Welcome to 2016….firstly I would like to comment on a fantastic start to our year. We have new carpet and a new look in our main classroom and air conditioning to make our school days a little more comfortable. A huge Thank you to our P&C who have covered the cost of 1 of our air-conditioning units as we required 2 for such a big space.

The students are energized and full of life at the moment as the learning structure in the classroom has changed. Our students have standing zones for learning and are loving the new approach to teaching. I am also impressed with the wonderful manners and respectful behavior being demonstrated by all the students.

As this term is a short term we have to cram a lot in to get through the required work load and expectations. Please make sure your child is here everyday and ready to learn as the commitment this year to at least 95% attendance rate is very high on the list of priorities. To combat some of the issue the school is running a pick up service starting on Monday 8th February. A map and times is included in this newsletter and again I stress to you, payment is only a donation process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Duncan to our teaching team. She has over 15 years experience in this industry and is full of exciting and creative ideas for our learning programs.

We also welcome Mrs Daniels who is our new Admin Officer. She will be working Mondays and Wednesdays in the office.

Lastly we welcome Jess and Josh. Jess is working to help the administration team with paper work and data entry and Josh is helping our with some grounds care work and using his painting talents around the school.

As you can see we have updated our school logo and changed our wording to be more student friendly. Embrace, Encourage, Achieve. We link this to our learning and teaching areas and are teaching the students what this looks like and how we show it. We embrace opportunities, encourage everyone and achieve our potential. As staff we are also adapting and embedding this into our practice everyday.

Finally I would like to remind parents that our P&C AGM is coming up on the 7th March and all office bearing position are vacant. This is a time of renewal and embracing the opportunities that are put in front of us as a school. We invite parents and community members to come along and take part in a dynamic and wonderful little school.

### School Term Dates for 2016

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EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY.....THAT’S THE MARYVALE WAY!!!
Healthy Eating Lunch Box Recipe

Honey Muesli Balls

- 2 1/2 cups nut-free toasted muesli
- 1 cup pitted prunes
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon mixed spice
- 50g butter, melted, cooled

1) Process 2 cups muesli, prunes, honey, mixed spice and butter in a food processor until well combined.

2) Place remaining muesli on a plate. Using 1 level tablespoon of prune mixture at a time, roll into a ball, then roll in remaining muesli to coat. Place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm.

3) Store muesli balls in an airtight container in the fridge.

Quote Of The Week

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”
— Confucius

Public Announcements

- Please make sure your child has their own lunchbox, as their lunch is stored outside, and the birds will get to any loose food packets.
- If your child has long hair please tie it back for school.
- Please ensure your child has their own water bottle for use in the classroom.
- Keep up to date on Facebook about the happenings at the school.
TOPS AWARDS

Well done to our first 2016 TOPS award recipients for the first 2 weeks.

1 TOPS Awards
2 TOPS awards
3 TOPS awards
4 TOPS awards

Student Of The Week

Kash Vines

For settling into and adopting the ‘Maryvale way’. You always display fantastic manners. Keep up the great work!
The first couple of weeks of this term we have been focusing on our new motto and what that means to us.

**Embrace, Encourage, Achieve.**

Our school pledge has also been created which students are learning about. The students role play, discuss and question different scenarios in order to understand what these words and motto means.

The school is also looking at the symbolism of the Clydesdale horse. The students will be researching the working ethic and strength these horses have to get the job done. The students are also looking at our local heritage in our area pertaining to the meaning of including the horse in our logo.

This gives the students a sense of belonging and pride in their school.

School motto:

*Embrace Opportunities, Encourage everyone and Achieve my potential.*