HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week and through the holidays: Enya Micallef, Kelsie Sommerfeld, Madalin Dowell, Matisse Bloye, Teresa Gorey, Ellie Minchianski, Todd Bradshaw, Gage Smith, Jett Patterson, Trent Campman, Brayden Carr, Brock De Groot, Chloe De Groot, Hailey Polley, Connor Delaney, Tahila Johnson, Lana Bakonyi, Joel Curran, Levi Haidle, Dakota Ryan, Eleanor Cunington, Maya Stephens, William McAuliffe, Harrison Considine, Ella Kersey, Amber Jacobsen, Darcy Canavan, Jaydah Bullemor, Lily Johnson, Thaila Hill, Chyler Ruocco, Liam Burt, Thomas Veivers, Thais Konnane, Hollie Andrews, Conen Valliance, Bryce Taylor, Darcy O’Neill, Madeline Freeman, Jack Williamson, Dillon Mogg, Emily Jacobsen, Broc Gibson, Hayden Duncan, Benjamin Aslette, Caitlyn Mitchell, Emma Said, Jayden Uden, Toby Vandenbogert, Luke Schneider, Jordan Viti, Chloe Findlaym, Joshua Baines-Polley, Lana Love, Olivia Love, Mackenzie Byrnes, Dylan Hughes, Angus Mau, Jemma Ferguson, Jaydah Noonan, Blair Stevenson, Caesar Jenljens, Brinnee Sant, Michael Borg, Kirra Gray, Tiana Fraser, Matty Riley, Ethan Byrnes, Rebecca Bugeja, Alex Hindmarsh, Tesharni Burkhardt, Rylea Davis, Corey Benson, Daniel Duncan, Amy Liddle, Hayley Galea, Damon Boswell, Harrison Boswell, Thomas Boswell, Fletcher Faulks, Mason Wakely,

Achievement Awards: Aaron Stevenson, Felicity Stephen, Emma Said, Emma Kennedy, Karen

Fantastickets: Tia Hitchens,

Block Champions: All Blocks

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
As this is my final report as Principal at Marian, I would like to reflect on my nine years at a truly wonderful school. Highlights for me are many & varied, but I have listed the following treasured memories:-

😊 All the fantastic students I have met & worked with over the years, with most making tremendous improvements in academic performance & behavioural wellbeing.
😊 My conscientious & professional staff determined to bring out the best in every child.
😊 Our supportive parents who voluntarily give their time and services to make our school a better place.
😊 P&C members past & present whose efforts have been amazing.
😊 Seeing our school rise to the top in district School Opinion Surveys

Enrolment growth exceeding all predictions

Multi-millions of dollars achieved through applications to improve school facilities, equipment & resources.

 прекрасные уроки счастья включая our Days of Excellence, School Farm & Cultural Programs

😊 Outstanding academic & sporting successes.
😊 Special days, events & programs
😊 Our 125th, School Fair & Carols
😊 My family being part of the school community

Thank you to my Deputies (Casey, Annette, Mark & Michael), my Leadership teams & Barb and all my office staff over the years

Marian is a great school in a great community and I have enjoyed my experience as Principal.

“Most people come into our lives and quickly leave. It is the special few that come in and leave footprints in our hearts and we are forever changed.”
At Marian I have had the pleasure of meeting many people, including lots of students, who have left an impact on me. Hopefully, I have also had a positive influence on many lives.

Farewell to everyone from my wife Alice, Sam, Benj, Jane & myself. Thank you for the memories.

Swimming Results

Hamilton House Captains Bhodie Kronk and Arielle Taylor with P&C President Nikki Glossop

Congratulations to Hamilton House, winners of this year’s Swimming Carnival. Hamilton won both the Junior & Senior events.

