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.

Marlborough Library Visit
Next Tuesday we will visit the Marlborough library to visit Mrs Moore and find out more about the services Livingstone Shire offer. P-2 will leave at 9.00 to return at 9.45 and 3-7 will leave at 9.45 to return at 10.30.

Q Schools App
Did you know there is a Q Schools App? This links to the calendar on our school website, and is another great way to stay informed about what’s happening this term. Look out for the flyer that is coming home regarding push notifications.

Patience is a virtue!
Well done to Sophie Olive who has waited so patiently for her athletics day girl champion medallion.

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes
Flammable liquids were introduced to the groups and several samples were provided in tubes. All student groups got to predict and infer which tube contained a named flammable liquid. This included using as many senses as possible to make a decision. The P-2 group also revised the recovery position scenario when explicit teaching was used to ensure they all had an opportunity to learn the process. Year 3-7 groups were also introduced to the concept of materials that were irreversible when heat was added. This allowed a scenario to be introduced about responding to burns using first aid techniques. For minor burns the students learnt that running water over the burn for ten minutes was a good start, followed by a medical assessment. If a person was accidently set alight then a drop and roll reaction was practiced with a blanket used to pat the fire down. Then the patient would be sprayed with a hose or shower as an ambulance was called. The St John’s ambulance website was also used by the students to commence the
online learning tasks. This was a useful experience as the yr3-4 students found the different interactive learning tasks in this website required new ways of thinking to complete the activities.

**Design Technology – Mrs Brady**
Everyone has chosen their design and has picked the timber for their design. We are ready to start to trace around our design and cut out using hacksaws. Everyone is so excited and lots of problem solving is occurring along the way.

**P – 2 Classroom Update**

**Maths**
This week we will be looking at shapes. We will be comparing and describing two-dimensional shapes using mathematical language and features. We are also continuing on with our measurement units on Tuesdays.

**English**
We are learning out forms of modality this week. We are exploring what words are best to use when trying to persuade an audience. We have looked at high modality words such as should, is and will verses words like may, think and could and how they can change the meaning of the text.

**EYC**
We will be planning and practicing our end of year concert presentation tomorrow and more dancing and singing is required. The children have had so much fun learning new dances and are really looking forward to what we are going to do from week to week.

**3 – 7 Classroom Update**

**English**
We are currently looking at the features that make up a letter. We read some from the newspaper and also some historical ones. We found it interesting to see the different language used between a personal letter to a friend or family member and one to the Editor.

**Maths**
This week we have begun work on angles. We are using 360° protractors, compasses and our 180° protractors and marking out increments on a circle and making sure our measurements are precise. We have learnt how to draw an equilateral triangle using our compass and a ruler and estimating and measuring other angles. This week we are focusing on our 9x tables.

**3-7 Home reading**
Woo hoo! This week our percentage is 100%. Raffle tickets for everyone. Well done to all students and parents for your efforts with home reading. Please continue to encourage reading by signing the homework folder each night.

**Student Council – Tayla Chapman**

**DON’T FORGET** – We are having a Christmas market on the Wednesday the 19th of November. Please donate any second hand items you have at home that you no longer want. Thanks to everyone who participated in the PJ day. We raised $51 towards student council activities.
Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
Justin Sharps for Being Responsible by being on task and ready for each and every lesson.

Way to go Award
Kayla Vella - for showing fancy footsteps during dancing.

NOVEMBER
Monday 17th – 21st – Dance Fever
Tuesday 25th – P & C Meeting – 3.15pm
Thursday 27th – LOTE Visit

DECEMBER
Friday 5th – District Swimming @ Clarke Creek
Thursday 11th – Break up Day & Presentation Night
Friday 12th – Last Day of Term
P & C News
15 October 2014
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2015 CALENDARS are now available for purchase from the school. Featuring spectacular local photography and priced at $20, don’t miss out on a great Christmas gift idea!

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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).

Uniform Price List:
Shirts (including Delta/Kelso)............ $15
Hats ....................................... $20
Girls Skorts ............................. $12
Boys Shorts .............................. $12
Boys Sports Shorts ..................... $10
Girls Sports Skorts ...................... $11
School Supporter Shirts (Adult Sizes)..... $20

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PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:
17/10/14....................... Olive
24/10/14...................... Sharps
31/10/14..................... Gray
07/11/14..................... Rasmussen
14/11/14..................... Truelson
21/11/14.................... Noakes
28/11/14.................... Chapman
05/12/14.................... Olive

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, 25/11/14
At School, 3:15 pm

Agenda:
* WHBS
* End of Year Activities

BIG CHINGS OFTEN HAVE SMALL BEGINNINGS
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14 October 2014

Dear Parents, Guardians, teachers, staff and students:

In light of the recent serious traffic crashes on Capricornia District roads, we are asking all members of our community to abide by the road rules and remember the fatal five:

- Speeding;
- Drink and Drug Driving;
- Failure to wear a Seatbelt;
- Driving while Fatigued;
- Distraction and Inattention.

Each year a considerable number of people are killed or seriously injured on our roads. The safety of our students, children and families is a very high priority.

Students who travel by bus to and from school are reminded if your bus has seatbelts, you must wear them. Students who ride their bicycles to school should always be aware of their own personal safety and that of other road users. It is compulsory for cyclists to wear helmets. These helmets must be in good condition, fastened correctly and fit properly. Otherwise, they are effectively useless and will provide no protection when you may need it the most. Parents/carers are requested to ensure that their child has a suitable helmet that meets the Australian Standards.

Students who drive to school are reminded that it is a privilege to hold a drivers licence. We ask all drivers to be aware of the speed limit in school zones and be very conscious of pedestrians and other road users. Driving is the most dangerous activity that occurs on our roads. Every year hundreds of people are killed or seriously injured. Always drive responsibly and always abide by the Australian Road Rules. Failure to comply may result in traffic infringement notices being issued as well as your vehicle being confiscated by Police.

Please drive safely so you can go home at the end of the day to your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Superintendent Van Saane
District Officer
Capricornia Police