Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

I have been advised by Education Queensland that it is necessary for our school to have an **Enrolment Management Plan** and that these requirements are now operational.

Marian State School recognises as its prime obligation, the provision of access to an appropriate educational service for students whose principal place of residence is within the school’s catchment area.

Because our school is approaching enrolment capacity and has experienced a pattern of continued growth, Marian State School may be unable to meet this obligation in the future, unless action is taken now to manage enrolments. **An Enrolment Management Plan must restrict enrolment of out-of-catchment students to ensure in-catchment students can enrol at their local state school**, without requiring additional facilities. I am aware of future plans for a new eight classroom block that may be built at our school, but this will not be available for our use for some time.

The restrictions imposed by the Enrolment Management Plan apply to all future enrolments. **All students currently enrolled at our school are entitled to continue their enrolment.**

**Students Within Catchment:** Any student, whose principal place of residence is within the school’s catchment area, is (subject to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006) entitled to enrol at the school. As school Principal I am required to reserve places for students who may move into our school’s catchment area throughout the school year.


Under the requirements of the Enrolment Management Plan, **parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at our school will need to demonstrate that the student’s principal place of residence is within the catchment area.** Current proof of residency at the address indicated can be provided by way of one of each of the following:

- One primary source – a rates notice, current lease agreement, or unconditional sale agreement, and
- One secondary source – a utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas) showing this same address and parent’s/legal guardian’s name

**Other students who are entitled to enrol as if in-catchment:** The following groups of students will be entitled to enrol, even though they may reside outside the school’s catchment area:

- Siblings of current students at the school
- Students whose parent or legal guardian is employed by the school
- Students with a verified disability but only if this school is the closest program to their home that can meet their individualised needs
- Children and young people who are subject to child protection orders (Child Safety Services)
- Students who have been excluded from another school, subject to agreement of the Regional Director.

Students outside the catchment who wish to enrol at our school, can request to be added to our ‘waiting list’ and may be offered an enrolment once consideration has been given to leaving adequate space for children who may enrol from within the catchment during the next...
The School EMP is reviewed each year, and if required, updated to reflect any changes to Student Enrolment Capacity and/or Programs of Excellence.

I would encourage families to ‘spread the word’ with regard this Enrolment Management Plan so that people in our community are aware of its requirements with regard future school enrolments.

I would also ask families who might know of children who wish to enrol at our school for the 2015 school year, to encourage them to make an early contact with our office staff to confirm their eligibility for enrolment at Marian SS under the terms of our Enrolment Management Plan. We are particularly keen to confirm our Prep enrolments for 2015.

Thank you to the parents who made the time to meet with their child’s teacher to participate in “Goal Setting Discussions” held over the first few weeks of Term 3. Teachers have reported that they have valued this opportunity to reflect upon each child’s Semester One outcomes and establish some agreed goals and priority areas for learning in Semester Two.

Overall we had more parents of Yrs P-3 students participate in these Teacher-Parent discussions (89%) but less parents of Yrs 4-7 students (66%) involved in the Goal Setting Discussions. I continue to urge parents to maintain a regular contact with your children’s teachers as this always has a positive impact on their attitude and application at school.

This week our classes will allocate some time to appreciate and understand aspects of Indigenous culture as part of our NAIDOC Celebrations. Some break time activities will also be on offer for children to enjoy. Parents are welcome to join us from 2pm this Friday in our Hall for a ‘sharing assembly’ when year levels will share what they have learnt with others in the school. A special thanks to Mrs Summer Parry (our wonderful Indigenous Teacher Aide) and Mrs Casey Harej (DP) for organising and co-ordinating activities this week.

Our 52 Year 6 & 7 students have returned from their successful Sydney/Canberra Excursion. A special and sincere thanks to our five adult supervisors (Mrs Rhonda Duncan, Mrs Lisa Duncan, Miss Ford, Mr Schmidt and Mr Lyons) for undertaking the additional responsibilities required of them when they escort a school group on such an excursion. Thanks also to Miss O’Hara and Mr Van Beek for catering for those students who were not able to participate in this excursion. These students have enjoyed a valuable educational learning experience with memories that will last for many years.

Best wishes to our students selected in the Mackay Athletics team to compete at Capricornia trials next week. It is a significant achievement to reach this representative level and we wish them well.

Next week I will be a guest at the official opening of our Marian C&K Kindy. I will be pleased to have an opportunity to highlight the important relationship we have with the Kindy and our combined efforts to ensure a smooth transition for our youngest students from home to kindy and then Prep at our school. I have asked some of our talented musicians to perform as part of this opening ceremony.