Well done to the following age champions:

9 Years Boys:
Gold—Hayden Eastwick
Silver—Hunter Gesch, Ryan Walton and Dylan Hughes

9 Years Girls:
Gold—Isabel Holowko
Silver—Isabella Byrnes
Bronze—Casey Keilbach

10 Years Boys:
Gold—Mitchell Duncan
Silver—Ethan Mckenzie
Bronze—Tom Deguara

10 Years Girls:
Gold—Lainey Cornwall
Silver—Kanticha Kinnane
Bronze—Zahlee Taylor

11 Years Boys:
Gold—Zac Bennett
Silver—Bailey Breitkreutz
Bronze—Isayah Miller, Lachlan Bryan and Calvin Frasson

11 Years Girls:
Gold—Lois Beckingham
Silver—Tia Johnson
Bronze—Amy Jackson, Hayley Galea, Sarah Agius

Open Boys

Gold—Bhodie Kronk
Silver—Mason Wakely
Bronze—Tom Anderson

Open Girls

Gold—Milla Cornwall
Silver—Shyla Kronk
Bronze—Arielle Taylor

School News

- Commendations to the majority of students who achieved pleasing reports or made good progress in Semester 2. Parent – Teacher interviews this week.
- Thank you to Mr King for being such a good sport and donning a pink dress all in the name of Movember fund-raising.
- Farewell to Mrs Stewart who retires after a long career as a teacher, beginning in the late 70s. Excellent teachers make a difference and Mrs Stewart has been an excellent teacher throughout her career.
- Farewell to Mrs Gesche, who takes up an appointment at Norville in Bundaberg next year. Mrs Gesche has been a valued staff member, who we will dearly miss. Norville are fortunate to be picking up such a superb teacher. Best wishes also to husband, Brett, Cooper & Hunter.
• We also wish Mr King all the best as he ventures to Adelaide and takes up a new stage of his career. Mr King has been a terrific Year 7 teacher and we all hope he returns in the near future.

• Special thanks to Mr McArdle, our technician for his conscientious endeavours the past couple of years. We wish him every success in Maryborough.

• Our sincere thanks to the following staff who have done a wonderful job relieving or on contract or supporting our students, classes or school – Mrs Heel, Barb Perna, Tricia Cornwall, Mrs Anaru.

• Best wishes to Mrs Seierup who has commenced leave. Mrs Riches will take over Prep Yellow for this week.

• Two strong commendations from recent events – firstly to Miss Brett, staff, P&C, parents and students for your involvement in our highly successful Carols by Candlelight – a lovely night. Secondly to our 4 & 5 campers & supervisors who received the highest praise possible from the staff at Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre. Well done all.

• Interschool sporting results – Congratulations to all teams, Boys and Girls cricket and T-ball teams were all victorious.

• I would like to wish all graduating Year 7s my very best wishes for the future. You have been a cohort to be proud of.

• Thursday is BREAK UP DAY and our final parade is scheduled for 2pm. Free dress.

• Friday is the final day of school for 2012. There is only one bus run. The buses collect students after 12:15pm with students departing at this time. School is open. Free dress.

• A plus days this week – well done to students participating. We appreciate your positive behaviour efforts.

TO FAMILIES, MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR. I HOPE ALL STUDENTS HAVE A SAFE & WONDERFUL SUMMER VACATION.

Farewell

Daryl Argue
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop closed for the year, orders can only be placed via order forms placed in the red box in the office.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL THEN BE OPEN ON THE 22ND TO THE 25TH OF JANUARY 9AM—11AM.

LOST PROPERTY WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY AT THE END OF THE WEEK IF NOT CLAIMED

SOME ITEMS THAT ARE IN IT:
2 SLEEPING BAGS
9 TOWELS
12 SWIMMING SHIRTS/SHORTS
6 GOGGLES
6 JUMPERS
Various hats, lunchboxes & drink bottles
ALL NO NAMES

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 9am start

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| Thursday 13th | B. Rewald— Ice blocks and drinks only available today |

Friday Tuckshop closed

We desperately need volunteers if we are going to continue with our Saturday night raffles at Marian Hotel. Unfortunately if we don’t get any helpers the 15th December will be our last night, which will be very disappointing as it’s a great fundraiser. If you are able to help out please email: sydcan2013@hotmail.com Dates we are needing helpers are January the 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and so on. Thank you

Jaime Paton

Movember Photos—Mr King in THAT DRESS!
Variety of Mirani High uniforms for sale formal and informal $8 each. Also winter jacket $35
Ph: 0437176635

For sale - Mirani State High School Boys Formal Uniforms, Shirt size 34 and Stubbie shorts size 14. Only been worn twice, like new. $50 the lot.
Ph: 0749543872/0429668054
Mirani State High School Jacket. Like new. $45.00
Ph: 0749543872/0429668054

