COMMUNITY NOTICES

LADIES TENNIS SIGN ON

Ladies Tennis Sign on will be held at the Garrett Sporting Assn Courts, Garrett on Thursday 1st March at 8.30pm.

All ladies are welcome.

For more information, please contact Renee Muston on 49591646 or 0419669492.

UNIT LEADER NEEDED FOR VALLEY GIRL GUIDES

Guiding is about empowering girls and young women to be their best. We encourage girls to try new things in a non-competitive environment, experiencing adventure as they step outside of their comfort zone. We encourage teamwork, help girls to grow in confidence and inspire girls as young as five to speak up and be heard. We are currently looking for someone to take on the rewarding role of Unit Leader. If you are over 18, caring, enthusiastic, have a great sense of humour and enjoy working and having fun with young people, then you are the kind of woman who would make a great Leader. If you’re interested in joining the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact our Regional Leader Karen on 49428177 or check out the website www.girlguides.org.au

Angels in training

Do you have what it takes to become a volunteer Pyjama Angel? On average there are 37,000 children in foster care in Australia; with a number of children in the Mackay alone and they need your help. The Pyjama Foundation is seeking volunteers to attend a training session Saturday and Sunday March 10 and 11.

Those who are interested must contact The Pyjama Foundation on (07) 3262 5569 for further details on how they can attend this training session and begin their journey in becoming a volunteer Pyjama Angel, and ultimately breaking the cycle of disadvantage often experienced by these vulnerable children.

MIDGETS BASKETBALL CLUB SIGN ON

THURSDAY 8th March, 2012
3pm – 5pm
At Walkerston State School (undercover area)
Season Starts 1st Week after Easter
For further info please call Allison 0437 832 044
Or Narissa 0409 636 534

PIONEER RIVER VALLEY HOCKEY & PONY CLUB

OPEN DAY
Always dreaming of owning your own pony but not sure where to start? Too concerned about the financial aspect? Then Pony Club is a great place to get going. Come along to our Open Day on Saturday 3rd March at the P.R.V Clubhouse on Pleystowe Connection Road, Balnagowan to discover what we are all about.

Starting at 3:00 p.m., our very own instructors will show you what is involved in owning a horse. Learn about the costs involved such as agistment costs and equipment costs. Learn how to groom a horse, the basic handling of a horse and etiquette around a horse. Learn the standards for your equipment that are required for Pony Club. But most of all, come and see the fantastic horses we will have on display, to show you that you don’t need to spend big to become a horse owner.

Refreshments will be available on the day. If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact:
Ivan Connell: (07) 4959 8734
Robyn Rawson: (07) 4954 3929

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week:

School Update

• Two important meetings where school growth and development will be on the agenda are:
  1. School Council – 1:00 to 3:00pm Thurs 8th Mar
  2. Grounds Committee – 3:15 – 4:30pm Thurs 8th Mar

• International Women’s Day is just around the corner (8 March) and this year’s theme of ‘everything is possible’ is a great chance to acknowledge the achievements of women in traditional and non-traditional roles.

Clean Up Australia Day 2012 is just days away. Registrations for this iconic event are still open! Join the Clean Up Team by participating in one of the following events:
Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday, 4 March 2012
Business Clean Up Day - Tuesday, 28 February 2012
Schoocls Clean Up Day - Friday, 2 March 2012

• Classes will do their share in and around our school to ensure our local environment is litter free.

