**School Council Meetings**

The Marian School Council which also has roles as our Local Consultative Committee & Management Committee, met for the first time this year with two prominent agenda items:

1. The Quadrennial School Review, which looks at:
   - School commendations & Highlights
   - Recommendations for Improvements & future directions
   - Needs, Wants, Wishes for resources, equipment, facilities etc

Get your eyes out for a key parent survey form where your opinion is sought.

2. Reviewing our Behaviour Plan with three essential foci. a. Anti-bullying policy b. ICT policy c. Suspensions & Exclusions Plans are available from the office and comments invited.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week: Kimberlee C, Crystal C, Mitchell D, Mason R, Shaan S, Xanthus V & Bronti W.

- Grounds Priorities
  - Thank you to Tony Eastwick, who joins Natalie Bullemore as parent reps on our school grounds committee. The committee discussed improvements and future directions including siting future buildings, oval redevelopment, playgrounds, farm and wet weather effects on pathways to name some agenda items.

- Shop commendations & Highlights
- Recommendations for Improvements & future directions
- Needs, Wants, Wishes for resources, equipment, facilities etc

**New Directions**

**Craft Classes** are held on the second Wednesday of the month, with morning tea and lunch starting at 9am - 2:30pm

- "Developing lifelong learning skills in a supportive environment, enabling all to reach their future potential"

- Phone: Anne Webster 4958 5161

**MARIAN MARKETS**

Church Grounds Marian

Sunday 18th March 8.00am – 12 noon

A huge variety of great stalls.

Sausage sizzle & refreshments available

Silent Auction

**COELIAC AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 13-20TH**

**IS GLUTEN SLOWING YOU DOWN?**

- Not feeling like you? Approximately 160,000 Australians have Coeliac Disease but don’t yet know it.
- Coeliac disease affects approximately 1 in 100 Australians, and 75 per cent currently remain undiagnosed. Unexplained and extreme fatigue, bloating or other gut symptoms, headaches, joint pains and a general lack of energy are all common symptoms of Coeliac Disease.
- Do you suffer from these symptoms? With Coeliac Awareness Week 2012 from 13 - 20 March, there’s never been a better time to visit your GP and ask the question - is gluten slowing me down?

**CALL Coeliac Australia on 1300 990 273**

**Getting your copy of this easy, inspirational, no fuss book today and your little (and not so little) cherubs will be eating their veg’ in no time!**

- Simply fill out the order form enclosed with the newsletter, include payment and put it the red box, your book will be available for collection within five days.
- Books can also be ordered and collected from Fem’nasium at 118 Wood St phone 4944 0420

**Check Our Website:** [WWW.MARIANSSEQ.EDU.AU](http://WWW.MARIANSSEQ.EDU.AU)
TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 9am start

Tuesday 13 March
B Rewald, K Dowell, A Walz, A McGurk

Wednesday 14 March
B Rewald, S Murphy, K Blair, L Oxenbridge

Thursday 15 March
B Rewald, S Ambrauster, K Swift, AM Lambert

Friday 16 March
B Rewald, M Stevenson, L Oxenbridge, L Hoban, B Leeds, L Fisher

Tuesday 13 March - Meal Deal
Fried Rice, drink & fruit salad - $8
Fried Rice & drink - $6
Fried Rice Large - $4 Small $3

Thursday 15 March - Meal Deal
Home made Lasagne, drink & fruit salad - $8
Home made Lasagne & fruit salad - $6
Home made Lasagne & drink - $6
Lasagne Large $4 Small $3

Every day Spaghetti Bolognase Large $4 Small $3

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 overloaded with sour milk smell. Well it’s that time of year again when we come begging for parent help—ers for an event we have coming up. As you all know on Saturday the 24th of March we will all be heading to the polls to vote. As Marian State School is one of the many places we can vote and we will be having a large amount of people passing through our school that day, we thought we would have a BBQ running from 8am to 1pm. Any help from our parents would be greatly appreciated. The more parents we have volunteered the less time we will require you. It will be a 7am start to set up the BBQ’s and tables then start cooking ready for the booth to be open at 8am. If anyone out there could volunteer a small amount of time to help out we would forever be in your debt. You can contact either of us on the numbers below, fill out the attached form or call us at school. We will be having:
Bacon and Egg Burgers Sausage on bread Drinks
And a Raffle or two.
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. We will be having:
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School News
• With AFL & Soccer Trials coming up, talented 11 & 12y olds should check in with Mr. Schmidt for details.
• I will be absent from this Wed 14th March due to another operation. Miss Worth will be Acting Principal.

