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.

Celebration day and presentation night
If you have still not returned your form to notify us of your intentions for the day, please send it in ASAP.

Dance Fever
Jake Eve will be with us next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. Parents are invited to attend Thursday afternoon at 2.00 for the parent presentation.

School Captain Speeches
On Monday 24 November at 9.00 students wishing to be considered for school captain in 2015 will be presenting their speech to interested parents, staff and the student body. Everybody welcome!

Student Resource Scheme
Student resource scheme information is coming home today. All agreement forms are due back at the office by Friday November 21. Please do not send any money this year.

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes
Poisons was the topic of our chemistry lessons last week. The year 5-7 curriculum requires students to investigate mixtures. The students were introduced to a scenario where they were lost in the bush and came across a waterhole that had poor quality water. To investigate the problem they made a sample of water that could be in this waterhole by adding dirt, vegetation, animal droppings and live insects.

To survive in the bush and avoid dehydration they decided to filter this water mixture. A basic filtering device was constructed using a drink bottle and layers of gravel, sand and cotton wool. They tested the device and filtered their water. Questions about the health effects of drinking the filtered waterhole water have still to be answered in following lessons.

Processed materials was the focus of the year 3-4 class. They were also asked to answer the questions: What is a poison? How can you tell? The students were asked to create scenarios about being poisoned from unsafe materials that may be in kitchen cupboards or sheds. This activity was a challenge to all students and needs more
explicit teaching next week. The symbols and first aid advice on containers provided some answers. They agreed that many processed materials are mixtures of chemicals that can make us sick and took photos to support their scenario.

A warm up activity with the P-2 class was to make a list of items that they inferred were poisonous. The curriculum requires students to know everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways. For example, water is usually safe but can become poisonous if certain chemicals are added. By classifying everyday containers the students were able to justify their choices. After sharing some poison symbols found on containers the class was asked to draw a picture and write a sentence to tell a story about poisons. Mr Holmes will assess their work and display the stories on our classroom display board.

Year 3-7 students are reminded that their science assessment task is due on 19 November.

Design Tech – Mrs Brady
Our designs are cut out and are taking shape. We are thrilled that we can finally see what our product is going to look like when it is finished. We are really eager to continue with our product design, outside of class time, to make our product ready in time for Christmas.

P – 2 Classroom Update
Maths
Daily numbers have been our focus this week. We have been exploring different ways to represent these using place values, writing in words, finding the sum of its parts and number sentences. We were able to extend on our knowledge, recognising and applying various strategies to other mathematical activities.

English
We learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day. We read a story about a little boy who discovered that his grandfather died in the war and discovered that not all soldiers had family left to remember them. Like the boy in our story, we made paper poppies to remember the fallen, so that they are never forgotten.

EYC
We are busy learning our Christmas song and practicing our parts. The actions connected to our song conveys the meaning behind our words making us use our imagination and creativity.

3 – 7 Classroom Update
English
Students are reminded that both the letter and the biography are due on Monday November 24. This week we have worked on our design technology PowerPoint, our letter and our biography. We have making journal entries every Monday on what we did on the weekend. We write for 25 minutes to build our writing stamina. Word of the week this week is: calmly

Maths
This week we are working on complementary angles. This involves us adding the known angles together and subtracting that from the known overall angle to work out the unknown angle.
For example:
\[50^\circ + 64^\circ + 25^\circ = 139^\circ\]

The overall angle of a straight line is 180°
\[180^\circ - 139^\circ = 41^\circ\]

Therefore angle \(x = 41^\circ\)

We have also begun some work on chance and data. This week we are focusing on our 3x tables.

**Geography**

We created maps of Marlborough this week in an effort to see what services the town could use to make it more attractive to people who don’t live here. We will be putting together a presentation for the class to justify the recommendations we are suggesting.

**Home reading**

This week our percentage is 92%. Well done to all students who read each night. Please continue to encourage reading by signing the homework folder each night.

**USB reminder**

For those families that attended our recent Canberra trip please send in a USB memory stick. We will then load all the photos taken by each adult onto the stick and you can keep or delete photos as you wish.

**Student of the Week Awards**

Awards this week went to:
- **Chalice Tate** – For being safe and respectful in design technology and swimming lessons by listening to and applying safety aspects.
- **Sophie Olive** – Showing responsibility and ownership of the important classroom jobs she has each week.

**Bookwork awards**

Awards this week went to:
- **Clayton Armstrong and Jake Armstrong** – for neat and consistent work in their homework books.

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**Pool Meeting + AGM**

Tuesday 18th 3.15pm
Marlborough Swimming Pool
DATE CLAIMER
LIONS
CHRISTMAS
TREE
SATURDAY 6TH
DECEMBER,
2014

STUDENT COUNCIL
SLUSHIE Wednesday
Starting Next Week
In Second Break
Please bring $2.00 if you would like one!

NOVEMBER
Monday 19th – 21st – Dance Fever
Monday 24th – School Captain Speeches
Tuesday 25th – P & C Meeting – 3.15pm
Wednesday 26th – Interhouse Swimming
Thursday 27th – LOTE Visit

DECEMBER
Friday 5th – District Swimming @ Clarke Creek
Thursday 11th – Break up Day & Presentation Night
Friday 12th – Last Day of Term

Remember Everyday counts

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2015 CALENDARS
“Featuring spectacular local photography”
Only $20
Great gift idea
Available from the School, Shop & Post Office.

CHRISTMAS HAMS will be up for grabs in our popular ‘Pub Raffles’ from next Friday, 21 November and for the four weeks until end of term. To ensure nobody misses out on an opportunity to take home a ham, tickets will be available from the shop Monday to Friday as well as the Pub Friday nights.

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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: In coming weeks we will swap from meat trays to hams. Don’t miss out on your chance to take home a ham, 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

The best way to predict your future is to create it.
-Arthur Lincoln