



DATE CLAIMERS:

January	
30	Whole School Parade— 2:30 Hall
February	
9	Student Leader Badge Presentation—9am
24	P&C AGM & General Meeting 7pm—Library
25	Yr 3 Safety Circus
March	
13	Pioneer Valley Maths Comp—Yrs 5&6
17	P&C March General Meeting—7pm Library

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Making a difference
Achievement focused
Relationships matter
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Altogether
Never give up.

2015 Priorities

- ⇒ Writing
- ⇒ Maths Problem Solving
- ⇒ Program Achieve Social Skilling

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

MON-THURS MORNINGS
8:30AM TO 9:00AM

ABSENTEE PHONE LINE:

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2015 school year! Yesterday our P&C hosted the **Pioneer Valley Australia Day Celebrations** which provided many in our community with an opportunity to see and appreciate our excellent school facilities and fantastic parent volunteers. A special thanks to our P&C for catering for this community event and to school staff for their assistance on this occasion. Nikki Glossop and her wonderful bands of helpers did a wonderful job and received many compliments from organisers and those in attendance. Next weekend Marian SS will provide a polling booth location for the Qld Elections and again we will welcome community members into our school as they engage in our democratic processes.

A special welcome to students, families and staff who have joined us here at Marian SS for the first time this week. We trust you will have a long and fulfilling relationship with our school. We also welcome Mrs Hayley Tribe (5/6T) and Mrs Catherine Van Moolenbroek (6V) to our staff & welcome back from leave Mrs Vicki Seierup (1S), Mrs Annette Wilson (2W), Mrs Lauren Fraser (3F), Mel Benjamin (Lead Teacher) & Mrs Renita Moore (0.5 Head Of Curriculum). While a number of teachers have had year level changes, there will be many familiar faces amongst our teaching and non-teaching staff this year.

Children quickly settled into our school routines today. Currently we have an enrolment of 548 children and unless we have a significant enrolment of new students over the next few days, we look like settling into 22 class groups.

Those of you who have already visited the school this year may have noted the **significant 'upgrade of our school oval'**. During the vacation we have had the oval levelled, top dressed and re-seeded so that in the long term we can ensure a safe and well drained play space for our children. An additional water tank, 5 water outlets and a 'travelling irrigator' have all been installed as part of this project. As a result of this work we should also be able to open up additional play space for children thereby providing some oval play space for Yr 2 children for the first time.

I would like to thank Mr Kent Lyons (DP last year) for his planning of this project and Kev O'Reilly for his great work liaising with contractors and watering the sprouting seed during the dry periods over the vacation. Where would we be without Kev !

While the recent rain has been wonderful, we have not yet got a full coverage of grass on the oval surface and therefore **we will have to initially keep children off the oval** and will reassess this position on a weekly basis. In the interim we will be fertilizing and watering so that we can open the oval for student access as soon as possible.

Towards the end of the break we received the welcome news that **a submission, completed by Kent on behalf of our P&C, to the Office of Liquor & Gaming Commission has been successful, and we have received a grant of \$31 400 (GST inclusive) to cover the costs of this project.** This now releases some school and P&C funds to be spent on other facilities improvement projects.

This week I urge parents to **review the report card your child received** at the end of the 2014 school year. Reminding children of their academic strengths and learning priorities will help focus them as they commence a new year. Don't miss this important opportunity.

Last week staff collaboratively determined **our school's priorities for 2015**. These are ...

- Improving student learning outcomes in **Writing & Mathematical Problem Solving** while consolidating last year's work in Reading Comprehension, Spelling and Number Facts.
- Implementing our new **Program Achieve –Social Skilling Program** to further strengthen and enhance our Positive Behaviour Plan.

Further information about these priorities will be provided in future newsletters and will be placed on our school website (www.marianss.eq.edu.au).

