Dear Parents,

I was privileged to attend our first P & C meeting last Tuesday. Our school is extremely fortunate to have a positive and active group of parents who are continually planning and organising for a great year ahead. I urge all families to support our P & C with each term’s activities. The planned Ladies’ Garden Party in June appears to be a really exciting event for all who may be attending.

Pleased be advised of this advance notice of individual Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions to be held in the last fortnight of the term. Your child’s Term 1 progress will be discussed at these meetings and collaboratively determined learning goals will be set for each student. Parents who attend these discussions will once again give their children a powerful message about the importance of schooling and your interest in their education.

At this early stage of the school year I wish to remind parents of the importance of daily school attendance if students are to maximise their learning. We are offering students weekly and end of term incentives to maximise attendance, however it is parental expectations and support that has the most impact on student attitude towards daily school attendance. I encourage you all to make every day count and make 2016 a year when your child doesn’t unnecessarily miss a day of school which is also related to late attendances – children arriving 5-10 minutes late are missing the important messages and preparation teachers have for all children in their classes. Early start, bright start = happy kids.

Our Student Council members, Japanese leaders and sustainability team enjoyed their badge presentation last Monday and they eagerly join our leaders in the many activities underway at school.

At our most recent assemblies in the hall, we have had Sgt Bill from the Marian police give clear advice on how and when children are to cross roads. Even if using a zebra crossing, they must stop and look before crossing.
Our **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM** attended a GRIP Leadership Conference at the MECC today. They were given many inspiring ideas to develop their skills during the year and mixed with students from a large number of other schools. Look for their report on this in the next newsletter.

**Play Areas.** Again I wish to remind families about keeping children safe and not allow them to play in play equipment areas without supervision. No child is allowed on the play equipment before school – they should be at assembly in the undercovered area and, ONLY if SUPERVISED, can they be using the play equipment after school. We do encourage all children to go directly home once dismissed from classes.

**PARKING.** Could I make it known that there are 2 concerns we have relative to parking at the school.

1. We wish to advise ALL families that the rear car park is for staff parking only – not for parents to park and collect children. Gates are having to be locked to avoid this practice from continuing.
2. We have a curved dead end in the car park at the front of the school – this area is a NO STANDING ZONE – cars parked here are doing so illegally and also make it difficult for vehicles to turn around in the zone. Please do not park here.

**Lunches.** A number of children are having to open tins to access food provided for lunches. The lids of these are extremely sharp and very likely to cause severe lacerations to young fingers, so parents….. could we ask for the contents to be placed in a plastic container instead.

**REEF GUARDIAN NEWS**

I wish to commend all students and classes on their commitment to **doing the right thing** with wastes and recyclable materials. On my reckoning I believe we have more than trebled the amount of materials going into the recycle bins. Our year 4 students from 4P are doing a magnificent job in delivering buckets to eating areas and Calvin’s sustainability committee should be congratulated on ensuring buckets are clean and stored at the end of each day.

Our first NUDE FOOD DAY, promoting paper/wrapper free and healthy foods, will be this Thursday, 25 February.

Also beginning this week we have a group of students keen to remind everyone about saving energy so … their **POWER POLICE PATROLS** begin checking on classes and rooms that are using power unnecessarily. Look out for the ‘Junior Police People wearing Police Hats ‘ around the school during breaks.

**SUSTAINABILITY FACTS**

By 2021 Australians could save more than $600 million on our water and energy bills just by using more water efficient appliances and products. The amount of water we can save by then is about 800,000 megalitres which is more than the whole of Sydney Harbour.

Cheers

*Kent Lyons*

A/Principal

**From the Deputy**

**One Stop Rock Shop**

School Performance Tours will be coming to our school on Thursday 10th of March to perform their show One Stop Rock Shop.

It is a hilarious interactive journey through music styles from Disco to Reggae, Punk Rock to Jazz!

In One Stop Rock Shop, Aussie Kids Rock do so much more than just play their music. They individually demonstrate how they are playing their instrument, so it can produce the right sound needed to create each of the very different music styles. And, when all three band members are playing, dressed and speaking in the style, they show how for the real devotees of each musical genre, the music is more than just music, it’s a whole way of life.

