



### DATE CLAIMERS:

#### NOVEMBER

27	YR P-3 SWIMMING CARNIVAL DAY
29	"BAD HAIR DAY" GOLD COIN DONATION

#### DECEMBER

4	PREP 2014 ORIENTATION & YR 7 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY
5	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – BBQ BEFORE- 7PM START IN HALL FROM 2PM PIE DRIVE PICK UP FROM HALL
6	GRADE 7 GRADUATION & AWARDS
9	YR 7 BIG DAY OUT
11	A+ REWARD DAY ACTIVITIES & MEET YOUR 2014 TEACHER
12	LAST DAY OF TERM 4

#### JANUARY

20	SCHOOL OFFICE RE-OPENS
22-24	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
27	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
28	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

#### Tuckshop Hours:

MON, TUES & WED – FIRST  
LUNCH ONLY  
THURS & FRI – BOTH  
LUNCHES

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

*Thank you for the wonderful welcome I have enjoyed during my first seven days at Marian SS ! It has certainly been a very busy time as I have met so many people and started coming to terms with an enormous amount of information. I wish to again extend my thanks to the staff led by Melody Hughes and Mel Benjamin for continuing the good work of our school in the months before my arrival. A special thank you to the parents who were able to attend last week's P&C Meeting, one of the three Principal Forums held last Wednesday and/or the school assembly last Friday morning. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and outline some of my plans for our school.*

*My first priority last week was to get into classrooms and talk with teachers and students. I believe it is important to clearly establish expectations and review current practices so that everyone in our school community can focus on **"learning" as our school priority**. In my time as Principal, I want everyone to understand that English, Maths and Responsible Student Behaviour will be our 'core business'. We will work together in a home-school partnership to maximise children's learning outcomes and support students as they develop their social skills.*

*I have been very open with children, parents and staff about a number of initiatives I believe will benefit students of our school. Some of these new processes and procedures will be introduced during these last few weeks of this school year. Other changes will be made at the beginning of the new school year after I have had an opportunity to consult with others in the school community.*

*This week I have reinforced our focus on learning by changing **before school procedures** so that students see this time as a period when they should be preparing for their day's lessons in class. Therefore students arriving at school before 8:30am are required to SIT quietly in the Covered Games Area. After 8:30am children must be in or near their classrooms preparing for lessons which commence at 8:50am. Students followed the new routines wonderfully well this week and teachers report that students are settled and ready for their learning to commence on time. Well done students ... thank you for your cooperation !*

*On Assembly and in classrooms, children have begun to understand our three positive behaviour rules ... **Always Be a Learner, Always Be Safe & Always Be Respectful**. Children will be explicitly taught what each of these rules means and will be expected to demonstrate these behaviours at all times.*

*From the start of the 2014 school year, we will be introducing a Responsible Behaviour Card system which aims to maximise home-school communication. There will be **a strong focus on recognising and acknowledging positive student behaviour** and we want you to know when children do well at school. Similarly we will inform you of any unacceptable behaviour your child may engage in. As the Responsible Behaviour system is based on 'traffic lights', families will need to readjust your current thinking because **a GREEN Card will be a GOOD news message!!!** The 'card system' will be fully explained by special bulletin at the beginning of Term 1 next year.*

Children will learn of their 2014 teachers and classes on the second last day of term (Dec 12). On this day students will spend a little time with their new teacher in the classroom they will report to on the first day of the new school year. Children will be given a note to take home advising parents of these details. **Please note that once class lists are made public in this way, there will not be any changes made to classes unless necessary as a consequence of new enrolments early next year.**

I have asked teachers to keep children's focus on learning programs through until the end of the school year. Apart from our Carols preparations, we will not be engaging in Christmas activities until the last week of term. **Therefore we ask that children not exchange Christmas cards until this last week of term. Children should not bring sweets or candy canes to give to other children while at school ... do not assume that other parents want their children to be eating such foods without their permission. Children bringing these treats will be asked to take them home again as teachers report this practice has caused unnecessary grief in past years.**

**Semester Two Student reports will be sent home on Tuesday December 10.** These important documents should be discussed with children at that time and again before they recommence school next year. I express my gratitude to teachers for the time and effort that goes into the preparation of student reports.

**Over the next few weeks our school community will come together for a number of special occasions.** Today and tomorrow students have had the opportunity to participate in Swimming Carnivals. Thanks to all school staff for their support of these events and to Mr Schmidt for his organisation. Next week (Thursday Dec 5) our P&C will host our annual **Carols By Candlelight**. Come along early to enjoy the BBQ from 5:30 (with last sales at 6:45pm) and then the Carols will begin in the hall at 7pm. In the last week of term, Year 7 students will enjoy their Awards Evening and Big Day Out. Students in other classes who have consistently demonstrated responsible behaviour will be rewarded with an A+ Day on Thursday Dec 12.