Our school aims to provide **excellent 'student learning'** opportunities for all children. Therefore we have no tolerance of anything that interferes with the achievement of good student learning outcomes. Quality curriculum programs, positive student attitudes, good behaviour and parental support, all contribute to making Marian a "great" school ... one deserving respect by our families and within our community.

Parent Information Sessions are scheduled for Week 3.

I will be providing parents with a 15 min briefing on "Whole School' Priorities in the Covered Games Area (near the Tuckshop), before parents go to classrooms and hear from your child's class teacher as per the schedule below.

Monday Feb 9

3:15-3:30pm ... Principal outlining 'Whole School Priorities' in CGA (same session Mon & Tues)

3:30-4pm ... Prep + P/1C + Yr 4

4 – 4:30pm ... Yr 2 + 2/3H + Yr 6

Tuesday Feb 10

3:30-4pm ... Yr 1 + Yr 5 + 5/6T

4 – 4:30pm ... Yr 3

We have endeavoured to ensure all parents can make their child's class Parent Information Session and would encourage all families to avail themselves of this important opportunity to show children how important you think their schooling is.

Included with this newsletter is a summary of our school's **Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students**. Positive student behaviour is the foundation upon which students maximise their learning outcomes. We look forward to partnering with parents in ensuring that all students strive to meet the behaviour expectations of our school community. The key messages of our school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students are ...

- Children come to school to learn, be safe and be respectful.
- Everyone must accept their responsibilities before they

exercise their rights.

- At school, we need "we" (team) behaviours rather than "me" (selfish) behaviours.
- Children only have three choices when something happens that they don't like ...
 1. **Ignore** it as something unimportant and get on with their learning.
 2. Talk with the offender/s & **warn** them that a problem will be reported if it occurs again.
 3. **Report** the problem to an adult who can help solve the problem.
- **NO PAY BACK**. Fighting, paying back or prolonging an argument only continues and complicates the problem.
- Bystanders are expected to take some positive action to assist resolve difficulties.

Responsible Behaviour Cards of all types should be signed by parents and returned to school so that staff knows parents are aware of the behaviours reported to them.

In this first fortnight of the school year, teachers will clearly outline **student behaviour expectations**. The simple message is that all children should come to school 'to learn, be safe and be respectful'. Positive behaviours will be acknowledged & appreciated while selfish & unproductive behaviours will not be accepted.

Please accept this reminder of our school assembly arrangements. **We will come together for whole school assemblies first and last week of each term and in other school weeks we will have a Senior (Yrs 3-6) Assembly at 2:30pm Mondays and a Junior (Prep-Yr2) Assembly at 2:30pm Fridays**. All assemblies will be in our school Hall. This week we are having a whole school assembly at 2:30pm on Friday.

Please remember there is no access to **the Kenny Street school car park to parents' motor vehicles**. This area has in the past been unsafely used as a 'drop off/ pick up area', however it was never designed for this purpose and is now reserved for staff parking only. As a consequence there should be more car parks available for parents out the front of our school.

I would like to acknowledge the special efforts of staff in getting our school ready for students to commence their school year. Our cleaners, groundsman, teaching, office and support staff have combined to ensure our school was safe, clean and welcoming for students. A sincere thanks for the extraordinary efforts of these people.

Thanks are also extended to P&C Volunteers who have already opened the Uniform Shop on a number of occasions to ensure all children could look neat and smart in school uniform to commence the school year. Another example of the wonderful work of P&C volunteers in our school.

Parent involvement is welcomed in our school community. Parents are urged to work with staff and our P&C Association in promoting our school's focus on learning. Our collective efforts must always promote student welfare and support children with their learning. I encourage you all to acknowledge, share and celebrate our successes. I urge you to give full support to our staff's professional efforts and achievements.

Parents are also encouraged to contribute to the combined efforts of the P&C by becoming involved in P&C activities this year. Please remember the P&C is not just about fundraising. Our P&C plays a vital decision making role within our school and your involvement can directly benefit your children while also providing a community service to others. Don't let 'being new' stop you from expressing an interest in P&C activities. Current P&C members are willing to assist and support parents who wish to become involved for the first time. We would welcome your interest and contribution to our school.