Best Wishes,

Peter Mandryk

Payment Reminders:
- 2014 Year 4 & Year 5 Kinchant Outdoor Education Camp payments are now overdue.
- 2015 Sydney Canberra Excursion $300 payment due by Sept 5.

Thanks to our Tuckshop Workers
I believe it was Celebrate Canteen Week last week … can I take this opportunity to encourage you and your students to make the effort to say ‘thank you’ to Bernie and her team of volunteers who run our Tuckshop so efficiently. A well organised tuckshop is like a clean room, you don’t notice it until things get messed up … Bernie’s Tuckshop is certainly a ‘clean room’. Thank you and congratulations to all our Tuckshop workers.

2015 Yr 7 & Yr 8 Mirani State High School Scholarships
Parents of our current Yr 6 and Yr 7 students
should be aware that children wishing to make application for the Academic, Cultural or Sporting Scholarships on offer by Mirani SHS, should now be in the process of completing these applications. Students have self-nominated for this opportunity as advised when they met with Mr Post from Mirani SHS in the first week of this term. Mr Mandryk recently met with interested students to provide information and advice about how best to complete this application process.

Applications have to be completed and returned to Mr Mandryk by no later than Friday August 29.

**DOGS … in or near our school**

Our number one priority at school is to keep everyone safe. Given that both children and animals can act unpredictably we wish to do all we can to minimise the risk dogs may present to people at our school.

Unfortunately it is a common occurrence for dogs to stray into our school grounds. On these occasions and if it is safe to do so, staff make an effort to contact owners and ask them to collect their dog. If this is not possible, the Mackay Regional Council is contacted and dogs are impounded.

Parents are asked to leave dogs at home when they drop off or collect their children from school.

**New Bus Travel Conduct**

Parents of children who travel on school bus services need to be aware of revised standards and expectations of student conduct while travelling on buses. Copies of the Student and Parent Fact sheets have been provided to students to take home and discuss in their families. Copies of these fact sheets are available from the school office if families did not receive one.

**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.

**ENROL NOW FOR PREP IN 2015**: Children must have completed a Prep Year before they can begin Year 1. We would appreciate early notice from parents who have Prep aged children enrolling at our school in 2015 so that we can best plan staffing and resourcing to meet their needs. Please contact our school office staff as soon as possible to complete enrolment requirements.

Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2015. Prep is an early education program, only offered in primary schools. Prep is a full-time program and children attend from Monday to Friday during normal school hours. Prep is fully integrated into the rest of the school. Prep provides the foundation for your child’s success at school by developing:

- A positive approach to learning
- Independence and confidence
- Thinking and problem-solving skills
- Oral language skills
- Early literacy and numeracy
- Physical abilities, gross & fine motor skills

**From the Deputy’s Desk**

**NAIDOC**

This week Marian State School is celebrating NAIDOC week. All classes will participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities, both within their classrooms and are invited to join in lunchtime activities. A culmination of the week's activities will be a Prep - Year 7 NAIDOC sharing assembly on Friday 14 August at 2pm in the hall, all family and community members are welcome to attend.

**Skoolbag**

A letter went home last week introducing families to the new Marian State School iPhone App. We hope families are taking advantage of the free trial. The App allows you to do the following:

- Inform the school of student absences
- Access newsletters and calendars
- Receive important news and alerts

These are just a few of the wonderful features that the SkoolBag App has to offer. Please keep your feedback sheets coming in.
Eating before school
Is your child having a nutritious breakfast? A number of students are tucking into their lunchbox items when they arrive at school. Please ensure your child/ren have a sufficient breakfast so they don't feel the need to begin eating their lunch before the 1st session begins.

Casey

Casey Harej

Public Speaking Competition
We have some talented and exciting students preparing themselves for our Marian State School’s Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 20 August at 2pm in the Assembly Hall. While upper classes will be witnessing this event, parents/carers are invited to attend also.

Kent Lyons

Sports News
Absolutely FANTASTIC effort by our Track and Field Team! Marian SS brought it home FIRST for the Pioneer Valley trials and we had twenty-three athletes progress to the next level. They contested the Mackay District T&F Trials in Mackay on Tuesday 29th July and we had continued success at that level.

At the Pioneer Valley trials we had Rachel Norman set a new record for the 11Yrs Girls 800m, beating Chloe’s old record by nearly six seconds. Then, Namen came up with two of his own in the 10Yrs Boys with a new record in both the Long Jump and the 100m. Excellent effort by both competitors! Congratulations to both of you.

Age Champions at this level saw Connor (9Yrs Boys), Namen (10Yrs Boys) and Young (13Yrs Boys) take out the honours. Again, congratulations to all athletes.

