Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

As we enter the last month of the school year, I urge parents to be mindful of the need to encourage and support children as the weather warms up and their energy levels fall. Children need your assistance to persist through this difficult period as there are important lessons every day for each and every child. By this time of the year, all students are very aware of our behaviour expectations and therefore armed with a positive attitude every child should continue to make significant progress in their learning. We have an extended vacation period ahead of us, but until then we must help students remain focussed on making the most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you to families who completed and returned our ‘2015 Student Enrolment Survey’. The information provided will be used to assist us as we form class groupings and complete other related school planning for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

While we will endeavour to respond to the information parents have provided about their individual children, it will not be possible to meet every request given the likely staffing allocation available to our school for 2015.

In particular there were a number of requests from parents about students not being placed in ‘composite’ classes. Having taught ‘composite’ classes for many years as a class teacher, I believe children in such class groupings are not disadvantaged in educational opportunity. Our cross class English & Maths ‘Challenge Groups’ provide a structure by which we can cater for differing student ability levels and this also diminishes any perceived disadvantage of composite classes.

It will be impossible to structure our class groupings for 2015 without the need for some composite class groupings and I will rely on teacher judgement as to which students would be suitable for placement in such classes. As a general rule we try to ensure children are not in composite classes two years in a row, however I appeal to parents to understand that composite classes will have to be formed and are a necessity in most schools.

Similarly, while some teachers will be ‘looping’ year levels, this is not possible across the school, even if parents have indicated they would welcome this. Only some children will spend a second year with their current teacher if this is possible and considered advantageous.

Our final P&C meeting is tonight – 7pm in the Library. This meeting will receive an update on the oval upgrade project which we plan to have done over the Christmas vacation. With favourable weather conditions, children should return to school next year and able to use an oval that has been fertilised and top dressed so as to provide a safe playing surface for all oval activities.

Thanks again to the continued efforts of our P&C volunteers. A fantastic turn out of willing volunteers achieved so much in a few short hours at our recent Working Bee. With thanks to Kent Lyon’s organisation, a number of projects were completed to enhance the facilities available to our students. A sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way.
The next opportunity families have to support the efforts of our P&C is by buying raffle tickets in the Christmas Hampers which will be drawn on the night of our P&C Christmas Carols (Dec4).

**Prep - Yr 3 students continue their Swimming Lessons this week.** Thank you to all families for their support of this important learning program. P-3 Swimming will be followed by a P-3 Celebration Swimming Carnival on Tuesday Nov 25. On the Friday of that week (Nov 28), Yrs 4-7 students can nominate to participate in their Swimming Carnival.

I was very proud of our student leaders and all other students who participated in this year’s Remembrance Day service. Members of the Marian RSL sub-branch assisted in the planning and conduct of this service and were very complimentary of the respectful manner of our students.

With reference to great ‘audience skills’, we are beginning to talk with students about our expectations for Carols Evening. Last year I was disappointed to note the number of people who thought it OK to talk throughout a carols performance. We will be making it clear to students that there should be silence in the audience while a group is performing. Conversations should be had only between items or outside the hall. We appeal to our families to reinforce these messages so that all performing groups ‘get a fair go’.

It was great to see so many families take the opportunity to purchase quality reading materials for their children by visiting and buying from our annual Book Fair last week. A special thanks to Tanya Jeffs and Natalie Blain for coordinating this year’s Book Fair. Already we have plans in place to improve our organisation for next year’s event, including a method to speed up how families pay for goods purchased.

*We appreciate your continued support and assistance.*

**Best Wishes, Peter Mandryk**

**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

**Library Borrowing**

It is sensational to see so many avid book readers and borrowers this week in the library. With the end of the year also comes the end of book borrowing, and the immense task of book returns and stocktake.

**The Plan!**

Week 7 – Last borrowing for Years 6 & 7.

Week 8 – Last borrowing for Prep to Year 5.

Week 9 – All books to be returned to school library. No borrowing.
From the Deputy

Working Bee.

WOW!! What a great day we had on Saturday, 8 November with more than 12 families assisting to complete our many jobs. Sand pits, play equipment, gardens, mulching, the huge shade sail, bench seats, dead trees, drink fountains, rubbish under buildings and rocky garden areas all received attention. From our school staff and the P & C, we need to say THANKYOU to all who participated. We also had numerous children shovelling, raking, pushing wheelbarrows, painting and cleaning up rubbish. Everyone did a FANTASTIC job and we celebrated with a delicious morning tea provided by some hard working P & C mums.