*Your first opportunity to 'get involved' presents itself next week when our **P&C holds its first monthly meeting and Annual General Meeting** in the Library commencing at **7pm Tuesday February 24**. We look forward to seeing our more experienced P&C members joined by some new faces around the table. Advance notice is also given for the P&C's March General Meeting to be held at 7pm on **Tuesday March 17**.*

*We appreciate parents who provide us with feedback about school affairs. We are particularly grateful for positive feedback received but should there ever be issues of concern, we ask that parents **make an appointment** & discuss issues directly with the staff best able to help you. Staff should be afforded the opportunity to gather data and relevant information for any requested interview. Additionally, teachers appreciate parents discussing issues of concern directly with them before you approach a member of the school administration.*

We look forward to another productive year and trust parents will do all they can to support their children maximise their learning outcomes.

Best wishes, Peter Mandryk (Principal)

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WANTED: Adult Volunteers ... to support children in classes !!!

At last year's Grandparent's Day, a number of people indicated interest in becoming an adult volunteer to support our students. **We are now calling on anyone who would like to volunteer** (not just Grandparents of course !) **to register your availability by contacting one of our teachers or the school office as soon as possible.**

The most obvious way people can help is to be a 'Reading Volunteer'. This would involve a commitment to come to school for a minimum of 3 times each week to read to and listen to children read. In 30 minutes of volunteer time, an adult might support 2 or 3 children. Volunteers would be provided with some 'basic training' and may require a 'Working With Children' Blue Card (we can help you complete this application and endorse you as a 'school volunteer').

We would love to hear from you.

2014 Marian's Got Talent Quest: We held our final of this talent quest in the last week of the 2014 school year. Thanks to our Student Council staff for their organisation and conduct of this activity. Congratulations to the following children for their performances that entertained a large crowd in our school Hall.

1st: "Ministry of Magic" ... Emily Council & Chloe Akins;
2nd: "Sparkles & Diamonds" ... Rachel Norman & Rhianna Metcalfe ; 3rd: "Popstar" ... Chloe De Groot

Sporting achievement



Hollie Andrews from 5T attended the 2015 Queensland Junior Cycling Track Championships in Brisbane over the Australian Day weekend. Hollie competed in all 3 events in the Under 11's and won silver in all three races. She just missed out on a gold medal by .03 seconds. Well done Hollie!

Conveyance Allowance Assistance



Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Applications forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673

From the Deputy



Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!

Marian State School has had access to the Skoolbag Smartphone school to parent communication tool since mid 2014. The Skoolbag App is available to both iPhone and Android users. Please see below for instruction on how to access the Skoolbag App. Marian State School currently has 247 users uti-

EXECUTIVE ROLES

The President

- is the accountable officer for the Marian SS P&C and Sub-Committees
- provides leadership, develops a sense of belonging and delegates
- acts as representative of the P&C
- promotes participation and communication between P&C, School Administration and Community
- chairs meetings

The Vice-President

- in the President's absence will Chair meetings and carry out duties delegated by the President
- provides essential support for the President and other executive members
- attends QCPCA meetings as the QCPCA representative

The Secretary

- prepares meeting agendas and records meeting minutes
- maintains up to date membership records
- records and maintains information pertaining to the activities of the P&C
- has safe custody of P&C association documents
- clears mailbox regularly

The Treasurer

- has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C
- keeps accurate accounts of receipts & expenditure & reports monthly to P&C
- keeps cashbooks up to date and balances bank a/c
- supports all payments with invoices, receipts and dockets
- arranges audit of annual financial statements.

Did you know.... that the tuckshop and uniform shop is run by the P&C? Which means if we don't have our committee, we can't operate!

The advantages of joining the P&C? Not only do you get to feel the satisfaction knowing that YOU are making a difference to your child's school (and we really DO make a difference), but you also have the opportunity to meet new people and make fantastic new friends.

