**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Student Opinion Surveys**

The 2012 School Opinion Surveys have just been released. I am very pleased to report that we have maintained our incredibly high standing in the Mackay District, Central Region & Queensland. Marian is once again one of the top schools in opinion survey feedback in the state. I have included our student responses in relation to Qld below.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>School (%)</th>
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<td>I like being at my school.</td>
<td>95.1</td>
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<td>I feel safe at my school.</td>
<td>98.8</td>
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<td>My teachers motivate me to learn.</td>
<td>98.8</td>
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<td>My teachers expect me to do my best.</td>
<td>100.0</td>
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<td>My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work.</td>
<td>97.6</td>
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<td>Teachers at my school treat students fairly.</td>
<td>92.6</td>
<td>81.7</td>
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<td>I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.</td>
<td>90.0</td>
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<td>My school takes students opinions seriously.</td>
<td>91.5</td>
<td>80.0</td>
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<td>Student behaviour is well managed at my school.</td>
<td>91.3</td>
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<td>My school looks for ways to improve.</td>
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<td>My school is well maintained.</td>
<td>96.3</td>
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<td>My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.</td>
<td>93.7</td>
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<td>I am getting a good education at my school.</td>
<td>97.6</td>
<td>92.5</td>
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<td>My English skills are being developed at my school.</td>
<td>97.5</td>
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<td>My Maths skills are being developed at my school.</td>
<td>96.3</td>
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<td>I understand how I am assessed at my school.</td>
<td>90.1</td>
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<td>I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning.</td>
<td>98.8</td>
<td>94.3</td>
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<td>I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies at my school for learning.</td>
<td>97.5</td>
<td>89.8</td>
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<td>I use computers and other technologies at my school for learning.</td>
<td>92.5</td>
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<td>I enjoy using computers and other technologies at my school for learning.</td>
<td>93.8</td>
<td>92.6</td>
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<td>I feel accepted by other students at my school.</td>
<td>89.9</td>
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<td>My schoolwork challenges me to think.</td>
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<td>My teachers challenge me to think.</td>
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<td>My teachers encourage me to do my best.</td>
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<td>My teachers clearly explain what is required in my school work.</td>
<td>92.6</td>
<td>87.5</td>
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<td>My teachers help me with my school work when I need it.</td>
<td>95.1</td>
<td>90.2</td>
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<td>My teachers use a variety of resources to help me learn.</td>
<td>93.8</td>
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<td>My teachers care about me.</td>
<td>88.9</td>
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<td>My school encourages me to participate in school activities.</td>
<td>97.5</td>
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<td>My school encourages me to be a good community member.</td>
<td>97.4</td>
<td>89.4</td>
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<td>My school celebrates student achievements.</td>
<td>95.1</td>
<td>91.8</td>
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<td>I would recommend my school to others.</td>
<td>93.8</td>
<td>85.8</td>
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<td>This is a good school.</td>
<td>92.7</td>
<td>98.4</td>
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Swimming classes wrap up this week & our carnivals are next week. Both carnivals commence at 9:30am & should be over by 2:30pm. Students are to bring lunch & water bottles with them.

Swimming Carnival
Monday 3rd—Senior Carnival 9 year to 13 years
9 year olds in Grade 3 need to attend on this day
9:30am Start

Competition Events
Championship Events
Novelty Events

Tuesday 4th—Junior Carnival 5 years to 8 years
9:30am start

Competition Events
Novelty Events

Please remember swimming gear, sunscreen, hats, lunch and at least 1L of water—as the day will be warm.

Our school leadership team return to school tomorrow after several days of cultural leadership training. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for being in charge the past few school days.

Class lists for 2013 will be placed in the covered area this week and hopefully book lists can be finalised and distributed/placed online.

Exciting times for our Years 4 & 5 this week as the majority of this cohort travel to the Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre.

Our final interschool sporting match (against Mirani) will be conducted on the 7th Dec.

Carols by Candlelight is also rapidly approaching. Our classes look forward to performing at this special family event…..Thurs 6th Dec

Results from Friday’s sport –
⇒ Boys Cricket against Walkerston won
⇒ Girls Cricket against Walkerston—Walkeston won 1st Innings, Marian 2nd Innings.

