Principal’s Message

As you read this newsletter I am accompanying the Yr 5 students on their Kinchant Outdoor Education Camp. These opportunities provide a valuable alternate setting for student learning with a particular emphasis on physical and social growth. Our Year 5 Camp also provides an opportunity for students and staff to consider which of our current Yr 5 students will be good candidates for Student Leadership positions in 2015 and is a great lead up to the scheduled Year Six 2015 Sydney/Canberra excursion. I wish to thank our Yr 4 and Yr 5 teachers and support staff for accepting the additional responsibilities that are involved in the planning and conduct of such excursions.

Thanks also to Mrs Haworth and Miss Brett for their support of our Senior Instrumental Music Band who combined with other Pioneer Valley schools to participate in a day long Megaband Activity last Thursday. These students entertained an appreciative audience during their afternoon concert and will now continue to prepare for their participation in this year’s Mackay Eisteddfod.

Last week school staff paid tribute to our School Support Team for the wonderful work they do within our school. Our non-teaching staff play a vital role in maximising student learning opportunities and outcomes. These people go about their business in such a way that their efforts are not always obvious to others in the school community. On behalf of the teaching staff, I wish to place on public record our sincere thanks and gratitude for the work performed by all members of our school support team.

With thanks to our teaching staff, all students engaged in a number of learning activities to celebrate Literacy & Numeracy Week. In classes, children were involved in a ‘progressive story’ writing activity and problem solving activities. Parents may see these on display in some classrooms. Our informal Book Week Book Character Parade provided interested students with an opportunity to display their love of reading with many great costumes paraded for those able to make it to the hall that morning.

I am pleased with the outcomes of our recent ‘discipline audit’ of student behaviour management practices. Our auditor spoke with school staff, students and parent representatives, examined our policy documentation and record keeping practices as part of this audit process. Outcomes of this audit will be a P&C Agenda item at our Sept 16 meeting and once officially received we will post both audit reports onto our school website. One aspect of this report will be a five page profile in which our practices have been rated as High and/or Outstanding. The second part of our report is the Executive Summary where Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendations are provided so that we can further improve our student behaviour management practices. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this audit process but more importantly I wish to acknowledge the daily efforts of students, families and staff who encourage and support our students to engage in positive learning behaviours while at school.

Next Tuesday (Sept 16) evening our P&C will conduct its September meeting commencing at 7pm in the Library. Parents are encouraged to attend and contribute towards the decision making processes within our school. A special thanks to the P&C volunteers who organised and worked at last week’s Father’s Day Stall. We hope all the Dads enjoyed their gifts and had a great family day last Sunday!

ABSENTEE PHONE LINE: 0749594460
Next week our informal **Rewards Activity** sessions will again provide an opportunity to recognise and thank students who have consistently displayed positive behaviour while at school this term. There is no doubt of the close link between good behaviour and great learning outcomes. We are pleased to acknowledge our well behaved students in this way each term.

Also next week we will have our end of term **Attendance Awards** with one lucky winner from each year level given a movie ticket to enjoy during the school holidays. Children are given a ticket they can place in this draw for every week they are at school each school day. The more school weeks of full attendance, the more chances to win the movie pass.

I urge families to support our **Chaplaincy Coin Trail** to be held on the last Friday of term (Sept 19). Children are encouraged to bring along what ever coins they can to add to class coin trails with all funds raised to support the great work of Chaplain Liz in our school.

I hope we are quickly approaching a time in which we can say the ‘cold & flu’ season is behind us. Many students and staff have suffered the ill effects of these illnesses which in turn have had an unanticipated negative impact on programs here at school. Please do all you can to have children follow basic but important hygiene practices such as washing hands, covering mouths when coughing or sneezing, avoiding people known to be unwell, etc. The spring school vacation may provide an opportunity for people to fully recover before we commence our important last term of the school year.

I trust families will have a safe and enjoyable school vacation commencing at the end of next week. Please remember **Term 4 begins on Tuesday October 7** as Monday that week is the Labor Day public holiday.

**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

**From the Deputy**

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Minor change in above timetable, **6V class photo on Friday**, however they will still have their **group photos on Thursday**. **3F will have their class photo on Thursday**.

**Sibling and Friends photos** will be taken during **1st and 2nd break on Thursday** and **1st break on Friday**, Envelopes are available from the office. Bring your order forms and payment on the day.

All photos will be taken in the hall.

**Uniforms**

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When a child is abused, the physical and mental pain can last a lifetime. Sadly, according to the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) more than 30,000 Australian children are abused or neglected every year. Victims of child abuse have an increased risk of depression and suicide, substance addiction, poor educational outcomes and antisocial or criminal behaviour.

