Message from the Principal

Since the last newsletter NAPLAN testing has come and gone. Well done to all of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students who handled the tests well and sensibly. Results will be published in September. Testing and assessment will continue for all students over the coming days and weeks as we move towards reporting time prior to the Winter holiday.

Speaking of Winter, the chilly mornings have now set in. This is more than evident as children arrive at school togged up in jumpers, jackets and long pants. Please parents, could I ask you to ensure that all clothing worn to school is labelled clearly with names. Jumpers and jackets have a habit of being discarded as the day warms up and it sometimes difficult to get students to recognise what’s theirs at the end of the day.

Finally, may I remind you that the weekend after next is show weekend and that, as usual, a collection of our students’ work will be on display at the Gin Gin show. May I also remind you that Gin Gin cluster schools do not take the Bundaberg show holiday as a day off, taking a day during Brisbane show week instead. Our show holiday this year will be on Monday, August 12th.

Regards,

Robert Lawton. Principal

School Camp 2013

I hinted in the last newsletter that this year’s school camp was likely to be at the seaside. I can now confirm that the camp will be at the camp ground in the Town of 1770. We’ll be making use of our school tents for accommodation and activities will include swimming, fishing and bushwalking as well as an exciting trip on the LARC amphibious vehicle! Camp dates are October 9th to 11th (Wednesday to Friday, first week of term 4). School and the P&C will subsidise the camp and the cost to parents will be just $50 per inclusive of transport, food and all activities.

Further information will follow later this term.

P&C News

Thanks again to those of you who sold tickets for our P&C Mothers’ Day raffle and to those who contributed prizes. The lucky winners were Mrs Pam Rebbeck and Ms Trish Barns—congratulations! I can’t emphasise enough how important fund-raising activities such as this are. The school is often dependent upon P&C contributions and is very grateful for these. Last month the P&C donated $500 towards the purchase of robotics kits meaning that we will soon be able to offer robotics as an extra-curricular activity at school. P&C funds will also be used to help subsidise the school camp in term 4.

Our P&C should also be congratulated in securing funds from other sources. You will soon see roller blinds going up around the veranda of the B block classroom, enabling us to use this area during cold and inclement weather. The blinds have been purchased using over $6000 of grant money secured by the P&C with assistance from our teacher aide Jacque Eden. Thank you P&C and Mrs E!

Award Winners

Max bands continue to fly out and a number of students have received Marvellous Maximiser (20 bands) and Massive Maximiser (40 bands) awards at out parades over the last couple of weeks. In the house competition Marauders currently have the upper hand, winning for two weeks running. All awards recipients from the last fortnight are shown below.

Marvellous Maximisers—Weeks 4 and 5

Massive Maximisers—Weeks 4 and 5

Mitchell, Thomas, Tyson and Kyle collecting House Winners certificates for Marauders

Interschool Sports

This Friday our Years 4-7 students will travel to Mount Perry for the last interschool sports competition of the term. This will not be the last competitive sport, however, as the small schools cross-country event takes place later this term and athletics and soccer competitions will be held in Term 3.
Prep-2 - Under 8s Day at Bullyard - Friday, May 31st
A separate letter is attached for parents of our younger students regarding this fun and educational day out.

Reading Comprehension Strategies
Our focus strategy for the next two weeks will be ‘Summarising’. Information and help around this strategy are attached. Please ask Mr Lawton or Mr Byrnes if you require further advice as to how you can help your child to use this strategy during their reading.

RugbyLeague at Maroondan
Rugby League Development Officer Scott Zahra visited the school on Monday this week and the Preps to Year 3 students enjoyed a fun session of ball games under his guidance. Mr Zahra will be visiting later in the term to work with the Year 4-7 students.

Teacher Aides
Ms Stuart is taking a period of unforeseen leave until the end of this term and Mrs Eden leaves us soon for some well-deserved long service leave. Whilst we will miss these two ladies we have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mrs Angela Young and Mrs Sarah Bechly to cover their absences. Mrs Young is well known to Maroondan, having worked here for a number of years in the past and many of you will also know Mrs Bechly who is involved in swimming teaching in Gin Gin. Both of these ladies arrive armed with lots of experience and I am sure that our students will enjoy their presence and benefit from it.

DIARY
Wednesday, May 22nd - P&C Meeting 3.15pm
Friday, May 24th - Years 4-7 Interschool Sport at Mount Perry (bus provided)
Monday, May 27th - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend
Wednesday, May 29th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead
Friday, May 31st - Under 8s Day (Prep to Year 2) at Bullyard
Monday, June 3rd - Parade at 9.00am, Parents welcome to attend
Wednesday, June 5th - Tuckshop Please place orders at least one day ahead

PLEASE NOTE:
Monday, June 10th is a public holiday—no school
Tuesday, June 11th is Small Schools Cross Country Day at Booyal SS (details to follow)

School Website
Parents and community members are reminded that school information (including copies of these newsletters) can be found on the school’s website at:

www.maroondass.eq.edu.au