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
100% of families have chosen option A for celebration day and presentation night on Thursday 11. We look forward to sharing with you the successes your students have had this year.

Dance Fever
It was great to meet Jake Eve this morning. Students have had a wonderful day dancing in air conditioned comfort. Parents are reminded that on Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm there is a parent presentation which will include a skipping demonstration from Jake (100 skips in 30 seconds!!!)
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!

District swimming carnival – Clarke Creek Friday December 5
Any parents requiring transportation for their children to the swimming carnival at Clarke Creek on Friday December 5 need to contact the school by Wednesday December 3 to ensure arrangements can be made.

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

Year level attendance percentages
Letters will come out at the end of the term to each family to show what each child’s individual attendance for the year was allowing parents to compare averages to the schools average. Today I am releasing current attendance rates for each year level. Congratulations are in order for every year level that has reached or exceeded the schools target of 96%.

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Education supply van
On Friday at 11.30 there will be an educational supply van at the school. Parents are welcome to come and buy the resources available from the van. There are early childhood games, puzzles, books and equipment available for purchase. Please notify the office if you intend to call in so we can let the proprietor know to expect your visit.

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes

The prep-2 class have been exploring the chemistry of dangerous gases. They were introduced to BBQ gas and car exhaust fumes. These materials have different smells and even though the students didn’t smell the gases due to safety issues they were able to remember where they are located. This week they also were asked to classify materials as safe or unsafe. We also created scenarios where the students had to use their chemistry knowledge and understanding to decide if an ambulance should be called.

The year 3-4 class were shown an example of a PowerPoint that they could use to complete their assessment task. They were able to use laptop or desktop computers to work on their end of term assessment task. How they present their project is up to them.

Mixtures was the focus for part of the lesson with the year 5-7 group. The students used sugar to create a mixture and a solution. They used diagrams to explain how a solution was
From a first aid point of view, solutions can be useful or dangerous. After showing the class an example of the end of term assessment task, the students were allowed to work on their presentation. The class display board was also an excellent reminder of all the chemistry topics this term.

Design Tech – Mrs Brady
Almost everyone has completed the sanding phase of their product and are ready to burn or paint detailed lines onto their work of art. Because this will be a slow process, burning will occur during lunchtimes, so that our designs are ready by the end of week 9.

P – 2 Classroom Update
Maths
The math spotlight has been on time and direction. We have engaged in an assortment of activities, using hands-on, physical (whole body) and visual techniques, engaging everyone in the learning process. The physical activity connected to direction, was by far our favourite. We had to hide an object and direct our partner using directional terminology.

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.

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 completed work on our science (due today) and design technology PowerPoints (due Thursday November 27), our letter and our biography preparing all assessments for marking. Word of the week this week is: sieve

Maths
This week we are again working on complementary angles. It involves us adding or subtracting the known angles from each other to work out the unknown angle. This week we are focusing on our 4x tables.

For example if:
× XOZ = 80°
× YOZ = 20°
What do × XOY and × WOX equal?

We take × YOZ (20°) away from × XOZ (80°)
80° - 20° = 60°
Therefore × XOY = 60°

The overall angle of a straight line is 180°
180° - 80° = 100°
Therefore × WOX = 100°

Geography
Our maps of Marlborough are now complete and we have added a key. We have each added in the services we feel the town could use to make it more attractive to people who don’t live here and have been preparing our justifications for why we have suggested the services we have.

Home reading
This week our percentage is 100%. Woohoo raffle tickets for everyone! Well done to all students who read each night and to the parents who encourage them to read 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 council – Tayla Chapman
Wednesday November 26th is our annual Inter-house swimming carnival. Marlborough Pool canteen is open and student council will provide a $2 sausage sizzle for lunch. Hope you enjoy the markets today.

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

P & C News
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CHRISTMAS HAMS will be replacing the regular meat trays in our popular Pub Raffles from this Friday, 21 November right through until end of term. 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 hall 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 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 & Anne 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:
21/11/14 ..................... Noakes
28/11/14 ..................... Gray
05/12/14 ..................... Olive
12/12/14 ..................... Rasmussen

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, 25/11/14
At School, 3.15 pm
Agenda:
* WH&S
* End of Year Activities

KEEP CALM SCHOOL IS ALMOST OVER