Congratulation to the following students who received their badges on Friday:

School Captains: Lois B, Abbey M, Lachlan B and Calvin F

Sports Captains:
Boldon: Amy L, Te’Aroha L, Tahni B and Deakin R
Hamilton: Tia J, Isayah M, Rylea D, Corey B
Nabilla: Rebecca A, Levi M, Kaitlyn F and Cameron M


Band Captains: Sarah A, Deakin R
Choral Captain: Tahni B

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FROM THE ADMIN TEAM
Project 600 – Year 5 Reading

Students from our school are involved in Project 600 – Year 5 Reading. This is an online learning program that develops the reading skills of the students involved.

The program is delivered by our school in partnership with Education Queensland’s Central Queensland Region and Brisbane School of Distance Education. Lessons will be delivered until May 2013.

The students involved in Project 600 are really enjoying and benefiting from the program. Here are some quotes:

“I believe that Project 600 is helping us in Reading and helping us understand how to use SCORE in Reading. SCORE stands for 'Skim and Scan, Connect & Question, Organise your Thinking, Read and Reflect, Be the Expert.' We have all improved our reading skills so now we shall be able to read better.” Daimen K

“Project 600 is to help us in NAPLAN. We have a virtual classroom and online teacher. Every Tuesday and Thursday we go to the Library and go online to complete reading activities. We learn all about SCORE and many other reading skills. We are all hoping to improve on our NAPLAN Reading skills and marks this year.” Bronti W

Shining Stars Program

This year at Marian State School, we are working towards developing an extension program for students who require increased learning opportunities in different areas of their schooling. The program is called the Shining Stars Program. Students from across the school have been identified through rigorous Term One data collections and will receive a welcome letter this week.

Each term there will be a different focus group involved in the Shining Stars Program so that the extension focus can change across 2013. For example, the focus in Term Two may be around English and in Term Three, around Maths etc. In doing this, it also allows for a greater range of students to be involved in the program throughout 2013. We have a great belief that the program will benefit many students at Marian State School and we look forward to positive feedback from students, staff and parents. Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs Waugh for heading up this program, she has already devoted many hours into the development of the program and her hard work is appreciated by all.
UniFY Project – ‘Power Up’
In addition to our own internal extension program, Marian State School is also involved in the UniFY project ‘University For You’. The project is run through the Brisbane School of Distance Education as an extension program. For the next 10 weeks we have three Year 5 students involved in the project. The ‘Power Up’ project is a Science based extension project and good luck to the students involved. Also, thank you to Mrs Waugh for coordinating this project in collaboration with the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

LOTE - Japanese
In 2011, it was required that all state school students in Years 6, 7 and 8 study a Key Learning Area (KLA) Language. Exemptions from LOTE are only granted in exceptional circumstances.

“Under section 21 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, there is provision that a “Principal may decide the range of learning experiences to be offered to students attending the institution”. As with all areas of the curriculum, there may be instances where a Principal decides it is in the best interests of a student not to participate in language study.”

As the school principal, I am bound by a stringent Exemption Criteria that is mostly driven by NAPLAN data. Mrs Collings and myself, at the beginning of the school year have had conversations around student exemptions. One of us will contact you should we feel that your child needs to be exempt from LOTE.

Student Leader Induction and Badge Ceremony
Thank you to all students for your patience and outstanding behaviour for such a long parade last Friday 8 March. I would also like to thank all parents, guardians and friends who were able to attend, it was wonderful to have you involved at such a special ceremony. The ceremony was a great success and the words of our special visitors; Ms Cilla Martland, Mr Dion Obst and Mrs Nikki Glossop were greatly appreciated by all who attended and we thank these guests for taking the time to be a part of our Student Leader Induction.

Active After-School Sport
No P-2 Cricket today as the coach has been called to duties with Queensland Cricket.

Crazy Hair Day
We welcome staff and students to colour and decorate their hair using scrunchies, gels, spikes, waves and curls for our contribution to World’s Greatest Shave. The money raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers. (These are diseases like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma). Participation is optional.

When? – Friday, 15 March
What to bring? – Gold coin donation
Hair colour spraying will be available on Friday morning in the undercover area for a cost of $2.

Sporting News
Basketball – Mackay District Sport Trials
Mr Schmidt and Mrs Cage will be attending the Mackay Basketball trials on Tuesday 19th March as coach and manager. Best of luck to our Marian SS students who are attending.