2 Marian School shirts for sale—size 14 never worn $15 each Ph: 49543662

MIRANI LIBRARY
Christmas 4 Kids
Kids Christmas Parties
Festive Craft, Christmas Stories, Carol Singing and a visit from Santa!
Tuesday December 18, 2012
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Open to children aged 1 to 12
Bookings Open 3rd December
Parents / Carers are responsible for their children during the Christmas Activities

There will be a religious education day for primary school children at the Catholic Church Hall, Anzac Avenue, Marian on Monday 17th December from 9.30am until 3.00pm. Children are asked to bring coloured pencils and their morning tea. Lunch will be provided. The cost is $1.00

REGISTRATION FOR:

BRISBANE ROAR HOLIDAY CLINIC IN MACKAY - JANUARY 2013.
EMAIL: mrtzeno@bigpond.com
FAX: (07) 4662 2327
This term has again been very busy and productive for all Prep Green students. ‘I like to move it’ was certainly a resounding theme in more ways than one! In science, our Preps used their senses to observe the movement of a range of objects including themselves. They climbed, played games and developed their coordination with ball skills as well as bopping along to the rhythm. All preps had the opportunity to develop their confidence and movement in water with swimming. Experimenting with paper helicopters, floating and sinking materials, feeling vibrations and grasping an awareness of ‘gravity’ definitely extended the mind. An excursion to gymnastics and the botanical gardens was the grand finale to providing movement experiences and an opportunity to stimulate the senses at one of Mackay’s most special environments.

Last Thursday, the hue of our class actually turned green, as Prep Green joined Prep Red in the transformation of students to an array of Christmas trees ready for an evening of carols. Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree certainly put smiles on the dials of us all!

From Prep Green and Mrs Wilson, may we thank our many volunteers to the classroom from parents to trainee teacher aides (including Mr A, Mrs C and Mrs D). Your assistance throughout the year has been invaluable and greatly appreciated by one and all. Thank you to our class teacher aides – Mrs Bruce, Mrs Kidcaff, Mrs A and also Mrs Borg. We love our ‘helpers’!

Finally …..to the students of Prep Green – Thank you for a super year. All the best for the transition to Year One! Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday. See you in 2013!

From Mrs Wilson.

PREP RED

This term Prep Red went ‘Beyond the Backyard’ as we explored the climate, plants and animals of jungle, desert, arctic and under the sea environments. We went on an awesome excursion to the Botanic Gardens where we hunted for a variety of animals and bugs. We snuck up on a sunbaking turtle and saw some slithery snake skin.

Our next stop on the excursion was Gymnastics. We have been learning all about how things move in science lessons so this was a great chance to balance, jump, swing, hop, crawl and move our bodies in all types of ways.

We have enjoyed navigating our way through a variety of stories this term, creating character profiles and story maps and writing letters to our favourite story characters. Children should be congratulated on a fantastic effort.

Thank you to all the parents who have been so involved in helping out this year. You are wonderful!!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.
We had to select the appropriate materials from home and make them from scratch. We were happy when a lot of them worked! Science has been a very interesting subject. We have done lots of fun experiments like placing a chocolate button in our hand to see if, and how long it would take to melt. We then were allowed to eat the chocolate button and it tasted scrumptious and a little bit divine. During the experiment we realised that the chocolate started off as a solid and ended up as a liquid.

In poetry, we have all written a rhyming poem about a special place to us. It was really exciting because we were allowed to perform our poem to our class, using expression and some actions.

In Maths we have been doing a lot of addition and subtraction. We have been practicing how to add and subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers with regrouping. We are now getting pretty good at it.

Year 3 and up were allowed to vote for school captain. We were so excited to watch the speeches and felt very grown up when we were allowed to vote.

We are all looking forward to A+ Day and becoming big year 4 students next year. We can’t wait!!!

By Alivia Wakely (3M), Isabel Holowko (3P) & Callum Ford (3F)

**Year 4/5W**

It’s that time of the year when we gather our belongings together, head home for time with the family, hope Santa finds us and think about how exciting it will be in Grade 5 and 6. It seems like we were just packing those belongings into our desks for the start of the new year, not that long ago. And what a year it has been! Term 4 had a similar ring to the others. C2C kept us all on our toes and whether it was spelling, English, Maths or Science we were challenged at times and most certainly always busy.

