Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Parents are again asked to continually refocus student attention on the importance of their schooling. This last term of the year provides children with a wonderful opportunity to complete Term 4 learning programs while also revising and consolidating what has been learnt earlier in the year. This is often the term that things ‘click’ for children and they are able to make good use of the knowledge and skills that have been taught to them. Parental interest and support is a vital ingredient in ensuring children maximise their learning opportunities, along with a healthy diet, exercise and regular sleep routines. We look forward to partnering with families in this important task on behalf of each and every child at our school.

Thank you to the majority of our families who do whatever they can to encourage, support and assist children to do their best at school. Please don’t ever think your hard work goes un-noticed. Your positive parenting is making a great difference to children each and every day !!!

However, can I again appeal to all families to keep any student absences from school to those times of genuine illness. If your child is away from school they should be in bed recovering – not using electronic games equipment, watching TV or out and about in the community. It gives children an inappropriate message about the importance of school if they are away ‘on holiday’ during the school term. My many years of experience has confirmed that children who attend school every day are the ones who make the most of the learning opportunities being made available to them.

Similarly, can I ask families to make sure children are here at school by the 8:50am bell each morning. Some families struggled with routines on cold winter mornings, however that should not be a problem this term. Children who arrive ‘late’ are significantly disadvantaged as they have missed important messages about the day’s program and have missed the introduction to the first lesson of the day.

I’ve not yet met a parent who deliberately goes out of their way to disadvantage their child/children. However, many families are unintentionally making school life harder for their children by allowing them to be un-necessarily absent or late for class. Please don’t put your child in a position of continual ‘catch up’ which in turn makes school more difficult and less appealing to them. Please talk with us if you need advice or support in this regard.

Last term Year 6 & Year 7 students enrolling at Mirani State High School were given the opportunity to apply for an Academic, Cultural or Sporting Scholarship. We are very proud to announce that three Marian students have been awarded one of these scholarships. A very special congratulations go to Janee Emms for being awarded a Year 7 Cultural Scholarship, Pravagyan Bharadwaj has been awarded a Year 8 Academic Scholarship and Aimee Kersey was awarded a Year 8 Cultural Scholarship. To have students receiving such awards is a tribute to themselves, their families, our teachers and learning programs being offered at Marian SS. We wish these students all the very best as they enjoy the benefits their scholarship awards will provide them during their high school years.
Congratulations to individuals and school groups who have competed in the **Mackay Eisteddfod**. Our school groups have been complimented on their efforts and have enjoyed their performance opportunities as a culmination of all the practice and preparation in the lead up to this cultural experience. Thanks to Miss Brett and Mrs Haworth for their work in preparing our school groups.

As the term rolls on, please be sure to keep an eye on the **important dates and events for Term 4** as listed in each fortnight’s newsletter.

Our only **P&C Disco** for Term 4 will be this **Friday October 24 (Week 3)**. Information about our Discos is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Next week, children are welcome to wear 'free dress' on Friday October 31 if they bring a donation of goods that can go into this year’s Christmas Hamper which will be raffled by our P&C and drawn at our Carols evening on Dec 4. Please support the efforts of our P&C by encouraging your children to participate in these activities.

Our next newsletter will include an opportunity for families to complete and return a **‘2015 Student Enrolment Survey’**. It is essential that we know which students will or will not be attending our school next year so we can form class groupings and complete other related school planning for the commencement of the 2015 school year. This survey will also provide families with an opportunity to share information with us that may be off assistance when placing students into classes. **Families are asked to note issues, concerns or suggestions on this survey, even if they have already had discussions with school staff about these matters.** Please watch for the coloured insert in your November 4 newsletter.

**Best Wishes, Peter Mandryk**

**After School Play**

Parents are advised that students have been told **that there should be no after school play on play equipment or in school grounds** unless children are under direct staff supervision. Parents who allow their children to play at this time are giving children ‘mixed messages’ and are accepting full responsibility for any injuries, disagreements amongst children/parents and care for school property.

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**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

**Irlen Syndrome Awareness Week**

Irlen Syndrome (also referred to as Meares-Irlen Syndrome, Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, and Visual Stress) is a perceptual processing disorder. It is not an optical problem. It is a problem with the brain’s ability to process visual information. A number of children at our school have been diagnosed with this syndrome and we wish to acknowledge the work of parents and staff in supporting these students.