**Please make a special effort to support your children as they enter these last few weeks of term.** They will need your encouragement as they tire towards the end of a hot and demanding final term of the school year. I urge you to continue working alongside your children's teachers as they seek the best for each child.

In our next newsletter I will outline plans to restructure the school day (same start and end times) and week (eg Assembly times), so that we can maximise learning time for students. I will also outline how our 'traffic light system' will be used in classrooms to track and monitor children's behaviour.

Best wishes,  
Peter Mandryk (Principal)

**Please let us know at the office if your child is leaving our school at the end of this year.**

#### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD:**

In the last week of term, children will be bringing home their Semester Two Reports. Parents need to clearly understand what the A-E grades mean in terms of the Australian Curriculum. **"C" means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.** "C" indicates that the student is doing everything required for their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that **a "C" means that the student's academic development is exactly where it needs to be.**

As a consequence parents may see more "C" grades on their child's report card than in previous years. An "A" for Effort and a "C" for Achievement indicates that your child is "on target" for their age. This grade should be celebrated with students because it means they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

**The "Effort" grades are also really important** because they are a reflection of how and if, in the teacher's opinion, the student is working consistently in class in that learning area.

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it is not easy to get an "A" or "B". These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are

independently capable of working beyond the basic criteria required for their Year Level.

### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**P-3 – 8/11:** Tori K, Connor S, Chloe D, Sienna Z, Lachlan R, Jae T, Athanayisah H, Seth H, Thomas V, Emma R, Taylah T, Darcy C, Slade K

**22/11:** Connor S, Ben T, Blake S, Ethan W, Lachlan K, Conen V, Heidi B, Matthew A, Shane J, Kaycie K, Cheyanne S, Brianna L, Kade S

**4-7- 8/11:** Casey K, Toby V, Daniel D Brit R, Zachary B, Maddison G, Chloe B, Madison F, Rhianna M, James A, Kaileb L, Jessica L Ben A, Namen M, Caleb B, Tesharni B

**22/11:** Aden F, Lachlan M, Emma T, Tehya G, Kessy F, Jake A, Ryan J, Bronti W, Adam L, Breeana L

**FANTASTICKETS: 8/11:** Ashalea L (2C) & Jorja R (4M)  
**22/11** Bailey J (4M)

**BLOCK CHAMPIONS: 8/11:** D Block

### **SPORTING NEWS**

Tomorrow, Wednesday, is the swimming carnival for the Juniors. Juniors are those students 5yrs to 8yrs old, i.e., born 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008. The programme is printed here but please remember that the times are only approximate. If we are behind, we will work on catching up; if we are ahead, we will keep going at a steady pace.

Children are encouraged to attempt the event that suits them the best. If they can swim a length, we encourage them to do so, but please discuss this with your children and stress that they should **not** attempt to do so unless they are competent and confident. There will be life guards on duty but we'd prefer they not be required. Students will be at the pool for the school day, so they will need to bring all their lunches, plenty of water, sunscreen, swimming clothes, sunscreen, water, sunscreen, towels, etc. The kiosk at the pool only sells lollies etc and children will lose money if they take it to the pool, so we ask that you supply them with lunch and *children do not go to the canteen to buy anything*. Have a good day, Kids!

<b>9:45 -10:10</b>	<b>BOYS 50M FREESTYLE</b>
	<b>GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE</b>
<b>10:10 – 10:40</b>	<b>BOYS 15M FREESTYLE</b>
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<b>10:40 – 11:30</b>	<b>BOYS 15M FREESTYLE KICKBOARD</b>
	<b>GIRLS 15M FREESTYLE KICKBOARD</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:15</b>	<b>50M BREASTSTROKE (all age)</b>
	<b>15M BREASTSTROKE (B/G)</b>
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>BOYS 15M BACKSTROKE</b>
	<b>GIRLS 15M BACKSTROKE</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:00</b>	<b>BOYS 15M BACK KICKBOARD</b>
	<b>GIRLS 15M BACK KICK BOARD</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Noodle races / Novelty events</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:00</b>	<b>Free Time</b>
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Clean up and prepare to return to school</b>

### **P&C NEWS**

Hi all,

The end of the year is so close and we have one more wonderful event to celebrate the year that was - Christmas Carols 2013! We will hold a BBQ dinner before Carols, selling from 5.30pm to 6.45pm so would like to ask for volunteer help one last time. If you are able to help we will be setting up from 3pm, cooking from 4.45pm and the cleaning up after close at 6.45 in time for us all to watch the carols. If you can help, please let me know via text or email. I will send out a flyer with more information like menu and prices next week.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us along the way this year, we couldn't do it without you whether at events, in the tuckshop or coming to meetings, THANK YOU!