DATE CLAIMER

Feb
Tues 28 3:15pm Sydney Carnbeh Meeting
March
Fri 2 Schools Clean up Day
Sun 4 Clean Up Australia Day
Tues 6 Official Hall Opening
Thurs 8 School Council Meeting
Grounds Committee Meeting
Fri 9 School Leaders Induction & Yr 7 Badges Ceremony
Mon 12 March Bookclub due
Tues 21 Harmony Day
March bookclub catalogues will be sent home this week. Orders are
due back at the school by Monday the 12th of March. We would like
to once again thank parents for supporting bookclub as the commis-
ion earned provides resources for the school library.
February orders arrived last week and were handed out Thursday.
Please remember if paying by cheque to write it out to Scho-
lastic Australia.
Please remember to write your child’s name and class on the
top of every order.
If payment is by credit card online, please remember to write the
credit card receipt number on the order, if multiple orders
have been paid for just write the credit receipt on one order sheet.
Orders are placed on the Thursday after the Monday close
date and the order usually takes two weeks to arrive at the
school, get sorted and sent to your child’s class.
If the order is a present for your child please write a note at
the top and the order will be held at the library for you to pick up.
If there is a problem with your order please see us at the
library.
Thank-you again for your support this year, it has been great.
Library Staff

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. Please make sure that the lids have been rinsed out
so the office staff don’t get overpowered with sour milk smell.
If you have taken tickets and you think you will be unable to sell
them, please return them ASAP as we have people who do want
them. If you have requested tickets and received a text please pick
them up from the office and to anyone who hasn’t yet we have put
you on a waiting list just in case we get some back or Rotary issue
more. Thank you for your patience. Just a reminder to please return
your sold ticket butts together with your money to the red box in the
office as soon as possible. Please write your name on it as well so
we can mark them off the list. All tickets MUST be accounted for so
any lost tickets will have to be paid for.
We had our first Fundraising meeting on Monday, thanks to those
who came along; we had some excellent new ideas for fundraising.
Saturday night was also our first P and C meeting for the year and at
that meeting we outlined our fundraising for this term. We have also
raised approval for the purchase of an Outdoor Movie Screen so in
the not too distant future we will be holding our first Family Movie
Night at the school. We were given the go ahead to order stock for
our Mother’s Day Stall so Dad’s and kids keep that in mind when
organising something for that special Mum or Grandmother this year.
We have decided this year we will be selling bacon and egg burgers
and sausages on bread at this year’s election so the wait out to
family and friends to bring along some money when they vote and
have something really yummy to eat. When it gets closer we will be
asking for volunteers on the day and also home baking would be awesome.
Thanks you for your continued support!
Corinne Joness and Elena Walton
Corine-ph: 0439300173 or Elena-ph: 0459544201
Co-Fundraising Coordinators.

Mackay Basketball Association
Junior Club Sign-on Day
Come and join our great Basketball Club this year!
We offer competitions commencing for all juniors and players aged from 6 – 16 years of age.
We also offer senior competitions for adults.

Mackay Basketball will be holding its annual junior sign-on day on Saturday March 17th from 9am –
12pm at Candlestick Park, 107 Juliet St Mackay. Come along on the day to sign up for one of our
great clubs and also get to meet some of the 2011
Champions winning Mackay McDonalds Meteorites.
All competitions will begin in the first week of term 2.

On the day you will also be able to sign up for our
magnificent Meteorites Annie Hoops program; an
introductory skills training program for new or
beginner players looking to learn the sport or
improve the skills they already have!

For more information please contact Mackay
Basketball on 4957 5543 or email
development@mackaybasketball.com.au

Sporting News
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in
Pioneer Valley sporting teams – Basketball…..Deni B, Corey B
& Coby B.
Basketball Development Officer, Greg Vanderjagt will run clinics
for designated classes on Wed 7th Mar
PVC Netball trials this week. Interested players to see Mr Schmidt.
We have included the 2012 sports calendar. Dates and details may
change. Unfortunately we are unlikely to be able to reschedule this the
2011 swimming carnival for this term.

