HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week: Tom B, Harry B, Emily D, Montana S, Zach P, Ashlea G, Chloe M, Kyle B & Sophie Reilly.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Flood & Severe Weather Drama for Queensland schools

Emergency situations continue to unfold in south-west Queensland today with heavy rain and flooding leaving state and non-state schools closed. A number of other schools remain on flood watch. The department is continuing updates via our website, Facebook and Twitter sites as we send our thoughts and sympathies to everyone facing difficult days and weeks ahead.

With the heavy rain we experienced at the end of last week, it is essential for all families to ensure all children know what the family plan is if the buses are sent to collect children early. When local roads are threatened with closure, bus students are sent home so that they are not left stranded at school. Families often collect children early.

If you do not want your child on an early bus due to parents not being home, please notify our office. We cannot send younger students home if there is a belief no one is home. Generally we only have less than an hour’s notice before the buses arrive. It is not possible to contact hundreds of families in this narrow time frame.

Many parents also collect local Marian town students due to the fact that our staff also leaves early so they too are not left stranded. School will remain open with a skeleton staff unless severe weather becomes a threat to all. Local radio stations (including ABC Tropical North) provide updates re closures and event cancellations.

Parade was cancelled Friday due to wet, slippery and flooded walkways. Wet weather policy applies on rainy days. Students are restricted to block areas and toilets. Single, supervised class groups may access the hall.

School News

Sincere thanks to students, staff and parents for ensuring a smooth transition as we created new classes Friday and today. We now have straight classes Prep to Year 3.

We welcome Miss Hawkins to Marian. Miss Hawkins has the new Year 2 class in the temporary relocatable classroom. Class movements are expected before term 2 when we open the new double classroom near “C” Block, however students won’t change. Mrs Evers has a Year 1 and Mrs Fischle has a Year 3. There are no over-sized classes now.

* Parking continues to bring frustration to our school community with police set to follow up illegalities. A number of people were fined last year and one parent lost his licence for breaking the law in and around the school. Student lives are at risk. Please comply with the following. P&C and Staff will report offender number plates to ensure safety.

  1. Show patience
  2. Do not park in disabled bays
  3. Do not park inside school grounds
  4. Do not park in reserved bays
  5. Do not park on roundabouts
  6. Do not park in bus zones
  7. Do not park in Stop, Drop, Go zone
  8. Parking on the road in the exit lane at the front of the school is illegal
  9. Students should not walk through bitumen car park areas when exiting school

* Religious Education classes commence end of February for Blocks “A”, “B”, “C”, “E”, “F” & Relocatable. Special thanks to our volunteer catechists –

  Timetable:   Tuesdays

  9 – 9:30am     1H
  9:30 – 10:00am   1G
  10 – 10:30am   1E
  1:30 – 2pm      2C, 3F, 4M, 6D
  2 – 2:30pm      2G, 3P, 4S, 5/6S
  2:30 – 3pm        2H, 3M, 4/5W, 6F

A religion permission letter will be sent home this week.
Constitution amendments and applications for P&C positions have been called and parents very welcome to the Annual General Meeting 7pm Tues 21 Feb in the Library

Regards,

Daryl Argue
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Religion
Religion will commence at the end of February and will continue through out the entire 2012 school year. Information and permission forms will be out later this week. Please keep an eye out for the permission forms this week.

Costing for religion this year will be $6.00. This must be paid at the office along with the return of your permission form. This fee allows your child access to his/her own student book and other visual and audio class resources.

PREP – Soundwaves Text
After starting the year with the new Australian Curriculum, the Prep Teachers have decided that at least one text is required to help support your child’s learning. After discussions and research, the Prep Teachers have decided on a text that supports a phonemic approach to spelling and writing.
The text has been purchased by the school at a discounted price so that you benefit. It is expected that all Prep students have a copy of the Soundwaves Foundation book. We ask that you purchase the text through the school office at the discounted price of $12.00.
You will receive the Soundwaves Foundation text from the office upon payment of $12.00. We hope to have received the books by the end of the week, you will be advised when the text arrives.
Thank you and we look forward to your cooperation.

Active After-School Program
Thank you everyone for your support with the Active After-School program this term. There are still a few places available in both the P-3 and 4-7 groups. Please collect forms from the office.

An update from the Fundraising Committee
We currently have our Paul’s Milk Lids Promotion still going from last year. We have a special box in the office where you can place your Paul’s Milk lids but please make sure that the lids have been rinsed out so the office staff don’t get overpowered with sour milk smell.
We had a slow start to our first fundraising event this year however we would like to thank the parents who collected their Rotary Raffle tickets from us so promptly. We still have tickets available if anyone would like to get some we will be outside of the library every day this week from 2:45pm. We ordered only 100 to start with but can order more if we run out.
The Rotary Raffle is an unbelievable fundraiser as EVERY dollar collected comes back to us!!! With 16 prizes up for grabs. To put that into perspective if every student at the school was to sell JUST ONE book of tickets (5 to a book) we would make $12,500!!! An early inquiry into providing fans in the hall will put the goal at $15,000 per fan.
If you would like to order some Raffle tickets please fill out the form below and return to the red box in the office and we’ll get them to you ASAP.

Parents Name…………………………………………………………………………
Students Name…………………………….Class…………………………..
How many books would you like? (5 tickets to a book )……………………
Phone Number…………………………………………………………………..
Mobile number if you would prefer a text…………………………………………

Thank you for your continued support!
Corenne Jonas and Elaina Walton
Corenne- ph. 0439000173 or Elaina- ph. 0459544201
Co-Fundraising Coordinators.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 9am start

| Tuesday Feb 7 | B Rewald, B Johnson, A Fraser |
| Wednesday Feb 8 | B Rewald, T Somerfeld, K Head |
| Thursday Feb 9 | B Rewald, T Bradshaw, S Armbruster, K Swift, AM Lambert |
| FRIDAY Feb 10 | B Rewald, S Armbruster, B Leeds, L Fisher, L Oxenbridge |

Tuesday - Meal Deal
Zuchini quiche, drink & fruit salad - $8.00
Zuchini quiche & drink - $6.00
Zuchini quiche & fruit salad - $6.00

Thursday - Meal Deal
Shepherds pic, drink & fruit salad - $8.00
Shepherds pic & fruit salad - $6.00
Shepherds pic & drink - $6.00

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday each week from 8:30 - 9:00am. Order forms are available at the office or on the school website.