As well as study Storm Boy and The Lorax we did our fair share of maths, spelling and tables, studied relationships and community groups, learnt about light and matter and eagerly participated in Technology Day, Book Fair and swimming lessons. To end the term with a bang, we jumped on board the bus and headed off to Kinchant Dam for a spot of biscuiting, raft building and outrigging among numerous other exciting activities.

So what were some other highlights of this term? Kaiden went to Cairns and represented the Mackay District at the State Athletics Carnival. Nik built the strongest tower on Technology Day. Ethan, Alex, Courtney, Saskia, Quinn, Jolie and Jaydah represented our school in the band on numerous occasions. Alex, Jasmine, Karli, and Pravagyan learnt all their tables and Jayden Rennison was one of the top 10 library borrowers in the whole school. WOW! As for the rest of the class, they were fantastic too. We have had a great year. I couldn’t have wished for a better class in my first year at this school. I would like to thank Sue Sant for her wonderful help with the Year 5 Fete stall and her efforts at Kinchant Dam. Her, along with Joyce, Helen, Tanya, Arthur and Matt, our wonderful parent helpers, were a fantastic and much needed help. Thank you! May you and your families all have a merry and safe Christmas.

**Year 4S**

Term 4 has been a physically testing one for 4S with the intensive 4 week swimming program at the Mirani Pool to the action packed 3 day camp at Kinchant Dam. Students in each case were placed in situations outside their comfort zone and learnt the value of team work as they had to rely upon others to achieve a task safely. They discovered new aspects about themselves and their peers like who were the nimble rock spiders on the Bouldering Wall; the problem solvers in the Adventure Games; the speed lovers in Biscuiting; the coordinated and strong in Outrigging and most importantly who can be trusted to be a team player.

In the English Curriculum, 4S met the challenge of packaging a new breakfast cereal and developing an advertising campaign. Students quickly discovered that they possessed the knowledge and skills for a career in Advertising after cracking the advertising formula for success; equal parts sugar, vitamins and giveaways.

This year has been a steep learning curve for the year fours. So much more has been demanded of them in English, Maths and Science with the new Australian Curriculum. Looking back over the year it is hard to believe that we covered so many new topics in so much depth. Next year shouldn’t be such a challenge as the curriculum requirements should be more familiar. Well done 4S. Enjoy your Christmas Holidays and all the best for next year.

**Year 4M**

Wow! What a year and 2013 is just around the corner. This semester has once again been a busy one, with many highlights. Camp! We all had a fantastic time, very tired by Friday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children took away with them many important life skills. They participated in activities including raft making, biscuiting, outrigging, catapulting, low ropes, bouldering and a number of team challenges. We had some wonderful parent helpers. A special thank you to the parents for giving up their time and sleep to help us out.

Earlier in the semester the children participated in a Rural Safety Field Day. This term we have focused on many areas around the home and the community of how we can stay safe. Each child received a sample bag of goodies. This year we were blessed with fine weather for our swimming lessons and to see the progression throughout the weeks was fantastic. Well done to all those that competed in the carnival. With the end of the year drawing to a close very quickly, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Year 5/6S**