AFL – Mackay District Sport Trials
The Mackay District Primary Schools AFL trials will be conducted on Thursday, 21st March from 9am to 1:15pm at Bakers Creek AFL Ground. Any boys who are turning 11 or 12 this year from Marian SS that are interested in attending the trials need to return a completed form to our school office by this Friday, 15th March. Parents will be required to transport students as a teacher from this school will not be attending the trials.

Rugby League – Mackay District Sport Trials
The Rugby League trials for the Mackay district will be conducted on Wednesday, 20th March. Mrs Grobe is the Rugby League contact for our school. Forms for students interested in attending shall be sent home soon.

Netball – Mackay District Sport Trials
The Mackay Netball trials are on Friday, 22nd March. All the best to those girls from Marian SS who will be attending the trials as part of the PV Netball team.

Up and coming trials for Sports:
(involving students who are turning 11 or 12 this year)
PV Soccer 16th April – Girls and Boys
PV Cross Country 19th April
Mackay District Hockey 17th April
PV Tennis 27th March
Sydney/Canberra Trip – 2013
The 2013 Sydney/Canberra trip for Year 6 and 7 students is well into the confirmation stages with staff, students and a few parent helpers flying out on Thursday, 1st August and returning on Thursday, 8th August. Notes regarding final itinerary and costs for students will be sent home soon. Please be aware that spending money is also essential, on top of the camp cost, so it is definitely time to start putting money away if this process has not already commenced. Parents will also be notified of the fundraising amount that will reduce the cost to their child.

If there are any families who for some reason have not indicated that their child is now unable to attend the Sydney/Canberra trip, or if there are students who are wishing to now go, please notify Mrs Wilson asap. Numbers are imperative to finalise bookings and costs.

Parent volunteers attending the trip will be informed by the end of term. Please check at the office to ensure your 2012 Expression of Interest was received.

Casey Harej  Annette Wilson
A/Principal  A/Deputy Principal

P & C NEWS
Hi! Congratulations to all who received badges at the ceremony on Friday, I was very proud to be part of your special day. Thank you to those who have showed interest in our outstanding positions within P&C. Next Tuesday night will be our next meeting where these positions will be officially filled so if you are still thinking about becoming involved, it’s not too late. Remember, even if you are not on the executive we still need your help – our P&C is about the entire team of helpers, not just the role holders.

ROTARY RAFFLE – It’s back! Last year the Rotary Raffle was a huge success for us, we raised over $6000! The great thing is it doesn’t cost the P&C anything to hold so everything we sell is PROFIT! Even better are the fantastic prizes – 12 prizes, starting with a $15000 holiday, 2nd prize is $10,000 cash! And only $5 a ticket! If you would like a book or more to sell, please contact Jules via phone or text to arrange a time to collect – these tickets sell themselves! Jules : 0428 818 857

DISCO – Next Friday 22/03 we will be holding a disco. We won’t be holding a bbq, but will be selling chips, drinks and lollies. We need volunteers to help please, throughout the night, with setup, selling, entry and supervision from 4.30pm till close. If you can help at any time, please contact me.

REMEMBER – with no parent help, no disco
Nikki Glossop,
0439 77 22 17
danandnik@bigpond.com
P&C President

SCHOOL DISCO—FRIDAY 22 MARCH

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop Volunteers Morning Tea
All parents who volunteer in the tuckshop are invited to a morning tea on Monday 18th of March at 9am. It will be a chance to meet other helpers and discuss the rules of the tuckshop. Hope you can all make it.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 9am start

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Uniform shop is open:
Monday – 8:30am to 9:00am
Tuesday — 8:30am to 9:00am
CLOSED WEDNESDAY
Thursday—8:30am to 9:00am
Friday– 8:30am to 9:00am

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cartooning Program
We will be running our Second Cartooning Program in Mackay these holidays. The program will be held from:
Tuesday April 2 to Friday April 5, 2013
Children can come & learn how to draw and gain skills in techniques, the art of cartooning & manga in a fun and unique way. No previous drawing skills are re-
quired.
Our brochures can be downloaded from our site:
www.illustrating-man.com.au
Brochures will also be sent to your school office.

Western Districts Junior Rugby League are still taking registrations and in particular, seeking players for our Under 12 team.
Please contact Tracy on 0438 735 698 or
secretary.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com

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