Principal’s Message

Term 2 is well and truly underway with all classes quickly settling to their new term’s learning programs. Thank you to parents for ensuring students have returned to school with a positive attitude to their learning, an awareness of the need to be safe and a daily respect for others.

Thank you to the many people who contributed to our 2014 school ANZAC Ceremony and participated in the Marian RSL ANZAC March and Service. I was amazed at the number of families who made the effort to attend the Marian RSL March and Dawn Service. Thank you for this fine effort. A special thanks to Mrs Brett, our School Choir and Recorder Band for their preparation and performances. Thanks also to Mr Jock McIntosh for again being our RSL Guest, Mr Lyons as our MC and to our School Captains for sharing their thoughts about the importance of ANZAC with us. To ‘remember’ is the least we can do to honour those who have protected our freedom.

Next week our Yr 3, Yr 5 and Yr 7 students will complete their NAPLAN Literacy & Numeracy testing. Student and school reports will be available towards the end of Term 3. Generally we find NAPLAN outcomes to be a reasonable indication of a student’s capabilities in these curriculum areas. Thanks to staff who have ensured students are aware of test expectations and have completed other test preparation activities with their students. We urge parents to make sure children are well rested, well fed and have a positive attitude as they come to school to complete these assessments. A positive attitude can make all the difference.

I recently reviewed information about the number of families who made themselves available for our end of Term 1 Parent/Teacher discussions. I was somewhat disappointed and saddened to note that only 76% of families attended interviews (81% in P-3 & 70% in Yrs 4-7). Imagine what it feels like for a student to know that their parent did not make the time to meet with their teacher? Unfortunately there are many children who are missing out on the benefits of a positive home-school relationship. On the other hand, teachers report the enormous value of such discussions in reviewing and determining future learning priorities for each individual student. Our next round of Teacher/Parent discussions will reflect on Semester 1 reports and focus on setting Semester 2 learning goals for students. I’m hoping every family will commit to participating in these important discussions.

In the past fortnight I have been fortunate enough to be present at choir and recorder band performances, inter-school debating and rugby league. Our students performed creditably and represented their school with pride. These opportunities are only ever made available to students because of the willingness of staff and on behalf of the school community I wish to acknowledge and thank Miss Brett, Mr Van Beek and Mr Lyons for coaching and supporting our student groups during these extra-curricular activities.

Thanks again to the parents who attended last week’s P&C Meeting and to those parents who continue to offer their voluntary services to our school community. This week children will benefit from a P&C Mother’s Day Stall only possible due to the efforts of a small band of willing helpers. I urge everyone in our school community to support our P&C volunteers in any way they can. I also thank our P&C regulars for the feedback about our current school initiatives provided to me during our monthly meetings.

We appreciate your continuing support of your children and our school.

Best wishes, Peter Mandryk (Principal)
WITHDRAWALS FROM 2014 NAPLAN TESTING

Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Tests will be held from May 13 – 15 (Term 2 Week4). Parents of Yr 3, 5 or 7 students who wish to withdraw students from this year’s NAPLAN testing are asked to contact Mr Mandryk urgently.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. Students in these year levels participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at or above the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate in curriculum programs for that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

Staff and students continue their weekly focus on promoting responsible student behaviour because we know this has an enormous impact on the learning outcomes of students. This fortnight classes will be focusing on the following ...

- Responsible behaviour when engaging in a learning task with someone other than their class teacher.
- Always being safe in classrooms and about buildings.

**Specific Behaviour Procedures**

- Behaviour on Assembly and in the Library; How to answer the class phone, Mobile Phones at school; Entering and leaving rooms by myself or in a group.
- We ask parents to partner with us in reinforcing these rules and behaviour expectations.

**Infectious Diseases**

Some medical conditions require exclusion from school to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among staff and other children. It is timely to remind all families of the importance of vaccinations, and that some may require a booster to ensure effectiveness.

Everyone in our community has an obligation to advise our school should children ever contract an infectious disease (eg chickenpox, hepatitis A, measles, meningitis, mumps, whooping cough, etc). As required, children and staff who to contract an infectious disease may be excluded from school to meet the requirements of the Public health Act 2005.