**2014 Mackay Eisteddfod**

As our school groups continue Eisteddfod performances, we would like to remind parents that Eisteddfod tickets are now on sale from the MECC Box Office and Eisteddfod programmes are also available for purchase at the MECC.

**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.
Bandanna Day is Friday, Week 4 - 31st October. Bandanna Day recognises the fight against Cancer. Bandannas will be on sale starting Tuesday 21st October. Student council members will be coming around to classes between 8.30 to 8.45am each morning. School captains will also be selling up under the undercovered area each morning also.

Cost
Bandanna – $4.00 (one for everyone)
Pen - $3.00 (limited amount)

Chontelle Myers will be coming this Friday to talk to Yrs 4-7 at 2.00pm and P-3 at parade.

From the Deputy

Swimming
Prep - Year 3

Swimming letters went home on Thursday 16 October to all Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students, please contact the office if you didn’t receive a letter. Parents/Carers, please take note of our new format this year, 8 lessons to be completed over a 2 week block (Monday - Thursday 10/11/14 - 20/11/14). Followed by a Prep - Year 3 swimming carnival on Tuesday 25 November. Money and permission/medical form is due by Tuesday 4 November.

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Year 4 - 7 students will be offered the opportunity to participate in a swimming carnival on Friday 28 November. This carnival will be for only those students who nominate to participate in events. More information about both carnivals will be released closer to the date.

State Track and Field

Memories are built from wonderful experiences and our two Athletes, Rachael Norman and Namen Miler certainly have some great reflections after their performances last week at the State T & F Titles in Brisbane. Both achieved personal bests on the Tartan track and should be very proud of what they have done.

Namen running the 1st leg of the relay
**Nude Food Experience.**

What a great response from children (and thankyou parents!) with their healthy and wrapper free food choices at school today. It really is amazing to see the huge reduction in waste in bins with an activity such as this. This is of course further highlighted by the fantastic healthy lunch choices that children enjoyed.

**Working Bee**

We have had a great response from a number of families who are keen to get our tasks completed on Saturday 8 November. If you can assist only for an hour, we would love to see many hands in our sand pits raking and establishing, healthier and safer play areas. Extras to our previous job lists include fixing taps, digging the vege garden and removing a shade sail for repairs. We obviously don’t expect to get all jobs completed.

If you haven’t already done so, please add your family name to the roster below and return to school by Wednesday, 5 November. This will be a great opportunity to meet other families and enjoy a delicious morning tea provided by the P & C.

**Grandparents Day Reminder**

We are so eagerly waiting to see our Grandparents visit our school on November 6th to enjoy classroom experiences with children. Please encourage your children’s nannas and pops to visit and support our children if possible. Our program will have them in classrooms from 9.00am to 10 am followed by a morning tea. Could families please advise class teachers if and how many grandparents will be visiting.

Thankyou.

**Kent Lyons**

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Mackay Sugar Poster Design Competition winner—Jack McMullen & resources purchased with the prize money.
Tuckshop News

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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From the P&C Association

**Disco Oct 24**
**FRIDAY October 24 P&C “Halloween”**
**THEME DISCO:** With thanks to our P&C volunteers and school staff, students will be able to enjoy the last of our school discos for the year next *Friday, October 24*. Children should look forward to an enjoyable social occasion with their friends. Parents are asked to please come forward and offer to help in the Tuckshop, on the door or with student supervision on the night. Please leave your name at the school office if you are able to volunteer some of your time.

The P-3 Disco will be held from 5:30-7pm with the Yrs 4-7 Disco from 7:30–9pm.

$5.00 Entry deal (entry, chips & drink) … correct money would be appreciated)

Students who have been issued 2 or more orange consequence cards or a red consequence card or been suspended this term have engaged in disrespectful, unproductive or unsafe behaviours and are therefore not invited to attend our Term 4 P&C disco. Come along and have some fun but families are asked to please note …

- **Parents are welcome to stay**, supervise their children and assist with the disco.
- **Once students enter the disco they must stay inside the disco area.**
- **Prep students should be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.**
- **High school students are not welcome** unless their parents are present and helping as volunteers. High school aged students will not be allowed as ‘supervisors’ of younger children. Proof of age (i.e. over 18yrs) may be required to prove a person is of adult age and able to supervise P-3 students.
- **Parents should plan to collect students immediately after each disco** is finished. It is unfair on other parent volunteers to have to wait behind supervising children who have not been collected by their parents.
- **Parents are asked to come to the Hall to collect children.** We would discourage allowing children to walk home or walk to a parked car in the dark by themselves in the dark.
- **P-3 students are not welcome at the Yrs 4-7 disco** and Yrs 4-7 students are not welcome at the P-3 disco unless their parents are present and helping as volunteers.
- **Sensible shoes** (e.g. closed, with back strap, etc) are recommended for dancing on the cement surface. Thongs and shoes with high heels etc are unsafe and unsuitable.
• **High standards of student behaviour will be expected.** Parents will be contacted and asked to collect students should they engage in unsafe or grossly unacceptable behaviour.