*The cost is $6 per student and a permission/payment note has gone out with today’s newsletter.* Please see the office if you don’t receive one.

**Yr 3 Safety Circus**

This week our Yr 3 students will enjoy a presentation that focusses on personal safety, road safety and dealing with bullies. This valuable learning opportunity is made available by CQU drama students in association with Mackay Police and we thank them for providing such an entertaining yet informative lesson for our students.

Cheers

*Mel Benjamin*

A/ Deputy Principal
**What's happening in Year 1M**

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**Class Awards**

Prep B—Alice & Gabby  
Prep C—Karis, Ella, Piper & Danelle  
Prep S—Rachel, Kailan, Tori & Kamryn  
Prep/1WD—Harry, Oscar, Grace & Leo  
1C—Ava, Hayden, Selina & Claire  
1M—Jorja, Mackensie, Jack & Lucas  
1T—Alan, Jacob, Jhett & Nate  
1/2E—Jhett, Ashton, Ava & Tori  
2D—Nate x 2, Jessica, Kayleigh, Mia & Cooper  
2FM—Tate, Jaeda, Sommer, Bella, Lani & Logan  
2S—Maddison, Jonay, Jayda & Connor  
3B—Lily, Keoni, Jayden & Charli  
3H—Seth, Hayden, Heath & Jake  
3/4V—Katie, Charlotte, Lachlan, Joshua, Victoria, Jae & Blane  
4ED—Harry, Georgia, Kyle & Talen  
4P—Sam, Jaxon, Faith & Darcie  
4/5L—Kaylee, Dillon, Evie & Tom  
5B—Imogen, Jeremy, Jackson & Charlotte  
5C—Breton & Ben  
5/6W—Matthew, Jorja, Cory & Harrison  
6K—Randall, Teahl, Brianna & Thaison  
6VC—Stephen & Jake

**Refusal and Routines**

Are you having difficulty in managing your child’s behaviour? Is getting ready for school in the morning stressful for you or your child? Come to the Marian State School library on Thursday 10th March at 2.15pm for a 45min session on managing behaviour and implementing routines. Afternoon tea will be provided.

**Jodie Ballard**  
Guidance Officer

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Connor for his selection in the Capricornia Swimming 10-12 years team to compete in the QSS Swimming 10-12 years State Championship at Chandler on 20-22 March 2016.

**SPORT**

Continuing this week, **touch football** coaching sessions are hopefully giving way to games where we combine team work with playing skills. It is quite popular so we are endeavouring to have games Tuesday to Friday at 1st break for all children who are interested. Miss Barton will be involved with years 3 & 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sports leaders on Wed and Friday with Mr Lyons running the 5 & 6’s Tuesday – Friday, also with assistance from the sports leaders.

**From the Guidance Officer**

**Connecting at school**

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It’s about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents/carers to support children’s mental health.

- When schools and parents/carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.
- When parents/carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents/carers informed. Parents/carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.

School is a place for adults to make new friends too! Having opportunities to get to know other parents/carers, to find out how to support your children’s learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents/carers feel connected to the school.

For more information on why to connect at school visit the Kids Matter website [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

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**Miss Miller- 1M**
P&C Postings
FROM LIZ AKINS, PRESIDENT

Well here we are on the other side of the AGM and I am once again heading up an amazing team of volunteers – all ready and willing to chip in and help make our children’s schooling experience as good as it can be!

Our 2016 P&C Superheroes are…

President – Liz Akins
Vice Presidents – Carly Considine and Angela Uden
Secretary – Kristy Counsell
Treasurer – Julia Clulee
Tuckshop Chairperson – Kristy Blair
Tuckshop Secretary – Louise Basham
Uniform Convenor – Catrina Walton
Grants Officer – Amanda O’Dea
Grounds Committee Reps – Kevin Dawe and Majella Geddes

I’ll get straight into it – The Calendar of events has already kicked off and thanks to a local election being held this year and the P&C being allocated a Bunnings BBQ – this term is set to be a busy one for volunteers!

