

Fun stickers: Congratulations to Felicity S and Molly R.

Block Champions
Prep classes, Year 7 and 1S

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

End of Term
Term 1 will come to an end this Friday 30 March. It has been a busy term with the new curriculum, new staff members and many new student enrolments. This year will see the first 2 week Easter break for most State Schools across Queensland. School will resume on Monday 16 April. We hope that you have a very happy and safe Easter break and we will see you for another exciting and productive Term 2.

Attempted Break-In
Sadly, over the Easter weekend someone has tried to break into the school. There has been some minor damage to the office and other parts of the school. Thankfully nothing was taken and no one was injured. With the school holidays beginning at the end of this week, I would like to ask our school community to keep a vigilant watch over the school. If you see or hear anything that seems untoward, please phone SchoolWatch on 131799. The School Watch Hotline is available 24 hours.

Easter Bonnet Parade – Wednesday 28 March
We’re thinking of having our final school parade. During this parade students will show off their Easter Bonnet creations that they have made at home or school, depending on their Year Level. I look forward to seeing many colourful creations. The 5/6 Sydney/Canberra trip Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this end of term prize.

Pioneer Valley Maths Competition
On Thursday 29 March at 9am a number of Year 6 & 7 students will compete at Term 5 against other Pioneer Valley Cluster Schools in a Maths Competition. Students will work cooperatively to solve a number of mathematical problems throughout the morning. We wish all of our teams the very best in the competition.

A+ Days
During the last week of term, classes across the school will hold their A+ days to celebrate good behaviour from Term One. This is a reward for those students who have exhibited good behaviour throughout the term, something we believe is worth celebrating.

Marian State School - Cross Country
Due to the wet weather and the condition of our school oval, the Marian SS Cross Country will be cancelled. We encourage students to continue training over holidays and we will resume school training in Week 1. The students who have consistently trained will automatically be nominated for the Pioneer Valley Cross Country trials on Friday 27 April. Notes will go home in Week 1 with the Cross Country trial details.

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NEW DIRECTIONS
CHECK OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MARIANSS.EQ.SG.EDU.AU
Sports Update
Due to our recent wet weather some sports trials have been postponed. Please see a list of sports below. If you require further information please contact the school office.

- Mackay Hockey: 20 March
- Mackay Tennis: 28 March
- Mackay AFL: 28 March
- FV Soccer: 29 March
- Mackay Rugby League: 29 March

Active After School Community Program - Term Two
P - 5 Gymnastics: Rosemary Haines Tuesday
4 - 7 Table Tennis: Jared Stanley Wednesday

Starting in Week Two of Term Two, our Active After School program will commence again, with Gymnastics and Table Tennis being offered. If you would like your child to participate in the Term Two Active After School Community program please collect a parent letter and medical consent form from the office.

Please remember that placements within each of the offered activities are limited. You will be notified in Week One next term if you have been successful in securing a position.

Regards

Casey Worth
Acting Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

- Holidays
Firstly I would like to wish our students, staff and school community a happy and very safe school holiday. Classes resume Monday, 16th April.

In keeping with our school may I request that our community be vigilant in keeping a neighborhood watch on our grounds and report any disturbances.

- Term 2 Preparation
Please check if you have children or children require a replenishment of resources such as coloured pencils, wind-ups, pencil sharpeners or toilet paper. These are often highly sought after and may need replacing for term 2.

- Harmony Day
Congratulations for a successfully Harmony Day. Mariners SS was awarded with orange, high energy and donations. Many thanks to our Mariner SS staff, students and community for supporting our Harmony Day. A big thank you also to Mrs Lee, Mr King and our Year 7 for organizing and coordinating the day. Activities within classrooms were very well received by all.

Keeping in touch,

Mrs A Wilson
Acting Deputy

P&C News
Hello again for this last week of Term 1. By now you are familiar with your child's school and P&C, interact with other parents and have an active role in your child's school.

We will also be holding a small Special Meeting this week where we will adopt the constitution and elect a new secretary before proceeding on with the normal meeting. It would be fantastic to see some new faces (as well as the old), so see you there!

On the weekend we had a BBQ at Election Day and it was a great success. Thank you so much to Corene and Elaina for organizing the event and a big thank you to the parents that gave a hand on the day. Last week we purchased a new BBQ for the P&C to use as the old one was on its last legs. According to the "Red Chef" on Saturday, it is fantastic and we are all looking forward to using the new BBQ at all of the exciting events we have planned this year, like our movie night next term. Keep your eyes on this space for more info.

So don't forget, P&C Meeting tomorrow night, 7pm, if you don't see you there, have a wonderful and safe Easter with your families and enjoy the break. See you bright and fresh for Term 2!