This semester 5/6S have worked well and achieved many of their goals. As a class we had a goal to improve our problem solving and were successful as we improved by 30%. In Maths, we participated in Guild Wars where our maths skills were tested in groups to have a champion guild. In English we learnt to analyse the narrative, Storm Boy. Year 5’s were lucky enough to go to Kinchant Dam for camp to build on their co-operation skills. Year 6’s went to Action Challenge to improve their leadership capabilities. In Science, Year 5’s have been testing their investigation skills to bust common myths. In the arts, we learnt about M.C. Esher as well as how to tell a story through dance. Overall it has been an enjoyable Semester and I wish all the Year 5’s and 6’s good luck for next year.
Year 6D – Written by 6D Students
Within our subjects of Maths, English and Science we have been working hard to improve our knowledge. Recently in Maths, we have been learning about angles, misleading data, properties of numbers, tessellations of shapes and discounts. Whereas in English, we have started debating on whether verb groups, noun groups, emotive words and images are better in the information text or narrative text of Moon Bear Rescue. We’ve learnt PINE (procedure, information, narrative, exposition) which helps us remember our four power genres. Investigating and involving disgusting mould growth in fair tests in Science has been great fun.
Us Year Sixes were involved in many special events, such as Action Challenge, Technology Day, Marian Spring Fair and the Swimming Carnival. We have to say that Action Challenge was so much of a challenge. We had to leap from a small wooden platform that was ten metres high to a trapeze bar, and then we were hoisted back down. It brought tears to many of 6D’s eyes, but overall it was such an amazing experience.
People would think technology is boring, but from our point of view it is fascinating, challenging, enjoyable and it uses team work. The Technology task required us to modify a cup so that it would tip a marble onto a target. Some of us were successful on the first go, some of us took longer.
By encouraging our Prep Buddies and helping them with skill building activities, we have guided them to make the correct choices. 6D has enjoyed mentoring them and being supportive not only this term but all of this year.
At the Fair everyone had a ball and all the rides, especially the Sizzler, were definitely loved by all of us that went to the Fair.
We are so excited to take our knowledge and blast into 2013 as Year Seven Leaders!

Year 2C, 2H & 2G
Thank you to all parents and guardians for their support throughout 2013. Year 2 students have finished off the year with a focus on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign. We visited the Mackay City Council Recycle Centre to begin our investigation. We then explored how each of us can make a difference to conserving our Earth’s resources. We used some of our knowledge to design and construct a model of a rubbish bin to help solve some of our rubbish problems.

In English we explored narrative text and were very creative in writing events for stories, trying to use all the knowledge and skills we had learnt throughout the year. When we were mathematicians we practiced our knowledge and skill of numbers to 1000, learnt about telling the time, explored maps and giving directions and progressed along our journey of learning about multiplication and division.
2C practiced and presented some great plays to their peers and parents, we had a ball and all the rides, especially the Sizzler, were definitely loved by all of us that went to the Fair.

Wishing you all a safe holiday
Anne, Kayla and Michelle

Year P1S
This term in English, Prep/1S has written and innovated on procedural texts and enjoyed ways to show emotions in stories. In Maths they have collected, interpreted and displayed data, made and described 2D and 3D shapes and solved money operations. In science they have discovered and discussed sources of light, sound and movement. They have also compared and contrasted toys from the past with toys today and enjoyed discussing and playing with toys from the past.

Year Ones have had a busy Term 4.
Highlights included

- Designing disgusting sandwiches
- Making sandwich containers for Technology Day of Excellence
- Measuring volume
- RE with Miss Maggie
- Discovering light and sound in science
- Talking about families – past, present and future
- Aboriginal stories for English

and last of all…..

© A fantastic A+ Day at Harbour Beach
Thanks to all parents who have contributed to student success by ensuring they are properly prepared for school each day and to those who have assisted in any way in the classroom or school activities – your help is invaluable.

Have a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back as Year Twos in 2013.
1H Kerry Horton, 1G Megan Grobe and 1E Connie Evers

Year 7K
7K has had an amazing year, filled with fun and learning. Mr King is incredibly proud of every one of his students and has seen them grow into smart, trustworthy and mature young adults. The whole of 7K has excelled sportily, culturally and academically. Mr King would like to thank all his students for an unforgettable year and wish them all the best of luck in their future schooling.

Year 7L
Term Four has been very intense with working through the final C2C units and preparing for our Fractured Fairytale Performances, Swimming Carnival, Sports Days, Fund Raising Activities, Carols Night, Graduation and Big Day Out. It’s hard to believe that another year is almost at an end. We’ve researched Antarctic food webs in science, written our own lyrics to songs to stop make others aware of animal cruelty, had amazing fun in designing and making board games, pet items and very technical, advanced automatic pet feeders. Some of us could become famous inventors. We’ve learnt to be tolerant of others when working in groups and to develop resilience and cooperation skills. Next year we become the babies once again when we enter high school. Not a frightening prospect at all.

Mrs Lee and all the students in year 7L would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and stay safe everyone, especially if you are travelling. Take care of each other and we’ll see you all next year.

By Maddie, Amy and Jazmine.
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