Notes from the Principal

Welcome back everyone.

It is wonderful to be back and see everyone's smiling faces.
A huge welcome to our new preps-- Gabby, Caitlyn and Cory. All three have settled well into Maryvale State School.
It has been wonderful to see all our students in full school uniform.

Attendance / Absences
If your child is away from school, please contact the office or send a note in to school. If we don’t have an explanation for the absence it will be logged as an unexplained absence. Once a month a report is generated detailing all unexplained absences and a letter will come home asking for an explanation for the absence. This is Education Queensland policy.

Parent Involvement
Maryvale State School encourages parent involvement throughout the school whether it is helping on excursions or helping out in the classrooms. As we are a single class again it would be wonderful to have some parents help out with our reading groups.

Behaviour Policy
We ensure that our consequences as well as our positive behaviour rewards are consistent throughout the school. Our four school rules are
1. Be Safe
2. Be a Learner
3. Be Respectful
4. Be Responsible

Enrolments
At present we have 17 students enrolled here at Maryvale State School. Unfortunately we are unable to keep Ms G as our enrolment numbers are below what is required to keep our second teacher here at Maryvale.

Staff & students and myself would like to wish Ms G all the best of luck at her new school.

We all hope you have enjoyed your time here at Maryvale State School.

Lynne Hubble
Principal

Students of the Week
Week 1 Term 1

William and Cameron were both awarded Students of the Week for helping our new students settle into school life. Great going !!!

This year saw three prep students commence their schooling at Maryvale. Gabby, Caitlyn and Cory. Gabby enjoys playing games and doing work. Caitlyn likes games and the playground. Cory enjoys being the sports room monitor and can’t wait to do homework.
Artwork to be displayed

On the last day of school for 2013, the school had a visit from the Indigenous artist “Chad”. The students and staff assisted with putting the final touches to the artwork that will be displayed on the school building. Chad also bought along some musical instruments for the students to try. To finish off the day Chad took the students out and demonstrated how to throw a boomerang.

First Week Activities

In the first week back at school all students were asked to join in a cooperative learning task. The students had to create a tower only using limited materials. It made for an interesting afternoon. One group made a tower that stood 1.8 metres tall.

Reading Strategy

In each newsletter there will be a reading strategy to help our students with their reading. This week we are talking about the strategy “Chunk Monkey”. What you need to do is to look a chunk in the word you know. For example “talking” can be chunked into “talk” and “ing”.

Another way is to look for a part in the word like in the word “before” can be chunked to form “be and fore”.

Message from Ms G

As you are aware by now I am leaving Maryvale School, due to insufficient numbers for two teachers, I am departing. However, during the time I have been here, I have seen the students grow in maturity and show what they can do when they apply themselves.

On a more personal level, I would like to thank the parents for their support that they have given to me. Your input into your child’s education has made my job as their teacher that much easier. The two teacher aides, Allison Pike and Ann Hill need a big thank you. Their support and guidance has been greatly appreciated and valued. Lastly, a big thank you to Lynne Hubble for her advice and understanding nature.

Once again, thank you. If you see me down the street, stop and say hello. I am interested to see how my previous students are going at school. If you hear a noisy motorbike coming down your road, it might just be me.

I have just received a message from regional office that I will be teaching at Drayton State School in Toowoomba.

Take care

Fay Gregory