Take it up one level and we had four athletes from our school excel at Mackay. Namen was, again, a standout with a 1st Place in the HJ, 2nd in 100m and 200m and 3rd in the LJ. Rachel won the 800m while Ben and Casey came third in the 200m and Discus Throw respectively.

These four athletes will represent our school, Pioneer Valley and the Mackay District at the Capricornia trials to be held in Emerald on Monday 18th August.

I’m in awe of the effort from all our athletes and the efforts we saw, and those still to come. Well done to all athletes up to now and GOOD LUCK to those who are continuing.

Bye for now  BR Schmidt (PE)

Rookie Reporters/Student Council

2014 Sydney/Canberra Camp
The 2014 Sydney/Canberra Camp was a great adventure.

We left Mackay eager and excited. Our first activity in Sydney was bowling, it was a thrilling 2 ½ hours. Day two was an eventful day. We began our journey at Taronga Zoo. The seal and bird shows were some of the favourites. We then travelled around Circular Quay on a ferry, taking in the spectacular surroundings. Snow day was a definite standout. We enjoyed the tobogganing and having a snow fight. The flight home was tiring but we all enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you to the teachers for organising the camp and our parents for paying for us to go. We had a very busy week and have many exciting tales to tell.

By Tiana and Dixie

Jeans for Genes Day
Friday, 1st of August was Jeans for Genes Day. Marian State School raised over $380 dollars. All money raised goes towards funding medical research for children with genetic disorders. On behalf of the student council, we would like to thank all those students who wore their jeans and donated a gold coin.

Chappy Chat
Having spent time with the Prep classes, it is always exciting seeing them put pencil to paper and write sentences! They are keen learners!

Again thanks to the aluminium can contributions and also thanks to the students who make can crushing happen! Clearly we have some children who are always keen to help. Please keep those cans coming.

With Camp Eagle coming up shortly, please could the students who are planning to go on camp bring in their Camp forms either on a Monday or Friday when I’m at school. Many thanks

Thought for the day: People who expect the best usually get what they expect.

Have a good week
Kind regards
Chappy Liz
Resource Centre - “The Hub”

Book Club Issue 6
Order forms due back in Red Box on or before **Friday, 22 August**. Order forms coming home this week.

Jo-ann Waugh
Librarian

From the P&C Association

We will be conducting a Spell-a-thon as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The Spell-a-thon will be held on Monday the 15th of September.

The Spell-a-thon is designed to be a fun and educational way to complement the school's literacy program and raise funds for short term projects in the playground and the longer term project of oval improvements.

Each student has been provided with an 8 page Sponsorship Form with a selection of over 70 prizes the students can choose from as well as a word list. The word list has been selected from the core curriculum to your child's year level. Please assist your child to practise their word list!

We ask you to seek donations of $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 will be entitled to a prize of their choice. Remember to ask your friends and family to sponsor your child. The more donations the students receive the better prizes they can choose. We do not encourage children to go door-to-door to seek sponsorship unless supervised by a responsible adult.

Each student will receive a participation certificate and the class that raises the most will win a class trophy to be retained in the classroom. Every $20 that students raise will earn them an entry into the draw for a 2GB I-pod Shuffle. The highest fundraisers in each year level will be awarded a $20 Scholastic Book Fair Voucher and each student who gets 100% on the test will go into the draw to win a $40 Scholastic Book Fair Voucher.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the 'how to claim your prize section on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the RED BOX in the office on or before the Friday the 12th of September. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Happy fundraising, and good luck with your word lists!

Sheree Corby and Liz Atkins

**Tuckshop News**

More volunteers are welcome. If you would like to come in at anytime on any day and look around and see the ladies how things are done or lend a hand you are most welcome. It would be lovely to get some new faces in our tuckshop and your child enjoys seeing you there. **Students collecting orders from tuckshop please line up in your grades to make it quicker and easier to get your order.**

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**Lost Property**

There are jumpers already in the lost property box, if your child is missing any property please check the box in the office. Please clearly label all your child’s items.
**MARIAN MARKETS**

**Church Grounds Marian**

Sunday 17th August - 8.00am – 12 noon

A huge variety of great stalls
Silent Auction
Sausage sizzle & refreshments available

**FOUND**

Gold wedding ring
(maybe a mans)
Found on school oval. See Julia at Marian State School Office.

**Position Vacant**—Cleaning Position at Mackay Northern Beaches State High School

23hrs

Applications close COB on Friday 22 August 2014.

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to the:- Business Services Manager, PO Box 430, RURAL VIEW QLD 4740 or email – vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au.

**Wanted a lift from Marian School to our home in Hampden Ct on a Monday afternoon for 2 boys in grade 2. We are willing to share ride any other days if wanted. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Phone Dee on 0429951184.**