Regards

Principal

Year 7 Graduation Meeting

All Year 7 Parents/ Guardians are invited to the final Graduation Meeting on Wednesday 28th Nov at 8:15am in Mrs Lee’s room to update details for the evening on catering, decorations, parental assistance with setting up food etc on the evening.
Tickets for the Marian State School Christmas Raffle will be available for sale every afternoon outside of the library and at Friday Parade. Tickets are $2 and the stocking is at the hall so everyone can see it. It will be drawn the night of Carols. We will also have several runner up prizes. If anyone would like to take some tickets to sell please contact Elaina/Nikki or Corenne

**Movember**

Mr King is growing a moustache to help raise money for Movember. He is aiming to raise $1000 and needs your help. He has promised that if Marian State school raised $1000 by November 30th he would wear a big, pink, Disney princess dress for the day. To donate, place an envelope with Movember clearly written on it and your donation inside, in the red box in the office. Mr King will give everyone an update on parade on Friday. Please help Mr King raise $1000 for Movember. The dress Mr King has to wear is on display in the office. Remember Free Dress Day Friday in support of Movember! Look for a photo of Mr King in the pink dress in next week’s newsletter!

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP WILL ONLY BE OPEN MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING 8:30am to 9:00am.**

Commonwealth banking will be done Tuesday (27th) 9am due to Kinchant Dam camp. Please have your banking in by then.

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING THEIR SWIMMING GEAR—PLEASE COME AND CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX AS WE HAVE A LOT OF SWIMMING GEAR IN IT.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 9am start**

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<td>Tuesday 27th</td>
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<td>Wednesday 28th</td>
<td>B. Rewald, L. Oxenbridge</td>
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<td>Thursday 29th</td>
<td>B. Rewald, AM Lambert, S. Ruocco, K. Swift, S. Armbuster</td>
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<td>Friday 30th</td>
<td>B. Rewald, B. Leeds, L. Hoban, S. Armbuster, L. Oxenbridge, D. Haidle</td>
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**Tuesday Meal Deals—27th**
- Fried Rice, drink & fruit salad - $8
- Fried Rice & fruit salad - $6
- Fried Rice & drink - $6

**Wednesday Meal Deal—28th**
- Macaroni Chicken, drink & Fruit Salad—$8
- Macaroni Chicken & Fruit Salad—$6
- Macaroni Chicken & drink—$6

**Thursday Meal Deal—29th**
- Cottage Pie drink & fruit salad - $8
- Cottage Pie & fruit salad - $6
- Cottage Pie & drink - $6
- Cottage Pie - $4 Small $3

**NO SAUSAGE ROLLS UNTIL NEXT YEAR**

**NO MONDAY TUCKSHOP**

**SYD/CANBERRA FUNDRAISING—**

**MONDAY TUCKSHOP** is finished for the year. Thank you for everyone’s support during this year.

A big thank-you to LGM House Stumping for kindly donating meat trays for our raffles held at the Marian Railway Hotel every month.

Scholastic Bookclub orders have closed for the year. The last order went in last Thursday. Hopefully the order will be back within 2 weeks. Thank-you again for your support this year.

The Library is now closed for stocktake—if your child has not returned their library book could they please be returned ASAP.
CHANGE OF DETAILS ADVICE
If you have changed address (postal or home), phone details, or started a new job please remember to inform the school of such changes. A quick telephone call will do. We often find, when trying to contact parents with a sick or injured child, that details are not up to date. Please also check that emergency contacts are up to date. Could families let us know if your child is not attending this school in 2013. This helps us with class numbers. Thank-you

Marian Budding Scientists need a hand!
Mrs Waugh is in the process of setting up some ‘Marian Science Kits’. Each kit will hold most of the appropriate materials for C2C Science. Some ‘bits and bobs’ are needed to complete the Unit One kits. Are there some kind families who would like to donate any of the following items:

- Ice-cream containers
- Shoe boxes
- Clean meat trays
- Stockings
- A4 envelopes
- A4 padded envelopes
- Old fly screen pieces
- Egg cartons
- Butter knives
- Odd socks
- Metal washers
- Plastic bottle
- Small boxes
- Wide variety fabric off-cuts (inc leather, fake fur, wool)
- Small plastic animals
- Pots/punnets for plants
- Sandpaper
- Empty tins with labels
- Empty 2L soft drink bottles
- Cardboard tubes
- Empty soft drink cans
- Fishing line
- Clean jars with lids

WHERE: PINNACLE PLAYHOUSE
PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 6.30 PM SHARP.
TICKETS: ADULTS $20, SCHOOL AGED $10
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 49 667 333.

Proudly supporting Marian State School

Underground Pipe & Cable Locating Services
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- Pipe & Cable Locating for both Metallic & Non-metallic Services
- Water Leak Detection
- Excavation Equipment

Earthmoving Equipment
- Tipper
- 3.4 Tonne Zero Swing Excavator
- 5.5 Tonne Zero Swing Excavator
- Mini Skidsteer
- Caterpillar and Positrack Skidsteer
- General Attachments, Boring, Tipping Hitch, Trenching

AVAILABLE 7 DAYS - NO JOB TOO SMALL!