Recently you may have heard media reports about a possible outbreak of measles. Measles is considered an infectious disease and if necessary sufferers would be excluded from school until at least 4 days since the onset of the rash. Written medical clearance from doctor or public health unit is required to return to child care/school, confirming child is not infectious.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

As we begin a new school term, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a good excuse for a student to be away, such as genuine illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve good academic results. Birthdays, going shopping, visiting family, staying up late or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

**3PM PARKING PROBLEMS**

Could families of older children (Yrs 4-7) to delay their collection of students until approx. 3:10pm. ??? You will be amazed at the reduced traffic density you will encounter by arriving at school at 3:10pm each afternoon. Children are welcome to sit with our supervised “bus children” or wait quietly inside the school fence for these extra 10 minutes in the afternoons.

**PARKING REQUEST**

Parents attending our P-2 Assemblies on a Friday afternoon are asked not to park in the Kindy Car Park. Only parents collecting children from Kindy should make use of these car parks.
Support a Talker Parent Workshop
Cilla Martland from Regional Office will be conducting a parent workshop on Tuesday the 3rd of June on Support a Talker. Support a Talker is an oral language program for lower primary students using barrier games, conversation, books and Oral Language games.

We welcome parents who would like to learn new skills to help oral language development. If you would like to attend the workshop please register your interest with Mel Benjamin via email mbenj5@eq.edu.au.

Date: Tuesday 3rd June
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Where: Hall

Cheers
Mel Benjamin
Acting Deputy Principal

Parking inside school grounds.
We thank parents for their very understanding response to refraining from parking in the administration roundabout. We do have occasions though when families have been given a dashboard pass allowing them the use of this area for a short period of time due to specific family circumstances.

Pioneer Valley show Entries.
Should parents find their children have an interest in lodging art/craft entries for the PV Show, a show schedule is located in the office for referencing.

Walk Safely to School Day
We are always promoting children’s active lifestyles and this month we have a great activity – WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY on Friday, 23 May. If your children are quite local and are able to walk to school instead of riding a bike or scooter, it could be a wonderful family activity to do together. Please encourage this with your children as time draws nearer. We have stickers available to reward children for their efforts. Families are also able to download a free APP by going to www.walk.com.au.

Kent Lyons
Acting HOC

From the P & C Association
Hi all,

Thank you to all that attended last week’s P&C Meeting. There are a few important items I wanted to share with you all:

- **Mother’s Day Stall** – happening this week, only Wednesday and Thursday left to get your gifts for mum, available before and after school in the undercover area.
- **ROTARY RAFFLE – HELP!!!** We are in desperate need to sell tickets in our Rotary Raffle – you should have received a flyer last week with a slip that you can send in with money to purchase tickets. There are 10 prizes all together including a CAR and

$10,000 CASH! And remember, the P&C receives 100% of the ticket money sold and if every family purchases 1 or 2 tickets we could raise nearly $6,000! The raffle tickets HAVE TO BE SOLD by the 16th May so this is your last chance to support the school and BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR!!!
Due to work commitments we need somebody to step into the role of Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator. In this role you would just need to organise volunteers (or yourself) to open and sell uniforms during the week before school, keep track of stock levels and order uniforms in time before the end of year and organise volunteers to sell at special times like orientation days and the week before school starts. Toni Wales will be able to do a complete handover for you and everything will be explained. Currently, we also need (if the co-ordinator can’t fill the days) volunteers for Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in the co-ordinator role or volunteering, please contact Nikki Glossop, 0439 77 22 17.

- Marian Town Centre – P&C received a $1,000 check from Woolworths which will be used to purchase a rostrum/lecturn for the hall and a new cordless microphone. MTC also donated $400 as a thank you to the volunteers who handed out goody bags on the day of the opening. Thank you to Woolworths Marian and the Marian Town Centre!
- **MOVIE NIGHT** – we will hold a movie night on Friday 30th May, more details to follow!
- **SPELL-A-THON** – we will have a spell-a-thon this term, more details to follow also.

Our goal in the P&C this year is to raise money to complete the covered walkway from the bus shelter at the front of the school, so there is no gap as children arrive at school when it is raining. We are also hoping to fix the oval by topdressing and filling the holes. These are both costly exercises but with your help we will be able to achieve these goals. Thank you for support so far and thank you in advance!

Nikki Glossop
0439772217

Religious Education
Reminders will be going out tomorrow to families who have not paid $3.50 fee.
Student Council

Tiggy Rules are ready for each class to adopt and play by.
The organised sport for the younger grades will be organised by the House Captains.

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Sport games in the hall at first lunch for Years 5, 6 and 7 have been organised by Hannah and Prav – this will start in week 3.

Friday week 5 is Autism Day – blue day – bring something blue to decorate your classroom eg blue balloons, blue streamers – free dress day – wear something blue (must be sun safe) – gold coin donation.

