maps, with a focus on mapping locations and giving directions. They will participate in group work where they are required to direct others around a map using location words such as North, South, East, West, near and far.

Year 3 – Year 7 room update

English
This week we have been working on our dialogue writing techniques. We read the cake and Philemon and Baucis. 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 sequenced the events of the story and read it to students in the P-2 class. Word of the week this week is: prevail.

Maths
This week we looked at measurement including our height, foot length, hand span, shoulder to fingertip and head circumference. We have begun working on addition and subtraction of decimals and continuing work on place value. This week we are focusing on our 9x tables.

Geography
Work on our map of Queensland continues. This week we looked at the best ways to use an atlas, map keys, coordinates and the index. We used Google Earth to look up some of the locations we are going to visit in Canberra.

Home reading
This week our percentage is 90% which is getting closer to what we should have each week. Thank you to those parents who help encourage reading by signing the homework folder each night.

FRENCHVILLE FALCONS
CRICKET CLUB
Junior Sign on/Training Session
Cricket Nets
Frenchville Sports Club
Clifton Street
North Rockhampton
2pm to 4.30pm
Saturday 16 August 2014
And
2pm to 4pm
Saturday 13 September 2014
AUGUST
Friday 15 – Art Exhibition
Wednesday 27 – Wombat Stew – P-2
Friday 29 – LOTE Visit

SEPTEMBER
Thursday & Friday 4 & 5 – Soccer Clinic Clare Polkinghorne & Tameka Butt
Mon – Fri 8th – 12th – Canberra Camp
Tuesday 16th – Discipline Audit
Friday 19th – Soccer Carnival
ART EXHIBITION/WINE TASTING: This next big event on the school and community calendar is fast approaching... 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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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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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

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

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PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:
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

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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, 26/8/14
At School, 3:15 pm
Agenda:
* WH&S
* Art Exhibition/Wine Tasting
* 2015 Calendar
* Soccer Carnival Catering

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BE the CHANGE you wish to see in the WORLD
Mahatma Gandhi