Daryl Argue
Principal

Legal Issues, Regulations & Policies

• Dogs have killed domestic farm animals over the past
2 weeks. Very, very distressing. Please ensure dogs are
fenced or appropriately restrained in yards with secure
fencing and advise neighbours and friends if you see a dog
you recognise on the streets unaccompanied. If a persist-
tent occurrence, please contact the Council pound.
• We all love our children, but it is NEVER a good idea to
believe everything they tell us. Always calmly and rationally
check out the facts. We will always thoroughly investigate
incidents or issues.
• Marian is a large school. We deal with multiple incidents,
diverse student personalities and inter-personal relation-
ship problems on a daily basis. Be assured, we always aim
to resolve problems.
• As a school is a busy and complex operation, always make
an appointment to see staff including Principal, Deputy &
Teachers. Naturally, teachers are responsible for their stu-
dents, so seeing a teacher during class contact time is not
permitted.
• Approaching or disciplining a student other than your own
in school grounds, or to and from school is illegal. Please
contact staff to deal with issues. However, neighbourhood
or street problems are not in our domain.
• On rare occasions some parents have shown lack of self-
control, inappropriate behaviour or aggression in school
grounds. It is always sad when said parents are banned from
school grounds, often missing vital events in their child’s school life like sports days. Always be calm, collec-
tive and patient. We have in the past and will continue to
involve the Police to bring action against offenders. Posi-
tive, constructive communication is essential.
• Please advise the Police if you see people on motor bikes,
4 wheelers or in the grounds after hours or weekends.
Sporting groups, staff or families with permission letters
from the Principal are exempt. Trespass carries a huge
fine.
• Whilst in school grounds, all parents and community
members are expected to follow parental code of conduct
guidelines. Slandering or comments denigrating or criticising
staff, other parents and students is NOT permitted. This
applies in our tuckshop, school events or whilst waiting
for students to finish school at an afternoon.
Thank you to the majority who are super supporters and
make our school community one of the best in the state.

P&C News

Hello parents of Marian State School, my name is Nikki Glossop and
I am your new P&C President. On Tuesday night we held our
AGM and welcomed a new Executive team. On behalf of everyone
at Marian State School, I would like to extend a huge thank you
to the members who stepped down, without your hard
work last year the 2012 team would not have such a fantastic
head start to the year. Special thanks to Sharan Cotby, after
3 years as President you have left very big shoes to fill and I prom-
sie I will do my best throughout this year to fill them. Also to Sue
Jensens, who remains as Vice President and is also acting Sec-
tary and Tony Wales who has continued her role as Uniform
Convener.
The 2012 P&C Executive team is as follows:
President: Nikki Glossop, Vice President: Sue Jensen, Secretary
(unfilled): Sue Jensen Acting, Treasurer: Liz Atkins, Uniform Con-
venor: Toni Wales, Uniform Assistant: Terri Sommerfeld, Tuck-
shop Chair: Alison McGuck, Tuckshop Secretary: Peta Morgan,
Tuckshop Treasurer: Leanne Fisher, Fundraising Committee:
Elaina Walton, Corinne Joness, School Management Committee:
Alison McGuck, Liz Atkins, Kristy Counsell, Grounds Committee:
Natalie Bellmore, position vacant.

THE P&C NEED YOUR HELP! We have a very important role
which remains vacant, we need a Secretary. If you are interest-
ed in nominating don’t let the unknown scare you off – most of
our Executive this year are new to these roles and we are com-
mitted to all working together and helping each other learn and
enjoy them. The Secretary:
• prepares meeting agendas and records meetings
minutes
• maintains up to date membership records
• records and maintains information pertaining to the activi-
ties of the P&C
• has safe custody of P&C association documents
• clears mailboxes regularly
• if you would like to nominate or have any questions,
please email me danandre@bigpond.com

2012 is promising to be another great year of fundraising and
involvement with the school and we are all excited. We look for-
ward to bringing you more information over the following weeks
and months on what is coming up and just remember, the P&C
is a fantastic organization and does great things for your chil-
dren’s school, so please, whenever you can, get involved, make
friends and help make a difference!
Nikki Glossop
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open every day each week from 8:30 -
9:00am. Order forms are available at the office or on the school
website. Welcome Terri Sommerfeld to the uniform shop. Terri
will be working Tuesday to Friday.
If anyone has any small size second hand school shirts they could
donate to the school for new students coming in please hand them
down to the office. We are unable to supply new stock until after
new stock comes in. We will notify you when new stock arrives.