If you have been abused or have any information relating to the abuse or exploitation of children, report it immediately.

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Have a happy and safe holiday
Guidance Officer.

Jodie Ballard

Skoolbag App now on Android. We currently have 100 iPhone users, let’s go Android users! Download now from the Google Play Store. Simply search Marian State School and the Skoolbag App will come up ready for you to download for free and install. Thank you P&C for your support with this useful communication tool.

Water Bottles

Now that our days are beginning to warm up leading into Spring and Summer it is imperative that everyone remain hydrated. Please ensure your child has a suitable water bottle for school. We ask that all students have a water bottle in the classroom to minimise the number of drink break requests. Also, with minimal access to drink taps in the hall, all students must take a water bottle to Music and PE lessons. Students may refill their drink bottles during 1st and 2nd breaks should they need to. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has access to an appropriate school water bottle.

Casey Harej. Deputy Principal

Deputy Snippets

Public Speaking

Congratulations to both Hannah and Saskia who presented awesome speeches in Walkerston on Tuesday 26 August in the Pioneer Valley Public Speaking Competition. They certainly proved that they are very accomplished speakers and their Topics: Graffiti and A Drive –in Theatre for the Pioneer Valley entertained everyone. The winner on the evening was Will Riches from Mirani.

Year 6/7 Camp Photos

On Friday evening 29 August, an eager group of parents and children attended our showing of Camp Memories in the Hall. Accompanied by background music, the pics were an obvious reality show of events and kids activities during the week away. If families would like a copy of this, orders can be made at the office for the cost of $2.00 – proceeds to Student Council. Orders must be in by Friday this week.

Kent Lyons. A/Deputy Principal

Student Council

5 Cent Challenge – Support Chappie Liz and the Chaplaincy Program

Don’t forget that next week (week 10) is the 5 cent challenge. All classes are asked to bring in as many 5 cent coins as they can and on Friday there will be a competition to see which class can make the longest coin trail. The class with the longest trail will win a prize! All the money raised will go towards supporting the chaplaincy program. So please get involved and help support the fantastic work that Chappie Liz does in our school.

Rookie Reporters

Interschool Sports

This term students in years 5 to 7 have taken part in the interschool sports competition. Students have played soccer and touch football and versed Mirani, Walkerston and the Pioneer Valley small schools. It has been a great opportunity for students to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun. Thank you Mr Schmidt and all the teachers for organising the matches.

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Our Spell-a-thon is near!

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**FRIDAY 12th Sept - Sponsorship money & prize form due**
Please fill out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return this along with your money to the red box in the office by this Friday. Please be sure to fill out your prize request! The individual prizes will be delivered early in term 4.

**MONDAY 15th Sept - Spell-a-thon Event day**
Where you get to show us how much your have practiced your words :)

**Remember:**

- Every student who participates in our school’s Spell-a-thon will receive a certificate.
- The highest fundraising class will receive a trophy to be retained in their classroom.
- The highest fundraiser from each year level will receive a $20 Scholastic Book Fair voucher.
- Students who score 100% all go into the draw to win a $40 Scholastic Book Fair Voucher.
- For every $20 raised, students get an entry into the prize draw to win a 2GB iPod Shuffle.

Wishing you all the best with your Spell-a-thon Fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sharee Corby / Liz Akins
Marian State School P&C

**Other P&C News!**

**FATHERS DAY STALL:**
Thank you to everyone who supported our Fathers Day Stall. We hope all the Dad’s enjoyed their gifts. With your support we raised $1800! A massive thank you to Julie Tancred for organising this successful event and to all the helpers along the way.

**P&C MEETING:**
Our last meeting for term 3 will be this Tuesday 16th Sept, from 7pm in the Library, we’d love to see you there!

Thank you all again for your support!
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 PROBLEM
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.

MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2015 PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
To assist students in making the transition from Year 6 into Year 7, Mirani SHS will be running the following:

Year 7
Year 8 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st:
• Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.30pm
• Information session with Administration at 6.15pm
Year 8 2015 Student Orientation Day: Thursday 4th December
• Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Thursday 4th December, 9.15 -10.00 am

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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.

Friday 19th September, last day of term tuckshop will only be open first lunch so cleaning for the holidays can be done, sorry for any inconvenience.