If you want your say about your school, or there are issues that you want heard, being part of the P&C is the way to do it.

We'd love to see you there!

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish everyone the best of luck for 2015!

Nikki Glossop,
P&C President

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

From the P&C Association

Hello and welcome to 2015!

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful people who donated home baking and their time for yesterday's Australia Day ceremony. Thanks to your generosity we have kicked the year off with at least \$1000 into the P&C bank account (we still need to count money from softdrink/sausage sales).

Our AGM and first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 24th February from 7.00pm in the Library. The AGM is where our executive and subcommittee members are elected and all positions will be up for nomination: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Convenor, Tuckshop Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Grounds Committee, Management Committee, and Fundraising Committee. Please see below the position descriptions for the main executive roles. I can't stress how important it is that we fill these rolls in preparation for another super successful year. And really, everyone can do it!

Straight after the AGM we will have the first general meeting for the year where we will discuss our goals and aspirations for the year.



Sports News

Welcome back for another year. We have another action packed first term as far as representative sport is concerned as usual.

There are a number of Pioneer Valley based trials, along with a couple of Mackay District level trials. The more mainstream sports with higher participation rates will look to field a team from the Valley, while other less supported sports we'll ask for paper nominations.

The first important trial is the Mackay District Swim team nominations. We do not have physical trials for Pioneer Valley OR Mackay District. The Mackay Dist officials take nominations from swimmers as to which events they wish to contest. These nominations must be accompanied by current times for these events and verified by a qualified coach. The nominations will need to be in by the middle of Week Two (Wed 4th Feb). When the Manager sends them out to me, I will copy one for each student wishing to nominate. Please ask your child to keep listening for an update.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for nominations for athletes to make Representative sporting teams. A short list of upcoming events is as follows:-

4 Feb	Mky Swimming
13 Feb	PV AFL (noms)
27 Feb	Mky AFL
27 Feb	PV Rugby League trials
5 Mar	PV Basketball trials
6 Mar	PV Netball trials
18 Mar	PV Hockey (noms)
25 Mar	Mackay Basketball trials
26 Mar	Mackay Netball trials
30 Mar	PV Tennis trials
31 Mar	PV Soccer trials
1 Apr	PV Touch

These trials will be announced through this newsletter, PE classes where possible and Parade announcements. A couple are by nomination, i.e, we do not have a physical trial but get an expression of interest from those who are adept at that particular sport.

Whether nominating or attending a trial, we ask that the athlete possess adequate skills to represent the particular level, so those trying out for the Pioneer Valley should be among the best in the Valley, while those nominating for Mackay level, should be able to hold their place in a Mackay representative team to play teams from Rockhampton, Gladstone, etc..

Teams are chosen from those athletes turning 12 or 11 years old this year (born 2003, 2004) unless it is an age group sport in which case the age specific athlete will be targeted. Most players are from the 12 yrs age group with a spattering of 11 year olds. On a very few occasions, 10 yr olds will be considered for selection if they are of an exceptional standard.

From 2015 onwards, those students in Secondary School who turn 12 years in that particular year will still be invited to participate in the 12 yrs and Under trials.

Just after Easter, we'll be looking at the PV Cross Country trials. We'll need to start training early for this and more information will be sent out next newsletter. Previous years have seen a dwindling representation but, hopefully, we'll have this year's athletes demonstrate a revived level of pride on the school and commitment to school activities. Previously, we have had some 9 Years students run and train with us. Those people born in 2006 are quite welcome to train with us and, if we have enough still with us at the end, we will have a Marian SS Cross Country event, although they will not represent at the next level.

All the best for the year.

Bye for now

BR Schmidt (PE)



Tuckshop News

Please lookout for a new menu for Term 1 2015. Parents are encouraged to place correct money into ordering envelopes and have students place orders before school each day.

Tuckshop volunteers are again being sought for this school year. Included in this newsletter is a blank tuckshop roster, please place your name where you can help and return to Bernie. Any time you can help out will be appreciated.

