FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

REPORTS – SEMESTER ONE 2013
Reports are currently in review and will go home on Monday 17 June. With the implementation of the Australian Curriculum last year particularly into Prep, please note that the old benchmarks have been lifted. Essentially, this means that students have to perform at a higher level to attain the same marks/standard. This does not necessarily mean that your child is not working hard it simply means that the C standard previously may be a D standard under the new system. Why has this happened? Basically there is now an expectation that Prep students will reach a higher reading benchmark at the end of the year than previously expected, which in turn means that other year level benchmarks have needed to be lifted.

It is also important to remember that a ‘C’ standard is a satisfactory standard for every child to be achieving within their respective year levels. However, please keep in mind that the benchmarks to attain a ‘C’ standard across English, Maths, Science & History is higher than in previous years prior to the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

Higher achievement standards is a positive move forward for our school and as the wave of higher achievement sweeps through the school over the next few years, we will see very encouraging benefits to the students and their achievements.

PREP REPORTING – 2013
In line with the reporting framework for Prep – Year 12 our Prep reports will for the first time follow the OneSchool format. The five-point scale (Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware) will apply to student achievement in English, Mathematics, Science and History. Student achievement in the early learning areas of: Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes (Early Years Curriculum Guidelines) is reported as a comment only. Reporting on effort and behaviour likewise is comment based.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
Thank you to parents who have advised our school office of their intention to enrol their child in Prep for 2014. To assist with staffing and our future school development, may I encourage you to advise friends or family in the local community that if they are considering Marian SS Prep to phone or pop in to record their intention of enrolment. Enrolment packages will be available during Term 3.

JUNIOR MEGA-BAND
This Thursday, Walkerston SS, Mirani SS and Mirani SHS students will join our Year 4 and 5 Marian SS instrumental students for a day of Junior Mega-Band. Hosted by Marian SS, all the musicians will spend the morning sessions at our hall rehearsing for a grand afternoon performance. Parents, staff and students are welcome to attend the Junior Mega-Band performance at 2pm in the school hall. Many thanks go to Miss Brett and Miss Patch for coordinating this event.

OUR RESOURCE CENTRE
The computers from the library have been moved to the computer Lab and our library looks great. Many thanks to Mrs Waugh, Mr Waugh and Mrs Windsor for their efforts.
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

P-3

4-7

FANTASTICKETS: Tahlia J (2H), Lilly B (1H)

YR6/7 SYDNEY/CANBERRA TRIP

Thanks to all families who have returned travel insurance and jacket order and permission/medical forms. Jacket orders will be placed this week and airline seats will be confirmed Friday 14 June. If you have not returned forms NOW is the time to do so. Students without completed forms or payment will not attend camp. If you have any queries please contact the office or Mrs Wilson. The next camp newsletter will include information on spending money and how to allocate the dollars for each day.

Casey Harej    Annette Wilson
A/Principal    A/Deputy Principal

SPORTING NEWS

People, as usual, I am gob smacked over the response to the Skip-a-thon. I see envelopes a-plenty and many students are excited to tell me as to how much they’ve raised. We’ll have the total sorted sometime next week, I’d imagine. Watch this space.

The Skipathon is this Friday. Parents are welcome to watch. We’ll have seven classes (over 150 students) skipping at a time, so there won’t be much standing room for spectators, unless you’re built like a gecko. The class roster is below.

Good luck to Corey Benson who is attending the QLD basketball Trials next week in Cairns.

Chloe F competed in the Capricornia Cross Country trials yesterday and finished an admirable second place. She now goes to Ipswich in the middle of July for the State titles. Exceedingly well done, Chloe!

Don’t forget the Athletics Carnival in the last week of school, Tuesday the 8th of June is the field events for 9 years and over and Wednesday the 19th of June is the whole school track events and games. It will be held on the new track inside the oval. Thanks to Kev O’Reily for his tireless efforts in setting it up. Cya there. Bye for now

BR Schmidt (PE)

SKIP OFF TIMETABLE 2013

Friday 7th June
9:30 AM  Yr7L
9:45am-10:30am  PR, 1D, 2E, 3P, 6D
11:15 AM  Yr7L
11:15am- 12:00  PY, 1H, 2H, 3F, 56F
12:00 PM  Yr7O
12:15pm-1:00pm  PG, 1G, 2S, 4M, 5S
1:30PM  Yr7O
1:45pm-2:30pm  P1, 2C, 3M, 34K, 4V, 5W

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

The June catalogue finished last Friday, but we have a sale catalogue that went out last week. These orders are due by Tuesday June 11th.

SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

We are making up science kits for classes and would please like donations of:
Sandpaper, polystyrene balls, marbles, natural fibres, metal tins, insulation material, plastic milk bottle lids, plastic lids, large plastic bottles (soft drink), glass jars with lids, plastic jars with lids.

P&C NEWS

Earn and Learn stickers can be returned to our school till the 9th of June. Every $10 you spend will give 1 point to the school. Please remember to ask your Woolworths check-out operator for the stickers. We have sticker cards on the P&C cabinet for you to use, and then place the full sticker cards in the Woolworths green box.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop has stock of school jumpers at $22 each.

BANKING NEWS

NO SCHOOL BANKING LAST 2 WEEKS OF TERM 2 (12th & 19th OF JUNE).

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Volunteer Week - Bernie welcomes everyone, please come along and we will help you with a friendly smile. Volunteer times:
Wed 5th June – 9am to 11:30am
Year 5W & 5S
Semester One has raced on by and Year 5W and 5S have been hard at work. In English we have pretended to be journalists working for the Larossa Bay Times and written feature articles and news items about a flying fox colony located near the town. We are currently learning all about animation. Our maths lessons have seen us studying many concepts ranging from shape, chance, fractions, measurement and angles, just to name a few. In Term Two we studied SOSE and researched information about our Asian neighbours. Science saw us travel through space where we learnt about the planets, the sun and took a close look at some exciting past space missions to the moon and Mars. This carried on into Technology where we were given a design brief to build a landing device capable of protecting an egg being dropped from ‘space’. As a result of our studies in Health we now know how to read food labels and will be sure to bring only healthy food to school from now on. NAPLAN came and went and we can cross that off our list for another two years.

It has been a busy term. We said goodbye to Callum and welcomed Taylahmarley to our grade. We are all looking forward to our sports days, the show holiday, A Plus day, and of course, the holidays. Stay safe everyone!

Year 3/4K
What a busy time we have had in 3/4K this term. We cheered on our Year Three peers as they conquered the NAPLAN test in fine form. Our Term two English unit gave students the opportunity to tackle some challenging comprehension skills relating to the novel Bungawitta. We also examined some historical recounts that documented some personal journals from the First Fleet. Students worked hard to improve their spelling results on their weekly tests, along with successfully showing off some challenging words in their daily writing. In Science, we investigated properties of liquids and solids and the effects of adding heat to these things. Students loved getting all gooey with our opening experiment making corn flour slime, or as some called it, ‘cauliflower slime.’ Students are demonstrating their ICT skills, as they are currently working hard on making an ANZAC presentation using the computer software Microsoft PowerPoint. Maths has involved investigating and applying a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. Students have put their Historian hats on and taken a step back in time to see how certain celebrations and commemorations have changed. Our technology assessment this term involved the careful construction of a one metre tower, made out of only sticky tape, 25 paddle pop sticks and newspaper, which could successfully hold the weight of one book. Students worked well in teams and it was excellent to see students putting their brain power together. We gained a few ‘mad scientists’ and ‘Doctors’ over the term that looked great in their new trendy spectacles. Overall the term’s work has been interesting, exciting and a great load of fun, and I’m sure students will be worn out ready for the holidays.
Year 3P
What an exciting term it has been with NAPLAN right in the middle! All of our students have really been tested. I’m happy to say that everyone who participated did an excellent job, so congratulations to all year 3’s. I’m sure our grade three students are now perfect persuaders as we have had to write two persuasive texts this term. Our focus in science has been the Earth, Moon and Sun and understanding why we have shadows, some fantastic hands on learning. Our technology project complimented our science unit where we made a model of the Earth, Sun and Moon. We finalized our investigation of Celebrations and Commemorations by writing an historical narrative description. Our creative bones have been flexed with some fantastic plays about bullying that have reinforced our understanding of the ABC Emotions program. We have completed lots of work on number, reinforcing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have had such a busy productive term and will certainly be enjoying a well-earned break in the holidays.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marian Community Working Group Meeting
Thursday 13th June at 7:30pm
Marian Community Hall
-NEW MEMBERS NEEDED-

Little Athletics Queensland are pleased to announce the
2013 IGA Winter Championships & U7 ’n U8 Carnival
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June
Townsville Sport Reserve
Anzac Park, Townsville
Everyone’s Welcome to join in the Fun
Run, Jump, Throw – Give Little Athletics A Go

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?
CUT OUT AND PLACE IN RED BOX

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________

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