Nikki Giles, P&C President

Student Council Fund Raising Activities
Thank you to everyone who has generously supported Harmony Day. We raised $800 for the farm.

Year 7 students will be in the undercover area every morning and lunch break for students to purchase tickets or make a guess for the following activities.

1. Guess how many bowls are in the jar. 20c a guess. Money raised from this goes to the farm. Winner will be announced on Friday at the disco. In case of ties the nearest person will be the winner. If no one guesses the exact number, the jar will go to the closest guess. One or more people guess the correct number, their names will be put into a hat and a winner will be drawn.

2. The second prize is to raise more for the SEU. Tickets are 50c each. There is no guessing. Ticket will be drawn and that person is the winner. Winner will be announced on Friday at the disco.

3. Friday is Austen Blue Day. It is a free dress day, so we would appreciate everyone coming dressed in blue to support the day. A gold coin donation is required. All classes will vote for their best dressed person and they will compete for the title of "Blue of Honor" at the disco.

Don't forget to decorate your rooms.

Students will be present from 8:00am in the undercover area to paint fingernails blue. Cost is 50c.

There will be a disco at 10:45am in the hall. Entry fee is 50c.

All money raised from Friday will go to the unit to buy educational games.
What a whirlwind start for 2012 for 4S, twin enicks, endangered animals, seed heads, World Education Games online, tangrams, Egyptian Numeration, avatars in eStuido and worryy spaghetti.

Year four hit the jackpot with the Australian National Curriculum in English with the units on Poetry and The Twins, something of a roller-coaster ride in literature. In Unit 1 we learnt about poetic devices, wrote and shared poems and learnt how to appreciate the beauty of birdsong, only to see that same bird glued to a tree branch and cooked in a pie for the frightful Mr Twist in Unit 2. Norm's spaghetti speaks for itself and students of 4S, as ghost writers for a new chapter in the popular novel, have been creating their own culinary delights or planning justice for the frightful Twins.

Back to reality in Science, as students of 4S have taken on the role of a zoologist. Each student has identified an endangered species and studied it in depth with an emphasis on the natural and human factors threatening its future survival. In 306E, students have created and designed an educational and colourful brochure on the Australia states using Publisher.

The Easter holidays will bring a well earned rest for 4S.

**Term One: 7K**

This term has been a very busy term for 7K. We have worked tirelessly to learn the art of persuasion. The class has looked at persuasive advertisements, videos and read motivational and inspiring speeches. We have pulled apart and analysed speeches from Barack Obama, John Howard, Shakespeare and Martin Luther King Jnr. Each and every student has now achieved black belt status in the art of persuasion. To try and cool us all down after some sweating heat this term, we explored and dived into the continent Antarctica. 7K learnt facts on amazing Antarctic animals, the explorer, the Antarctica treaty, who owns Antarctica and many other interesting concepts. The students then showcased their knowledge in a persuasive brochure. In health the students created a play and a rap to convince their peers on the need to brush their teeth.

The year 7 cohort had a fantastic start to the school year and the first term has soared by at a rapid pace. The students attitudes to schooling and their brilliant behaviour has set the year 7 cohort up for one of the best years yet for year 7 at Marian State School.

Mr Matt King

7K Class Teacher

**4H**

Wow! What a busy start to the year. Everyone has settled in well and looking forward to a well earned break. This term in the new C2C curriculum we focused on poetry. The children were exposed to many different types of poems. They read, viewed, analysed, wrote and performed their own poem. We are just rounding up our "Twits" unit. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading the hilarious novel and are in the process of writing a new chapter for the book. In science we focused on living things. The children really enjoyed making their own seed head using grass seeds. At the moment they are putting the finishing touches on a research task on an endangered animal, its lifecycle and the how the environment affects it. In S.O.S.E we learnt all about Australia. The children designed a brochure for a state in Australia. They did a fantastic job of using Publisher to present their. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to another very productive term.

Mrs Myers

**News from SEP**

What a busy term we've had in the SEP getting to know each other and having lots of fun. All students are becoming skilled in using Technology with daily usage of the Interactive Whiteboard and computers. The purchase of extra iPads has allowed everyone access to many interactive educational games. Our foundation group have been learning many new skills such as writing their name and following directions. Cooling has proved to be a very popular activity with some children discovering new tastes. We're all looking forward to dressing in something blue this Friday to raise awareness of Autism.

**Year 6F and 6G**

This year has been WONDERFULLY in grade 6 with many learning opportunities in our various subjects. From constructing and exploring science experiments to land yacht creations, there has never been a dull moment! We have learnt many maths concepts and written multi creative short stories. All of this has combined together to create a lovely Year 6 cohort and two very happy teachers.

