Key Priorities
Our key priority this year will be an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school pedagogical approach which includes explicit instruction. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

Be Respectful
- We treat people the way we like to be treated
- We use our best manners

Be Responsible
- We stop and think
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- We always try our hardest

Be Safe
- We always play safely

Educator’s day - Monday June 23
Different days are allocated throughout the year as a way of saying thank you to staff in schools. There is teacher aide’s day, world teachers day, secretary’s day and world cleaner’s day. Instead of celebrating each of these separately we have decided to combine them into one day and call it Educators Day. This will be a day for students to say thank you to the special people that touch their lives each day when they are at school. I would encourage parents to help students send a personal note of thanks to the fabulous staff here at Marlborough mentioning something they are grateful to that staff member for. These are the notes and cards we surround ourselves with and open when we are having a bad day to remind us why we love our job.

Principal’s Conference
A fortnight ago, I attended the Central Queensland Region Principals’ Conference in Gladstone. The focus of the conference was on Instructional Leadership. My favourite quote from the conference was one our Director General Jim Watterston shared with us. It was a quote from Lt General David Morrison, AO, and Chief of the Army “The standard you walk past is the standard you accept” This is so true in every aspect of our lives and a great way to think. Our priority is on ensuring that every staff member and every student is performing to the very highest of their ability. For each student, this will be different, but every member of our team has the capability of ensuring that every child is being supported and extended to their full capacity within a school climate based on quality relationships, trust, collaboration and professionalism.

Marlborough Pool Community Meeting – Mrs Armstrong
Following the school athletics day on Friday there will be a community meeting in the school library. The meeting is to discuss vacant committee positions and the impending vacancy of the pool manager’s position.
Please come and support our local pool and keep it operating for our children. All welcome.
Volunteers
We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to be allocated jobs at the district athletics day. Jobs include timekeepers, high jump, shot put and long jump assistants. Please notify Sharon in the office if you are able to help out so that she can slot you in to the program.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Mrs Collins
We are now well into the Premier’s Reading Challenge and your child will have brought home a yellow folder with a sheet for you to sign each time your child reads a book. Please remember to fill these out and let’s see if we can get 100% participation like we did last year! The yellow folder should be kept in your child’s library bag so that we can check on your child’s progress each week and add books as we read them, particularly Prep-2. We have until 5 September so plenty of time yet but KEEP READING!

Classroom news
Year 3 – Year 7 room update
English
In English this week we are preparing our final poetry portfolio. We are choosing 3 of the 5 styles we have learnt (list, cinquain, limerick, descriptive and rhyming) then writing poems to submit. Ms Saunderson is focusing on our bookwork this week and making sure that we are spelling everyday words in our writing correctly. Word of the week this week is: outrageous

Maths
For maths this week we are working on a marble roll data collection investigation, making predictions about how far they will roll when dropped from different heights. We are also finishing our Rangoli patterns (symmetry) and maps of the school. We are studying our 3x tables.

History
This week we made choices about the things that we want (pocket money, our own phone) and the things we need like shelter, or a country to belong to. Then we compared these with the articles of child protection to see which were the most important. We did pretty well however Ms Saunderson thinks maybe we are working too hard as we said that rest and play were a want-not a need.

Science – Mr Holmes
Using science investigation skills to record fossils was the focus of the Under 8s week science activity. The students used plaster of Paris to make casts of shell imprints. The imprints were made in wet sand. Real fossils of shells and water plants were also examined along with a tour to the chook pen to see the closest animals to dinosaurs alive today.

The year 5, 6, 7 class read their feedback from the teacher on their PMI from last week. A copy of each PMI was glued in their science journal and another was placed on the classroom display board. They also commenced their final elaboration and evaluating task using an online software tool called scribble maps. They have decided how to answer the main space question and developed their argument by adding marking pins to their world map.

Evaluating was also the focus of the year 3, 4 class when they commenced a PowerPoint presentation to share their understandings of Earth and Mars. Their use of a Venn diagram template has helped them clarify their knowledge. For some students a PowerPoint presentation is new.

Finally we are finishing our Bug Attack competition entry to DAFF. Any parents who would like to write a short testimonial to be included in the entry are welcome to send it to Gary: gholm8@eq.edu.au
The competition closes on 27 June.

P-2 History: This week we continued our investigation into family and daily life in the past. This includes posing questions from a photo source and collecting answers using different sources such as informative books and personal retells to write our own narrative of the photo.
June
Thursday 12 June Golf workshop
Friday 13 June School athletics
Friday 20 June District athletics
Thursday 26 June Golf workshop

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
My Name is Arthur Vernon, I coach at Pittsworth Junior R.L.F.C. I am a level 2 coach. Before Pittsworth in Brisbane since 1975, 7 years coaching Director at Deception BayJ.R.L.F.C. There will be a Rugby League coaching Clinic at Stanage on Wed 9/7/14. It will run from 10am to 2pm. My club are running this free of charge as bush to beach session. Every child will receive a free jersey on the day to take home, these to keep for attending. There will be other giveaways on the day. A sausage sizzle will be supplied on the day free of charge. Boys and girls are welcome. This venture all come about by one of my coaches moving to Stanage with work and asked for some footballs, well now we are going to do a clinic instead. If you wish to attend or require any further details please feel free to contact me on 0433003626.
Yours in league,
Arthur Vernon
DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CATERING: 20/06/14
A reminder that our P & C will be catering at this event Friday week and any assistance on the day will be greatly appreciated. If possible, we ask if all families could please donate one (or even two) morning tea items for the day.

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PHOTO COMPETITION: Don’t forget to have your photo entries of ‘Capturing Marlborough District’ in to have a chance of seeing them published in our 2015 Calendar which will be available later in the year for purchase. Entries to be received by 14/07/14.
Enquiries to Mandy White.
Email: marlbphotocomp@gmail.com Mob: 0407 380 440

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PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:
13/06/14 Rasmussen
20/06/14 Truelson
27/06/14 Gray

PUB RAFFLES Term 3: A roster for Term 3 will be included in next week’s newsletter using the names of those families who volunteered their time this term. If there are any new families able to assist please let me know, or if there are any dates not suitable to you, please email me on the above address before next week.

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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).