We are yet to firm up our fundraising goals, but we definitely have some great ideas with big price tags!! There is an application for a large storage shed being lodged with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund this week (fingers crossed!). We are working on updating the honour boards, improving the walkway lighting between the classrooms and the hall, possibly sourcing more portable shades, replacing an electronic whiteboard, etc… The list is yet to be written for 2016

Calendar of Events

TERM 1
FREE DRESS DAY – Easter Raffle Prizes Fundraiser – Friday, 26th February
EASTER RAFFLE – 1st to 24th of March
DISCO – Friday, 11th March
FUNDRAISING GOALS & EVENT PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, 13th March
MARCH MEETING – Tuesday, 15th March
ELECTION DAY BBQ / Home baking / Raffle Stall – Saturday, 19th March
BUNNINGS PAGET BBQ – Sunday, 20th March

Term 2 will see the return of the Mother’s Day stall and we ask you to SAVE the DATE for our inaugural “Diamonds and Pearls” Garden Party, which will be held on Saturday, the 11th of June.

Please review the following information, and let us know where you can help us out!!

First up…..

FREE DRESS DAY!!
Friday 26th February
Gold Coin Donation
All donations will help the P&C create some awesome fun-filled Easter raffle prizes for families.
Raffle tickets will be on sale next week, please look out for a flyer!

In a few weeks…

2016 P&C SPORTS BURSARY

Is there a chance your child may represent Marian State School in Sport at Capricornia level or above during 2016? If so, then you may eligible to apply for the P&C Sporting bursary.

Each year the P&C allocate up to $500 towards the reimbursement of costs associated with students participating in representative sport. These funds are divided between eligible applicants.

If this situation might apply to your family this year, I suggest that parents read through the guidelines soon, there is no need to wait until the end of the year to do the paperwork!

The guidelines and application form be can be accessed on the Marian SS web-site or collected from the school office. All forms need to be returned to the Red box in the office in an envelope clearly marked “sporting bursary” no later than Friday the 4th of November, 2016. If you have any questions please contact Liz Akins on 0427 852 357.
A month away...

Also...that same weekend...

These are events that popped up on our radar without planning but unfortunately have fallen on the same weekend – hence the early planning!!

How can you help during these March Fundraisers???

Instructions:
1. Put the newsletter / shift and work roster / calendar and sports timetables in front of you on the desk
2. Decide which role you would like to play
3. Check & recheck with multiple schedules to see if you can fit volunteering in!
4. Write your name, phone number and HOURS you are available to work, not forgetting to nominate what job you want
5. Add this extra item to your calendar
6. Get this sheet back to the red box in the office and wait to hear from me!

You can do step 6 via text/email if it's easier. Ph 0427 852 357, pandc@marians.eq.edu.au

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ELECTION DAY
7:15am - 10am approx

HOMEBAKERS – We need parents to bake us some wonderful goodies to sell to our voters. These can be delivered to the school tuckshop on Friday the 18th or early Saturday morning.

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS – One person for the entire time or 3 people taking hourly shifts...I’ll take anything!!

BBQ EXTRAORDINAIRES – I’m happy to schedule one group of people to set up, sell and clean up but if you can only help for an hour before taking kids to sport...I’ll take it!!

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BUNNINGS BBQ
8AM - 2:30PM Set up to packed up

BBQ EXTRAORDINAIRES – Ideally I would like to roster volunteers on for 2 hourly shifts. I am looking for a cook, 2 preppers and a money handler for each shift. Again, the schedule can be tweaked if you can only make it down for an hour. This is

RAFFLE TICKET SELLER – If we have anyone who wishes to drop in sometime during the day for this job only, we’ll have you :)

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PLEASE RETURN ASAP:

Hi, my name is ____________________________

My Phone Number is _______________________

I can help at _____________________________

By _____________________________

At these times __________________________

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**Tuckshop News**

**Volunteers**

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| Fri 26/2  | K. Swift, J. Dunstan, K. Zarb, C. Matthews-
Volunteers Welcomed (9am-2.30pm) |
| Mon 29/2  | C. Young |
| Tues 1/3  | T. Somerfield |
| Wed 2/3   | K. Swift, C. Waldon |
| Thur 3/3  | K. Perna |
| Fri 4/3   | K. Swift, T. Swart, J. Dunstan, L. Skippen |

**Day** | **Meal Deals** | **Cost**
---|---|---
Wed | Bacon & Egg Burgers | $3.50
Thurs | Homemade Lasagne | $3.50
Tues | Fried Rice | $3.00

If you can volunteer times, please see Bernie ASAP so that your name can be added to the roster.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have volunteered your time thus far.

**IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP REMINDERS**

**TUCKSHOP OPENING TIMES**

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**BAG ORDERS**

Please remember to put your child’s NAME AND CLASS on the top of the bag.

If your child is in a composite class, please circle the year level – tuckshop is organised in year level groups for collection (orders are delivered for prep & year 1).

**TUCKSHOP MEETING**

Thursday 25th February 9am @ Tuckshop

All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Also **RED FOOD DAY** is fast approaching.

Stay tuned for further information.

**Finance**

Education Qld has now introduced a new option for paying students invoices/accounts. “B-Point” allows a parent to pay their child’s invoices directly from home and receive the receipt immediately. This system is linked to our One School system, which means, once the CRN number and invoice number is entered (please ensure these numbers are entered correctly) it automatically links to the school system and marks as paid. This is a highly effective system which allows parents to be receipted immediately and much less processing for our admin staff. BPoint can be accessed via ANY computer or smart phone. Payments accepted via Mastercard or VISA and is a secured payment method. Parents can log into: www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete. Invoices will be sent out for most activities. If you do not receive an invoice or have any queries, please contact the office. Instruction pamphlets are available in the foyer of the office.

**Finance—When is it due?**

| Instrumental—Loan Fee | $25 | 29 Feb |
| Instrumental—Resource Fee | $25 | 29 Feb |
| One Stop Rock Shop—All students | $6 | 3 March |
| Choral Festival | $10 | 4 March |
| Sydney/Canberra—Instalment 3 | $300 | 11 March |

**Net-Set-Go!**

A Program of Netball Australia

**Nominations Information for Term 2, 2016**

This year, nominations are being taken ONLINE at: https://netball.na.org.au/nominations/schools/program.aspx?Level=1&Term=2

**Sessions run at Marian State School on Wednesdays,**

3.30 – 4.30pm

**commencing 20/4/16 until 25/5/16**

**Coach: Connie Kears**

Further information – phone (a/h) 49591176

e-mail: cevert11@eq.edu.au
Community News

From time to time we include items that may be of interest to our school community in this section of our newsletter. Inclusions of notices and advertisements should not be seen as a school endorsement of these activities or products.

PIONEER VALLEY POWER JUNIOR AFL CLUB

(play AFL in 2016 great for boys and girls)

Club Auskick clinic starting Thursday the 18th Feb - Thursday 24th March from 4-5pm at Marian State School Oval. $70. Open to boys and girls from 5 -12yrs of Age, great introduction to club footy.

PIONEER POWER CLUB FOOTY TRAINING STARTS THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY,

Come along and see us at training and join in to try it out. From 4-5pm at Marian School Oval starting Thursday 25th Feb.

This year in 2016 the club will have non competitive Under 8’s and 10’s played Friday nights. Competitive 12’s team and a combined 14’s team with Sarina that will play some Friday nights but mostly Saturdays.

Registration cost is $130rego + playing gear which is $80 (shorts, socks, guernsey and polo)

For more information call: 0488911272 (Megan) or email pioneerpower2012@gmail.com

Registrations Open Now!!

Babysitting available, pet minding, house sitting, computer coaching, general helper, Blue Card & Teacher Aide experience

Contact Tim — 4959 2176

Parents who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 24th February, at the Marian Catholic Church Hall at 7.00pm. For further information please contact:

Charlotte Tomlin 49543863
Nola Agius 49585664

Are you turning 12, 14 or 15 years old this year? If you are, then Wests Tigers JRL needs you!!! Come and try Rugby League in a fun environment and make some mates. Contact Andrew Birch for more details: 0408 075 900

HERE US ROAR!