**Prep Green**

At the start of the year 25 prep students joined Prep Green with their own individual backpacks of experiences, knowledge and personal development. Well, over 9 weeks we have all worked together to build and explore through investigation, observation, guided learning. Prep Green students extended their knowledge of living things. The usually lifeless lily pads come to life and our circulars for nature walks assisted our focus on the living and nonliving things around school. We have observed broad bean seeds sprouting and the grass heads certainly need a hair cut!

Prep Green students furthered their understanding of sounds, letters, words and sentences this term. The Prep Green post office engaged all students in the process and purpose of writing including postcards, letters, notes, emails, and signs. We even commenced email communication with Morantbah East Prep A class. Currently our Prep Green library is a popular site with fiction and non-fiction books. Do you know where to find the books on a book? We do! Our counting, number knowledge, sorting and sequencing ability is really developing.

Many thanks to Mrs Heel for overseeing Prep Green for weeks 9 and 10 whilst I have been Acting Deputy. And now to our first holiday for the year – may everyone have a super safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing everyone back in the classroom for Term 2!

Mrs A Wilson
END OF TERM CLASS ITEMS

**Prep Red**
Prep Red have had a busy and fun first term participating in many learning experiences around the theme ‘WHO AM I?’ We have been busy making friends, using our five senses and learning to co-operate and work together.
We have engaged with the new curriculum which has seen us writing lists, letters and emails and investigating the features of books. We also took care of some mealworms and were very excited as we observed their life cycle, and discovered that they turn into carating beetles. Our favourite things during this term have been playing in our class post office, using computers and spending time with our Year 6 buddies.
We have planned a special Easter party this week for our A+ incentive day to celebrate a fantastic term. Happy Easter everyone!

**Prep Yellow: Mrs Seierup**
1. Fabulous Teacher Aide: Mrs. Burgess;
2. 25 Wonderful Prep Yellow students;
3. Activity areas set up for daily tasks;
4. Busy days each week as we learn our charts and actions for letter sounds;
5. Faces with dots on a dice as we recognise our numbers;
6. Days at the computer to add our bean plant and record its growth;
7. Visits from our Yr 6 buddies;
8. Weeks of looking after mealworms and watching them change into carpet beetles;
9. Weeks of Prep are nearly over and we all deserve a happy and relaxing break!

**Term One, 1E**
With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, our Year One’s have been very busy studying many delightful books such as ‘The Wonky Donkey’ and ‘Pout Pout Fish’. We discovered that authors are tricky with their word use and illustrators also help us to find out what the author is saying. We enjoyed buddy reading with 7K. In maths we have been busy counting, looking at shapes from all angles, adding, subtracting, and the list goes on! Amongst all this business we have been scientists, doing field studies to discover healthy and unhealthy environments in our school and learning about what animals (including humans) need and want. To finish off, this week we are having fun designing and creating our Easter Bonnets - the test will be at our Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank you to all those helpful parents who have volunteered for reading and maths. We all look forward to a great (hopefully dry!) Easter holiday, and another work-filled Term 2.

**1G & 1H**
1G & 1H have been biologists this term. We have been drawing and labelling animals found in our local environment and studying how their external features (outside bits!) help them to eat and move. The children studied a school area to see if it was healthy for the local animals and graphed their findings. We also have studied many books this term and have learned that a book is made of many parts. These include a title, author’s and illustrator’s name, a blurb, a spine, a page and a dedication page. All of this before we even get to read the pages! We have used these books in our writing, our spelling, our speaking and of course, our reading. We have learned about clocks, coins, 2D and 3D shapes, adding and subtracting, directions and numbers to 20. All of this in first term! We can’t wait for next term.

Miss Grobe and Mrs Horton

**Year 1S**

It has been a very busy start to 2012. 1S has been reading a variety of books, learning about different authors and illustrators and inferring character emotions. We have also been learning about healthy and unhealthy environments and what living things need to stay healthy and happy. Each student designed and created a suitable environment for a chosen animal, which was then displayed in the library for all to admire.
2H and 2C

In our classrooms this term, we have been busy reading and writing our own poetry! We have had some very creative presentations of our poems and overall we have had a lot of fun with poetry. Students have also become scientists as we have been investigating different materials and conducting lots of experiments (and making lots of mess!).

2G

In 2G this term, we have been very busy with units on poetry and storytelling as part of the new National Curriculum. We have read, written, and recited poems, and have almost finished a character biography. Our Flat Stanley project continues to keep us busy as we receive mail and news about where the flat people have been visiting each week. We have a bulletin board full of postcards, maps, and brochures about places all over Australia. It has been very exciting. Please come in and have a look! Our science unit this term will have us building a lunch box for Mr. Argue! In maths, we have been measuring, counting, adding and subtracting. We have all worked very hard and have settled in to school well, and will deserve some rest and relaxation at Easter.