Bring on the next one in 2015 !!!!

Oval Upgrade: Update.

In order to proceed with the levelling of the oval, we have had to investigate the purchase of an irrigation system – the set up option for this will be decided on at tonight’s P & Meeting.

HELP NEEDED! We are seeking some trades people from our parent community: an ELECTRICIAN to connect electricity to the pressure pump and also a PLUMBER to connect the water supply to a storage tank. We are pushing all boundaries right now to have this happen before the holidays: if we fail to have our school oval upgraded this Christmas holidays, we will have to wait a further 12 months. Please contact a member of the P & C or the school office if you are able to assist.

On the last weekend prior to the holidays, we will be seeking about 10 helpers to fertilise the oval – it is far too expensive to hire a spreader (alternatively: maybe someone could lend us one); so by hand it will be.

Date: Saturday, 6 December. Time: 7.00am. Duration: 1 hour.

Volunteers’ Morning Tea.

Schools are all the richer in having people volunteer their time and services for the benefit of the children. We really wish to show our appreciation to those helpers in Semester 2 with a morning tea at 10.00am on Tuesday, 2 December.

Sustainability at School

We have recently been able to establish 2 worm farms with assistance from children. Many classes have taken the opportunity to visit them and learn how they can be an important asset to home gardens. This has shown them why it is important to collect compostable waste: as the worms feed they provide liquid fertiliser and solids that are beneficial to our gardens.

We have been successful in our application to become a REEF GUARDIAN SCHOOL and will be officially recognised with a presentation at parade on December 8th.
Thank you to all families who have attended their 2015 Prep interview. I enjoy meeting all our eager Prep students prior to their official start next year. If you are yet to enrol or make a time for an interview (or know someone who hasn’t), please do so over the next 3 weeks.

SWIMMING

P-3 Swimming lessons will conclude this Thursday. Thank you to all of our parent helpers and Marian Staff for your ongoing commitment to our swimming program over the last 2 weeks. Students have certainly enjoyed their time in the water and their water confidence and skill has certainly improved since beginning lessons on Monday 10 November.

P-3 CARNIVAL - TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

All P-3 students will attend the P-3 swimming carnival on Tuesday 25 November. All students and their teachers will travel by bus on Tuesday 25 November, departing Marian State School at 9.00am. We anticipate that the carnival will finish by 1.00pm and students will arrive back at Marian State School by 1.30pm. Please ensure you child/ren have the following items for the P-3 swimming carnival.

- Towel
- Togs
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Snacks and 1st break
- Optional goggles/swimming cap

Parents who choose to take their child/ren home early from the pool, MUST sign them out at the pool prior to leaving.

4-7 NOMINATION CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Nominations were due on Friday 14 November, however, we will accept late nominations until TOMORROW Wednesday 19 November.

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All Year 4 - 7 students who have nominated for a swimming event will participate in the carnival on Friday 28 November. The bus will leave Marian State School at 8.30am on Friday 28 November, for those students who have paid to catch the bus. Alternatively, parents will need to provide transport for their child/ren to and from the Year 4 - 7 Carnival, commencing at 9.00am on Friday 28 November. The carnival will conclude at 12.00 noon. Details regarding what to bring are below:

Bus Cost $3.00 (to be paid with return permission/nomination form)

Pool entry $2.00 (to be paid with return permission/nomination form)

- Towel
- Togs
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Snacks and 1st break
- Optional goggles/swimming cap

Nomination and permission forms must be returned by TOMORROW, Wednesday 19 November. Students not participating in the carnival are expected to be at school participating in regular classroom learning.

P-2 Assembly back in the hall this week. Thank you everyone for your continued support and attendance at our P-2 Assembly.

Grandparents’ Day

What a wonderful day we had with more than 120 grandparents taking the opportunity to visit and spend some quality time with grandchildren in classes. We had some travelling from as far afield as Brisbane, Yeppoon, Gladstone and Townsville. Our school leaders very capably presented several poems and helped with serving the morning tea.
WE ARE SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS IN OUR TUCKSHOP. WE HAVE ONLY A SMALL COHORT OF PEOPLE NOW AND MOST WEEKS WE REQUIRE THEM TO WORK UP TO THREE DAYS. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN LENDING US A HAND PLEASE POP IN AND SEE BERNIE.