There will be no meal deals last week of term.
**Year 4 camp By Kade Sullivan**

On year 4 camp, it was really fun. On the first day of camp, I did night orienteering and canoeing. Nelson and I won night orienteering and got a prize. The next day, I did raft building, biscuits and catapulting. Raft building was fun but our raft sank. Trying to keep our raft up was fun too. While biscuits, I went on speed three, and it was hilarious when the teacher kept falling off. The next activity was catapulting. I built a catapult and on my first go, I pulled the slingshot on the catapult too hard and said “fire in the hole!” Nelson and Teahl started laughing and their weakness kicked in and they let go. The ball shot out of the catapult and the catapult moved and hit Nelson’s head, we all ended up laughing. (Teahl and Nelson were holding the catapult so it wouldn’t move). The next day, was pretty boring because we had to pack up and go home, but before we did that, we did the low ropes course. I had to miss out on the low rope I really wanted to do because we had to pack up and go home. We had lunch and then got a chocolate each, and headed home. I really enjoyed Year 4 camp.

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**Year 4 Camp at Kinchant Dam**

Last week, Year 4 went to Kinchant Dam for their first school camp experience. It was an awesome three days of activities and fun which included canoeing, raft building, orienteering, catapult construction and shooting, and manoeuvring the low ropes. The camp highlight for many however was the biscuits. Year 4 quickly established that biscuits meant riding on a ‘biscuit’, or floating device, on the back of a boat, not eating biscuits (either one would have been great they decided!). One of the teams was lucky enough to be joined by Chappie Liz for their biscuits experience and we were all thrilled that she joined in the fun (photo above).

The teachers and staff at Marian State School would sincerely like to thank all parents who volunteered their time and effort to come out to Kinchant Dam and help Year 4 partake in their many land and water based activities. Our camp would not have been possible without this support. Lastly, a special thank you must go to Kelsey King, our amazing Year 4 teacher who organised the camp from the beginning and who is also attending the Year 5 camp this week.

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**RED DAY**

**THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**

- Crumb Sausage Combo - $6
- Crackle/Chippee Combo - $6
  - [4 only]
- Combo comes with any drink and chips.
- Cup of Chips [gravy] - $3
- Assorted Burgers - $4
- Pies - $3
- Sausage Rolls - $2

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**Olivia’s Vest Fundraiser**

Olivia is a Year One student of Marian State School, and she has Cystic Fibrosis. Via face book page “Olivia’s Vest” her family is trying to raise enough funds to purchase much needed medical equipment. Their main project at this stage is a cent sale being held in November and they are asking for donations or assistance from our community. If you are able to help or require more details please check out their face book page or phone Jamie on 0437008901

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**Uniform Shop operating hours have changed, they are now Monday to Thursday from 8:30 to 9am. Located in the PCYC building.**
## Tuckshop Roster for Term 4

- Please fill in your name where you can help and return to Bernie. Thank you.

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<td>Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3.5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at <a href="http://www.scce.com.au">www.scce.com.au</a>, email <a href="mailto:scceaus@scce.com.au">scceaus@scce.com.au</a> or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!</td>
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**Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition**

We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 4. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:

- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable! $110 per term
- 70% less then out of-school lessons

**Guitars and keyboards supplied for every student to use during lessons!**

Registrations Close Soon! If you would like your child to participate please register using one of the options below. Registrations close at the end of Term 3. We are unable to accept registrations after this time! Limited places are available so be quick so you don’t miss out!

**Option1: Online Registration (Preferred)**

Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au. Registration takes 2 minutes and you will receive a confirmation email confirming your registration.

**Option 2: Phone Registration 1300 889 179**

If you don’t have access to the internet you can register by calling 1300 889 179. Our office is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

**More Information**

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

Phone: 1300 889 179

Email: info@musicstars.com.au

Web: www.musicstars.com.au


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**HOLY ROSARY PARISH - MONSTER CENT SALE**

CHURCH HALL MARIAN Sunday 14 September at 1.30pm

100’s of Prizes, 20’s Jackpot Table, Snap Raffle, Afternoon Tea

Major Raffle $250 fuel voucher

There will be a religious education day for primary school children at the Catholic Church Hall, Anzac Avenue, Marian on Monday 22nd September from 9.30am until 3.00pm.

Children are asked to bring coloured pencils and their morning tea. Lunch will be provided. The cost is $1.00

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**SIGN-ON**

**Sunday 14th September 2014**

**11 AM to 2 PM**

At Mirani Swim Centre

**Free Sausage Sizzle**

**Slushy and Mission Inflatable**

For joining members only (New member will require a copy of their Birth Cert)

For more Information contact

Neil Grummet 0427 698 202

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**BreastScreen Queensland**

**Foster Carer Needed**

*Foster Care can mean different things to different people.*

Children of these care arrangements are supported through ongoing, regular interactions with their carers, who are supervised by professional social workers. This helps to ensure the social and emotional needs of the children and young people are met.

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