Regards
Daryl Argue
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY
2013 Sydney/Canberra Trip Fundraising
Thank you to those parents who have attended that last two fundraising meetings. Last week was a very productive meeting. Year 5/6 parents please keep an eye out for an important letter coming home this week about the first fundraiser. If you are keen to help out with fundraising for the 2013 Sydney/Canberra trip please email Kylie Mans on amckey11@bigpond.com.

Parent Meet and Greets
Thank you parents for your support and attendance over the last few weeks with our classroom parent meet and greets. We hope to conclude these in the next couple of weeks prior to the end of term.

Regards
Casey Worth
Deputy Principal

LOOK OUT FOR THE YEAR ONE PHOTOS IN WEDNESDAY’S DAILY MERCURY.
Student Council Activities coming up
Unison Day Celebrations Wednesday March 21st
The Student Council are having a Free Dress Day on Wednesday 21st to celebrate Harmony Day and raise money for our farm animals. We would like everyone to wear something orange and bring a gold coin donation. Students will also be selling orange ice cubs for 50c at both lunch times. At 2.40pm all students will meet on the oval to release an orange balloon (with their name on it) to celebrate Harmony Day and complete the day with a ‘Boogie Woogie’ crazy dance. Orange balloons can be purchased for 50c prior to Harmony day on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March from Student Council members in the undercover parade area from 8am – 8.50am and at both lunch breaks. Guess the number of balloons in the jar. 20c per ticket.

Autism Awareness Day Friday March 30th
The Student Council are having a Free Dress Day on Friday March 30th to raise awareness of Autism and money for the SEU to buy equipment. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation. We are also hoping all students will bring blue balloons, streamers and other items to decorate their classroom. The Student Council will have a judging panel to find the ‘BLUEST’ room. There will be a class prize.

Activities:
• First lunch break there will be a disco in the hall. Cost will be 50c.
• Blue icy cubs for sale at both lunch breaks. 50c.
• Year 7 girls will be painting fingernails blue in the undercover area from 8.00am – 8.45am. Cost will be 50c.
• Each class is to get a vote for their ‘Bluest’ Person. At first break all classroom winners will meet to judge the school winner. There will be prizes for each winner.

If we can get enough parent helpers we will have face painting before school for $2.

Any interested parents who can offer assistance or donations for both days of balloons, fingernail polish, freezing icy cubs for both days at home and bringing to the school, etc. please contact Mrs Yvonne Lee on 4999 4444.

2013 Sydney/Canberra Fundraising Committee
There will be an Easter raffle held on Saturday 24 March on “Election Day” at Marian S. S. Tickets are available on the school homepage. Please remember to bring a few spare dollars on the day.

To all parents of 5/6 students there will be a meeting on Thursday 15 March @ 3:15 at the school library.

P&C News
Well, last week was a massive week of ceremony, and I, as P&C president, was very proud to be a part of it! First up was the official opening of our wonderful hall. Both myself and Vice President Sue Jansen attended. As we sat there on stage with all of the dignitaries, I couldn’t help but think, what on earth did we do without our hall?? It was a fantastic occasion to show off our excellent facility to the likes of Mayor Col Meng and Kirsten Livingstone. We are all waiting in anticipation to hear the outcome of our grant application for the fans – we definitely needed Harmony Two.

The second, but no less important ceremony I was involved in was the Year 7 Induction Ceremony. On behalf of the P&C I send a big congratulation to all of the year 7s and I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year!

Our next P&C meeting is next Tuesday 20th March. I really hope and look forward to seeing some new faces there – remember, being actively involved in your school benefits your children! It is also a great opportunity to make new friends and have some ‘adult’ chat time.

Have a fantastic week.
Nikki Glossop, P&C President

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open every day each week from 8:30 – 8:50am. Order forms are available at the office or on the school website.

If anyone has any small size second hand shirts they could donate to the school for new students coming in please hand them in to the office. We are unable to supply shirts in small sizes until new stock comes in. We will notify you when new stock arrives.

Coach’s Corner
Welcome to the 2012 season of the MRL! (Marian Rugby League)

Congratulations to those students who have been invited to attend Mackay & District Trials this Friday.

For the rest of term there will be rugby league training sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays weather permitting. The under 12 ARL development 10–a–side team will be announced next Wednesday and the under 13 John Paap Shield School boy team will be announced the following Wednesday. Notes will be sent home with all successful players. There will also be an under 10 Gala Day side selected next term and an under 11 Steve Jackson Shield side selected for 3rd term. The selection process is a difficult one and many things are being taken into consideration when selecting our teams. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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