Student Council – week 3 – 6th May
We are RICH!! Student council has about $4400 in the account. Ask your class for ideas on what to spend it on…. (go to your classes)


Prizes- Smiggle blue
Week 4 No student council meeting due to NAPLAN

Interschool Debating

Our three debating teams headed into town Thursday 24th April to battle out the debating topic ‘That homework really is a waste of time’. Two of Marian’s teams were successful during the debate. We are looking forward to our next debating topic which is, ‘Sport stars are great role models’.

Yours in debating, Chloe Daniel and Emily Dodd.

What’s happening in class – Yr 4R

Jake, student of 4R, with Wayne (left) and Monty Edmonds (middle).

Last week, 4R were fortunate to have a visitor to our classroom, the grandfather of student Jake. Mr Wayne brought ammunition shells from World War 2 (brought back from the war by Mr Monty Edmonds – Jake’s great grandfather) to show the class. All students were given permission to touch and hold the (very) heavy items made out of brass. All boys agreed that the shells ‘were not that heavy’, however all the girls, including Mrs Riches, disagreed. Jake presented the items to the class and was able to tell us a lot about their history. The shells were brought back from Papua New Guinea by Mr Edmonds after the war ended. The shells were from a Japanese Mountain Gun, a 25 pounder and the small shell was from an American Bofor gun, otherwise known as an ack ack gun. The photo attached is of Jake, his grandfather and great grandfather after the Anzac Day march at Kuttabull.

Rookie Reporters

Interschool Football

The interschool boys’ football season has kicked off with a flying start. The Marian Crushers have started the season really well by defeating Slade Point 34 to 4. Most of the team crossed the try line at least once; captain Caesar Jentjens managed 5 from 7 conversions and vice-captain Tom Deguara scored the final try to seal the deal.

Unfortunately the second game was unsuccessful with the boys going down 42 to 10 against Fitzgerald. The team is looking forward to the game next week against Emmanuel at Abbott Park and are hoping to score another win for their great coach Mr Van Beek.

By Blair, Caesar, Matthew, Ryan and Braiden.
**Sydney/Canberra Final Fundraising Update**

This is our last month for fundraising so it is set to be very busy for those wishing to join the group for the final few.

The 18th of May is our Major fundraiser for the group which will be our Battery drive/Sausage sizzle/carwash/Dog-wash from 8 am till 1pm at the front car park at school. As the profit from this event goes to the entire group it would be great if we could get everyone to donate some time to help out.

We will be having another pastizzi/pie/lamington drive with details coming out in the next newsletter.

There are still a couple of sausage sizzles this month; at this stage we have Dan Murphy’s on Friday 9th May and Friday 23rd of May both from 10am. Anyone who can help please contact Amber through the Facebook page or txt on 0402052197

And our exciting Facebook auction on the 10th and 11th May has some amazing prizes up for grabs, please join this event, invite your friends and share on your timeline so we can get as many people bidding as possible. You don’t have to be in Marian to bid, we can post prizes anywhere in Australia. @Marian 2014 Fundraising Auction!!

All Camp Jacket order forms should now be in as they will need to be sent off to ensure the jackets are back in plenty of time.

The kids are being kept up to date with regular meetings with Mrs Duncan who is informing them of some of the details of where they will be staying etc.

*And don’t forget we have a camp facebook page for parents of children going on camp @Marianstateschool2014sydneycanberratrip!!!*

**Sporting News**

We recently had a few athletes represent our school at the Pioneer Valley Cross Country trials. Although the number who actually went through to compete was disappointing, the performances by those who did represent was outstanding.

Thank you to Josh, Bailey, Riley, Jack, Eli, Isaac, Luke, Rachel and Chloe who participated on the day. Due to the efforts of those few athletes, Marian placed second against all other schools, behind Walkerston.

Unfortunately, we had two athletes who have been looking forward to the day for fourteen months (since last year when they heard about it and couldn’t compete because they were not in the correct age group) and came down with last minute illnesses. A big thank you to those two people, Baileigh-Maree and Brae and I’ll look forward to seeing you both fit and able next year.

Congratulations, then goes to Chloe and Bailey who won their races; Eli and Rachel placed second; and we have Luke also in the Pioneer Valley team to compete at Sarina on 20th May for the Mackay District trials. Good Luck, People!

Most of the sport has been completed now and the next we have to look forward to is our own Marian SS Track & Field day on Mon/Tue 16/17th June. All classes will be practising various events during Phys Ed in the lead up to this event.