And finally - we still have more raffle tickets to sell, they are only \$2 each so if you would like some, please send me to the red box asap so we can finish our fundraising off this year with a bang!

See you at Carols!

Nikki Glossop,  
0439 77 22 17  
[danandnik@bigpond.com](mailto:danandnik@bigpond.com)  
P&C President

### **SYDNEY/CANBERRA FUNDRAISING**

#### **Battery Drive**

We are asking for any donations of batteries from individuals or businesses for our major fundraiser. We would love to hear from anyone in the school and greater community. So if you have or know of anyone

who has any used batteries that we can use please either contact Ralana Burgess via txt or phone after 6pm (0439491387) Alternatively fill in the helpers form and we can arrange drop off/pick up.

### PIE DRIVE

Pies will be available from the hall on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December from 2pm. If you are unable to collect them please have your child come down or let us know.

Corene: 0418683524

### CRAZY HAIR DAY

**WHEN: 29<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER**

### GOLD COIN DONATION

**FUNDRAISER FOR SYDNEY/CANBERRA 2014 TRIP!**

### UNIFORM SHOP

Please remember we are closed on Fridays for the rest of the year. We are also closed the last week for stocktake. We will reopen the week before school starts on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9am to 11am. We will also open the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> of January 9am to 11am.

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME ANYTIME

Wed 27/11	B.Rewald, M.Gordon, K.Swift
Thurs 28/11	B.Rewald, S. Armbruster, L. Oxenbridge, S.Ruocco
Fri 29/11	B.Rewald, D. Haidle, B.Leeds, S Armbruster, L.Oxenbridge, L. Hoban
Mon 2/12	B.Rewald, M.Geddes VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Tues 3/12	B.Rewald, S.Munro VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Wed 4/12	B.Rewald, M.Gordon, K. Swift
Thurs 5/12	B.Rewald, S.Armbruster, L. Oxenbridge
Fri 6/12	B.Rewald, S. Armbruster, D. Haidle, B. Leeds, K.Swift, L.Hoban
Mon 9/12	B.Rewald, R.Schneider, M.Geddes
Tues 10/12	B.Rewald, S.Munro VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Remember Meal Deals:

Large Meal drink & fruit salad - \$8 Small—\$7

Large Meal & fruit salad - \$6 Small—\$5

Large Meal & drink - \$6 Small \$5

Large Meal - \$4 Small- \$3

Wed 27/11	BACON AND EGG BURGER
Thurs 28/11	POTATO WEDGES/SOUR CREAM/BACON
Tues 3/12	FRIED RICE
Wed 4/12	BACON AND EGG BURGER
Thurs 5/12	POTATO WEDGES/SOUR CREAM/BACON
Tues 10/12	FRIED RICE

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?

#### Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes. If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents. To complete the online survey, please log on to:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes> For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724). Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell  
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre



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# Did you take raffle tickets to sell for the Gold Coast holiday?

Well folks it's time to send the raffle tickets back to school so that we can be ready to draw the winner for that amazing prize on Carols night.

Please send any money, tickets stubs and unsold tickets back to me via the school's Red Box marked "Raffle tickets for Sue Jensen". If you have misplaced your tickets, please let me know a.s.a.p.

## Would you like a raffle ticket, but don't want to buy a whole book?

If you'd like to buy one or more raffle tickets to help raise funds that go towards projects at our school benefitting your children, please complete the portion below and send it to me via the school's Red Box marked "*Raffle tickets for Sue Jensen*".

Remember the end of year school raffle has a major prize of a 4 night holiday at Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast for 2 adults and 2 children in a Resort Room **PLUS** a \$1,000 Virgin Australia Airfare Voucher, **PLUS** unlimited entry for 2 adults and 2 kids to Sea World, Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild Water World, **PLUS** \$100 credit for food and beverages at Sea World. **The total value is \$2,850.**

Tickets are \$2 each and the prize is drawn on Carol's night (5 December 2013)

We still have 80 books of raffle tickets (that's 1,600 tickets) still to sell and over 300 families in our school, which should make it really easy if each family buys a few tickets. ***And you have to be in it to win it.***

**OR LOOK FOR TICKET SELLERS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY FROM 2.30 PM IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS**

With thanks from Gold Coast Holiday Raffle Co-ordinator

**Sue Jensen**     [jensenmail@bigpond.com](mailto:jensenmail@bigpond.com)     0428 153 657

*Please return below portion to Red Box*

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### YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BUY SOME RAFFLE TICKETS:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets? \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_