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.

Premier’s Readers Challenge
Well done Marlborough State School! 100% completion of Premier’s Readers Challenge. Thanks to all the mum’s and dad’s out there that encouraged their children to help them achieve their goal.

Welcome morning tea
Thanks to everyone who came for the welcome morning tea. Great snacks were enjoyed by all with a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax and have a chat.

Market donations
On Sunday Cr Nigel Hutton and Cr Jan Kelly from Livingstone Shire Council dropped by the school to drop of some donations for the student council market. They had read in our newsletter about the market and were impressed by the students approach to raising money. One of the items was a new toilet. No cistern just the pedestal and the lid. Best offer will take this little beauty home so make sure you visit the trash and treasure stall!
Classroom news

Science – Mr Holmes

Water in its many forms was the main focus of the lessons. The year 5-7 group were introduced to the concept of building models to explain a chemical event. They were asked to use tubes, water and food colouring to create samples of urine that indicated a hydrated person, dehydrated and an injured person. This was an activity where the class used visual information to understand the relationship between water and our body. As our classroom display board starts to develop the emphasis is on the use of scientific language. The end of term assessment task will require students to show how much scientific language they can use when they describe the chemistry that sits behind first aid events. The P-2 class classified photos of everyday items as a liquid or solid and glued them in their science journals. They also used their senses to investigate two liquids that looked exactly the same in a glass i.e. water and vinegar. A follow up investigation of water/ice to treat burns was completed. The Year 3-4 group used a mind map to describe the features of water and how it can be used in first aid treatments e.g. cold pack on a burn. They continued with their St John’s ambulance first aid course on the laptops.

Design Technology – Mrs Brady

The children are cutting out their backgrounds and are finding out how hard it is to cut their timber with just a hack saw. We (teachers) will be helping out by using jigsaws, but we just want them to experience things for themselves first. We are so proud of some of the designs that are occurring and the enthusiasm being expressed by all of the children.

P – 2 Classroom Update

Maths

This week we are learning more about numbers and patterns. We are exploring how to recognise patterns and how to describe what we are seeing in a mathematical way. Year 2’s focus is working on multiplication arrays and missing number problems. Our math focus for the week is counting backwards and counting in 3’s.

English

We have started writing our assessment pieces on persuasive text. The preps will be telling me orally what they liked about a book in the series of Hairy Maclary and finding ways to connect it to real life experiences, year 1’s are doing a power point presentation where 1 character is trying to convince another character of something and the year 2’s are pretending they have written another series to the Animalia series and they have to promote their book for sales.

EYC

We will be practicing our heel and toe polka and doing some more Aboriginal art. These will soon be on display in the cabinet near the drink troughs under 3 – 7 classroom. The children are excited to be planning our end of year Christmas song. They have been sworn to secrecy, but we will tell you, that we are changing a very familiar Christmas song. We are learning about what rhymes with other words and what props we are going to need to go with our actions. Over the next few weeks we will be making these props.

3 – 7 Classroom Update

English

This week we have begun work on our letter writing and are continuing with our biography on a famous Australian. While working on our biographies we are focusing on writing in the third person and using the correct tense. When we have completed our biography will present it to the rest of the class and put our posters around the room. We have discovered it is hard to write a letter to your future self, including all the dreams you have for yourself. Hopefully it gets easier. Word of the week this week is: ordinary

Maths

This week we are continuing our work on identifying and measuring angles. We have also begun work on complementary angles. We are also making designs with rotational symmetry. This week we are focusing on our 12x tables.
Geography
We looked at three scenarios of different towns and worked out what classification they would be i.e. major city, regional area or remote area. Then using written clues, photos and distances from Brisbane we worked out the exact town.

Home reading
Close this week but we were just off the mark. This week our percentage is 92%. Well done to the students who read each night. Please continue to encourage reading by signing the homework folder each night.

Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
Wallace Noakes for Being Responsible in leading others through clean-up of all activities.
Bonnie Truelson for Being Responsible and trying your very best at everything you do.

Bookwork awards
Awards this week went to:
Justin sharps and Lacee Chapman for neat and consistent work in their handwriting book.
Bonnie Truelson and Wallace Noakes – for neat and consistent work in their maths book.

Reading Link Awards
Award this week went to:
Meg Truelson for completing workbook one

Way to go award
Award this week went to:
Amelia Bahnisch for producing some lovely writing when writing our postcards for Grandparents’ Day.
**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

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**Adding 10 Minutes a Day**

To a child’s reading makes a big difference over the year.

A comparison of Year 5 children

DID YOU NOTICE?  
The more minutes children read per day, the more fluent their reading becomes.  
Facts 1 minute to 12 minutes per night make a huge difference.

A 200% increase in word exposure over one year!

Research shows us that the benefits of reading more improve performance in:  
- General knowledge, vocabulary,  
- Reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and spelling.

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**Dates to Remember**
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WORLD TEACHER’S DAY: is being celebrated in Queensland this Friday, 31 October. Although here at Marlborough we celebrated the roles of all of our incredible school staff earlier this year with an Educator’s Day, it is important that our wonderful teachers Miss Saunderson, Mrs Brady, Mr Holmes, Mrs Bryant and Miss Day (& Mrs Fallon) are acknowledged this Friday and every day for the incredible role they play in the lives of our children.

Thank you, Teachers!

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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