• **Students should dress modestly.** This is a school disco and not a reason for expensive clothing purchases.

• **Hall Tuckshop will be open** with a limited menu of goods available for purchase.

• **Parents are welcome to take photos of their own children but not other children.** Staff will take some photos for newsletter etc.

### A short note from a long teacher

After 15 fantastic years with all the students, many of your brothers and sisters and thank goodness, NONE of your parents, it’s come time for me to say goodbye.

The decision to move on to another place didn’t come easily to John and me as we have loved living in the community for 23 years and being involved with Marian State School for 15 of those years. Unbelievable! Fifteen years! Whoever said, “Time flies when you’re having fun” was certainly correct in our case.

We are moving on to new adventures in The Bay area. My new school – ten prep classes next year, eek, 1200 or so students – is definitely going to be **very** different from Marian and that’s a good thing! Because there really is no other school quite like this great school! If they were similar sizes, I’d always be comparing it to Marian and finding it wanting. I know that never again will I be able to go places and be sure to see someone from my school, that I will probably never again feel quite so comfortable with ALL the students in a school, let alone know all their names.

“I attended Marian State School” should be said proudly and loudly by both past and present students and teachers because it’s certainly a school of which to be proud.

And I am going to desperately miss the school, the students (past and present) and the staff - which is why I am chickening out and leaving at the end of week five.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bye for now,

Joann Waugh

### Sponsor the Crushers

The Mighty Marian Crushers are in need of some new jerseys. Before ordering the new set we would like to present an opportunity to anyone in the community to become a sponsor of the team. Major sponsors will have the chance to print their logo on the jersey and any other apparel that is purchased. If a local business or anyone is interested please contact Mr Van Beek.

*Go the Crushers!*

### IS YOUR CHILD A SMART SCHOOL SAVER?

We measured the ‘Savings IQ’ of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

**ABSOLUTE PHONE LINE: 0749594460**
Professional Development

Storytelling – Language to Literacy

If you work with children under 0-5 years and their parents, this PD opportunity is for you.

You play an important role in the life of young children and this session has been especially designed for you by experts and local practitioners, and will be delivered by the Australian Literacy Educators Association.

Where and when?

MACKAY
Community Meeting Room
Gordon White Library
54 Phillip Street, Mt Pleasant
Saturday 25 October 2014
10.00am - 2.00pm

Lunch and materials will be provided
Places are limited so please RSVP to Michelle.swales@slq.qld.gov.au or call 07 3840 7807 for more information.

Do you like swimming?

**MIRANI SWIMMING CLUB** has started!

*It is not too late to join!*

Club nights are on Wednesday nights (6pm) and interested swimmers are welcome to come along. For further information contact:

- Neil Grummitt 0427 698 202
- Julienne Riches (Class 4R) Bigrig Koelbel 0432 498 663

Would you like to know more about how the NDIS will affect you and the person you care for? Do you need to sort fact from fiction? Join us at the Endeavour Foundation NDIS Families Forum. You’ll hear first-hand personal experience from family members in NDIS trial sites and meet industry specialists who can answer your questions. Forums are being held on Thursday, 30 October at Harrup Park Country Club, Nine Room, Juliet Street. There are morning and evening sessions starting at 10.30am and 5.30pm. For more information contact 1800 634 040 or email customersupport@endeavour.com.au.

A Rock and Roll Dance
8th Nov.2014
In Pioneer Valley Sporting Assoc. Clubhouse-Gargett
7.30 pm Music by Alan Laskey
Country Style Supper Admission $10

Win a $500.00 Bicycle Voucher! Fill in an anonymous online survey about how the children in your family travel to and from school, to have the chance to win a $500.00 voucher for the Mackay bicycle shop of your choice.

Active Towns, a Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government initiative and the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s CQ Sporty Schools project are working together to find the barriers to active school travel in the Mackay region.

Follow this link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3) to complete the survey by Friday November 7th 2014 to have a chance to win!