Uniform School Hours

For the next two—three weeks the Uniform Shop will be open the following hours:

- Monday to Wednesday—8:50-9:20am
- Thursday—8:30-9am (normal time)

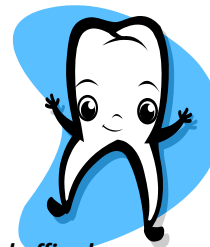
You can alternately take an order form or download from the school website, complete with payment details and place in the Red Box at the Office.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 9am – 11am Term 1 – Tuckshop Roster Thursday & Friday - All day – 9am – 2:30pm or First lunch – 9am-11:30 or Second Lunch 12.00-2:30pm

W	Mon 26/1	Australia Day	W	Mon 2/3
k	Tues 27/1		k	Tues 3/3
	Wed 28/1			Wed 4/3
1	Thurs 29/1		6	Thurs 5/3
	Fri 30/1			Fri 6/3
W	Mon 2/2		W	Mon 9/3
k	Tues 3/2		k	Tues 10/3
	Wed 4/2		7	Wed 11/3
2	Thurs 5/2			Thurs 12/3
	Fri 6/2			Fri 13/3
W	Mon 9/2		W	Mon 16/3
k	Tues 10/2		k	Tues 17/3
	Wed 11/2		8	Wed 18/3
3	Thurs 12/2			Thurs 19/3
	Fri 13/2			Fri 20/3
W	Mon 16/2		W	Mon 23/3
k	Tues 17/2		k	Tues 24/3
	Wed 18/2		9	Wed 25/3
4	Thurs 19/2			Thurs 26/3
	Fri 20/2			Fri 27/3
W	Mon 23/2		W	Mon 30/3
k	Tues 24/2		k	Tues 31/3
	Wed 25/2			Wed 1/4
5	Thurs 26/2		1	Thurs 2/4
	Fri 27/2		0	Fri 3/4

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay

(School Dental Service)



Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

Medical/ Consent forms will be sent home and need to be **fully completed and returned to the school office by:**

6th February, 2015

The van will be visiting the school to do check ups and treatment will be completed at the **Marian Primary School in Van 11**

Further enquires please phone **0412 034 591 Van 11**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>



Queensland Government

School Bus Assistance For Lower Income Families



The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- * Students of families eligible for a health Care Card; * Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- * Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Care; * Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension; or * Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673

Community Notices

COUNTRY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

SIGN ON AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUN DAY

1st FEBRUARY 2015

WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY LEAGUES CLUB GROUNDS

12PM-4PM

JUMPING CASTLE, BUMPER SOCCER, HORIZONTAL BUNGEE

FUN SOCCER DRILLS, SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MORE!!!!

REGISTER NOW AT www.myfootballclub.com.au

Or contact Tanya on 0417549692

ALL WELCOME!!!

Wests "TIGERS" Junior Rugby League - 2015

Sign On



For U/6's to U/16's, Saturday, February 7th-9am TO 11am. At Function Room, Western Suburbs Leagues Club, Branscombe Road, Walkerston. New and existing players will

need to register online. New players please bring 2 copies of your Birth Certificate. Sign on fee's-U/6-\$110 and U/7-U/16-\$150 per player (may be paid off by arrangement). Which includes a club shirt and a team photo. For all enquiries please contact Club Secretary – 0418710731 OR secretary.wdjrflc@hotmail.com

"Is your New Year's Resolution to take better care of yourself???"

*One way is for women aged 40 or older to book a **FREE** breast screen. No GP referral is needed.*

BreastScreen Queensland Mackay Service has appointments available now - including early morning, late afternoon & Saturday mornings at our Wellington Street service.

We encourage all eligible women to make a New Year's Resolution to have their first or next breast screen. Early detection is your best protection.

*Book now on **13 20 50** or 4968 3813 for your **FREE** appointment. No GP referral required."*

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