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**MENU**

- Crumb Sausage Combo $6
- Crackle/Chippee (4 only) Combo $6
  Combo comes with any drink & Chips
- Cup of chips (gravy) $3
- Assorted Burgers $4
- Pies $3
- Sausage Rolls $2

**Tuckshop News**

If you are interested in participating in the term 4 Talent Quest, nomination forms are available from the office. You will need to provide only one nomination form for each act, even if you have more than one person in the act. $1 per entry nomination fee. On the nomination form you will need to fill out your name, name of act, the members and a description of your act. For example is it dancing, singing, juggling, joke making, poetry reciting etc. All members must sign the form.

There are rules for the talent quest.
- You can only be in one act eg 1 solo or duet or group.
- No stunts involving bikes, skateboards, rip sticks etc.
- No gymnastics or gymnastic type lifts
- Time limit is 3 minutes per act.
- Appropriately selected music (no swearing, appropriate themes).
- All music must be labelled with: Name of group, Song name, Track number
- Costume must only be worn for the performance (please don’t wear your costume to school).

There is also a judging criteria attached to your nomination form. Here are some of them – preparedness, originality, costume, voice, engaging the audience, act not going over the time limit of 3 minutes.

In week 9 we will start the heats.

Looking forward to seeing some of you up on stage.

Nominations close this Friday 21 November

**Student Council**

**TALENT QUEST FOR 2014**
**SEASON BREAK-UP**

Sunday 30th November, 1-4pm, Walkerston State School

BBQ provide SLUSHE MACHINE JUMPING CASTLE
TROPHY PRESENTATION LUCKY DOOR PRIZE &
GIRL VS BOY SHOOT OUT COMPOSITION...
Please RSVP to your manager by 24th November for catering purpose
New club polo shirts will be available for purchase @
$25

Like us on Facebook

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**Pink Day in the Valley**

Pink Day in the Valley are holding a Barefoot Bowls Friday 21 November 6.30pm at Pioneer Valley Sporting Association Gargett. Cost $18 per person includes BBQ & Green Fees. Please contact Lisa Zarb if you would like to register a team (4 people) or individual on Ph: 0427705280

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**Come along** for morning tea to say THANK YOU to our Valley Schools Religion Teachers.

Monday 8th December from 10-11:30am in the Marian Parish Hall, Anzac Avenue, Marian

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**Gymnastics**

School holiday fun for primary school aged children at Mackay Gymnastics:

Wednesday’s & Friday’s – 7, 9, 14 & 16 January 2015 at Snow-Wright Court 9.30 – 11a.m. Cost only $16.50 per child. A great way to get children active and out of the house. Numbers are limited so please book. Ph 49 42 0032. Email admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

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**MIRANI STATE SCHOOL**

**Presents**

*Peter Pan*

Directed by
Cherie Green
Pinnacle Playhouse

6.30 pm Wednesday 26th November 2014
6.30 pm Thursday 27th November 2014

Adults $20-00
School age children $10-00

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**Pave the Way**

Presents a free 3 hour presentation: Paving the Way to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

**Details:**

**MACKAY**

Wednesday 3rd December
10am – 1pm
Quest Mackay on Gordon St,
Mackay

Morning tea provided.

REGISTRATION by Wednesday November 26th is essential.

Contact Pave the Way on (07) 3291 5800; toll free call 1300 554 402, or email pavetheway@mamre.org.au

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**Carols by Candlelight**

IN THE MIRAN CATHOLIC CHURCH GROUNDS

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

Program includes Carol Singing
The Mirani Singers
Children’s Choir
Christmas choir
Pancakes
The Good News

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**BINGO**

IN THE VALLEY FRIDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2014

AT
PIONEER VALLEY SPORTING ASSOCIATION GARGETT

DOORS OPEN: 6.00 PM
EYES DOWN: 7.00 PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE WITH

JACKPOTS, LUCKY DOOR
LUCKY NUMBERS & SNAP RAFFLES
MORNING TEA/LUNCH, DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE
ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE
LISA ZARB: 0427705280 OR 49583235
TRISH ANDERSON: 0438418763 OR 49585109

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**WANTED:** Someone to Clean the Govt Car

We are looking for someone to clean the Govt Car that is based at Marian School.
Please tender your price (at the office) to wash and vacuum the vehicle.