Year 5RS Term One

The students have studied the structural and behavioral characteristics of animals and created a new creature with detailed information about how the creature survives in its environment. For health, students have created an informative tool to educate an audience about the effects of bullying. In English, students have developed an understanding of character development in the story of Silence: Belladonna Quest.

3H, 3P, 3F

We find that one whole term has passed, and now the term went really fast! We have been busy working well, from the start of the day to the home time bell.

We have been reading the book Matty Forever, which we read by ourselves and read it together. Matty and Matty are the best friends of all. They take on challenges, big and small.

Living and non-living is our science game, grouping what is different and what is the same. We love identifying each of the features, which belong to all the living creatures.

We have learnt to add on nine, and fill in gaps on a number line.

Emotions A-Z has kept us calm and cool, and we need these strategies when we're at school. We have learnt how to keep our classroom happy and proud of our learning place.

A+ Day is coming and we can't wait to hope that next term will be just as great!

Year 4SW

The term has flown by and everybody is eagerly awaiting the holidays. We have been working hard and are proud of our efforts throughout the term. Our days have been filled with a variety of learning opportunities ranging from enjoying our class novel, 'The Forest of Silence', to investigating camouflage in the school grounds. Other days have seen us rehearsing our role plays on bullying, designing anti-bullying posters, and showing off our artistic talents in Visual Arts. Our goal is to reach the basketball clinic. We have become experts at mapping, carried out surveys in our maths classes and created some fantastic graphs, all of the data that we collected. In Science the Year 8's are creating a creature having learnt all about adaptations.

Somehow we found time to get ready for NAPLAN next term. Rest assured, we are all working hard and looking forward to reaching all our personal goals in Term 2.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

Year 7L, Term One

The students have completed a wide variety of science experiments using different substances and grown their own colourful sugar, salt and boron crystals. They have discussed and researched natural and man made disasters and most presented outstanding, detailed and informative multimedia presentations. For health, all students from both Year 7 classes worked together to write scripts and a rap for our "Say No to Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs" poster which is now on display at the school during lunch hours next term.
An update from the Fundraising Committee
A huge thank you to all of the helpers we had at the Election Day BBQ. As usual we had our dedicated Fundraising Team of helpers (Kerry, Rana and Cherry) as well as all of the P and C executives! Our new BBQ was put to the test and all the Dads agree it was awesome! We have some drinks and sausages left over but never fear it will be put to good use at our Premiere Movie Night in April so stay tuned.
We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and if you're travelling over the Easter break please drive safely and remember that there is only one day a year when it's perfectly ok to have chocolate for breakfast!
We currently still 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 your milk smell.
Thank you for your continued support!
Corrine Jonas and Elena Walton
Corrine- ph. 0439000173 or Elena- ph. 0409644201
Co-Fundraising Coordinators.

Tuckshop Roster - 9am start

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Sydney/Canberra Trip Fundraising
A huge thank you to all of the parents of 5/6 students for donating items and their time to assist with the Easter raffle on Saturday. It has been a huge success! Thank you for supporting the raffle as we have received more than half of the tickets that were distributed to year 5/6 parents. Just a reminder that all sold tickets and money need to be in by Tuesday afternoon as the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday morning at parade.
Looking forward to jumping into Term 2 with more fundraising events, and meeting even more parents next term!
Have a happy and safe Easter break.
The Sydney/Canberra Trip Fundraising Committee.

Coach's Corner
All students who were invited to attend rugby league trials for the Mackay Representative team please be advised that we are all trialling at Victoria Park State School Oval on Thursday March 29th.
- Under 10 & Under 11 players will be trialling at 9:30am until 11:30am
- Under 12 players will be trialling at 12:30pm until 2:30pm.

Good luck to you all.
The ARL under 12 development cup will be held on April 27th and this team will be selected after the holidays.
A school boys under 13 John Paap Shield team will be chosen as soon as we can get back out onto the oval to train.
Megan Grobe & Matt King

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open everyday each week from 8.30 - 9.00am. Order forms are available at the office or on the school website. Welcome Terri Greenfield to the uniform shop. Terri will be working Tuesday to Friday.
If anyone has any small size second hand school shorts they would donate to the school for new students coming in please hand them in to the office. We are unable to supply shorts in small sizes until new stock comes in. We will notify you when new stock arrives.

Council Serve Up Egg-cellent Activities
Visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au
To see what egg-citing activities are happening in

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