Bye for now

**BR Schmidt (PE)**

**Congratulations to the participants and placegetters in the Pioneer Valley Cross Country Trials (Under 10, 11 & 12) that was held last week:** Riley, Josh, Isaac (13th), Chloe (1st), Jack (12th), Luke (4th), Eli (2nd), Rachael (2nd) & Bailey (1st)
**Lunch Time Changes in Tuckshop**

Please purchase a token from tuckshop in the morning to bring back at lunchtime to receive your slushie or ice-block. We have these tokens available for all or mainly the younger children so they find it easier to buy an ice block or slushie. This saves the child carrying money or forgetting it was written on their bag etc.

Slushies are sold at playtime from 10.50am-11-15am Monday-Friday. And 1.30pm-1.45pm Thursday and Friday.

Parents of younger children please explain to your child how the system works to avoid disappointment. Ice-blocks are only available Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd lunch. Instead of playing children can sit and have an ice block.

**ORDER DELIVERIES**

Prep - Delivered to prep area.
Year 1’s and 2H-delivered to A Block
Due to the confusion in the **undercover area** with tuckshop orders years 2-5 will line up in year level lines at the tuckshop to receive your order, Year 6 to 7—Monitor to pick up box from tuckshop.
If you order a burger or wrap can you please include on your brown paper bag how you would like it. Example-Chicken fillet burgers, no mayo, add cheese, lettuce and tomato.
Chicken chilli wrap with the lot.
Monday-Wednesday 1st lunch only
Thursday-Friday 1st and 2nd lunch
Please order on a brown paper bag orders over the counter will only be able to purchase limited stock that is left over.
We have redesigned our menu with Smart Choices colour selection dots so you know amber/red/green products. Menu is on the Marian School website. We apologise for the changes but it is a trial and error situation until we can see what works best for the students and us.

Thank-you for your cooperation

_Sue Sant_
Tuckshop Secretary.

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**Battery Drive!**
*Drop off your used car or truck batteries here!!!*

**Sausage Sizzle**

**Cold Drinks**

**Dog-wash $10**

**Carwash $15**

*Custom car display*

*Sunday May 18th 8-1pm*

**Marian State School Front Car Park**

*All proceeds to benefit Marian State School year 6/7 Sydney/Canberra Trip!!!*
Marian State School
Proudly Presents

A Pocket full of Plays

Performed by Marian State School

When: Thursday the 12th of June 2014
Where: At the Marian School Hall
Time: Starts at 7.00pm doors open at 6.30pm

Cost:
School age students - $ 5.00
Adults - $ 8.00
Family (two adults, two or more children) - $20.00

Tickets go on sale from the 28th of May and can be purchased from the school office or at the door.
Pioneer Valley Junior Golf are looking for school aged children that might be interested in playing golf.

We hold a practice day on Friday afternoons from 4pm at the Pioneer Valley Golf Club in Mirani.

Golf clubs are available from the club house for those that do not have their own.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Hayles c/o the PV Golf Club on 49591277, or Ben on 0429914480.
Fundraising initiative on behalf of the 2014 Sydney Canberra Trip Fundraising committee

We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 & 7 students attending the trip to Sydney and Canberra in August.

There are new exciting flavours in 2014 which include Gluten Free Choc Chunk, Lower sugar/fat/salt Choc Chunk, Caramel Fudge, Triple and wait for it..... Doggie Dough!! Each tub makes 52 good sized cookies – that’s 31c per cookie.

The students attending the trip have received a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Order form. You can order through one of the families whose child is going on the trip or you can complete the form below and return it to the Red Box with your monies on or before Friday 9 May 2014. Please mark your envelope “Cookie Dough Order”.

We will advise a date of when the cookie dough will be delivered to the school. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

Sue Jensen
Co-ordinator
Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Tel: 0428 153 657
Email: jensenmail@bigpond.com

Name of child:___________________________________________ Class: ______________________

Contact telephone number and/or email: ________________________________________________

ORDER:
ANZAC Biscuits _____ tubs @ $16 ea.  Triple Choc _____ tubs @ $16 ea.
Caramel Fudge _____ tubs @ $16 ea.  White Choc Macadamia _____ tubs @ $16 ea.
Choc Chunk _____ tubs @ $16 ea.  Doggie Biscuit Dough _____ tubs @ $17 ea.
Gluten Free Choc Chunk _____ tubs @ $18 ea.  Raspberry White Choc_____ tubs @ $16 ea.
Lower Fat/Sugar/Salt Choc Chunk _____ tubs @ $16 ea.
Mint Triple Choc _____ tubs @ $16 ea.
TOTAL MONEY: $__________