Dates to Remember

18/11/2013 Swimming at WIRAC 1-2pm  
19/11/2013 P&C Meeting at 3.45pm  
25/11/2013 Swimming at WIRAC 1-2pm

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Everyone is knuckling down and hard at work finishing units of work, carrying out assessments and getting ready for the end of year concert.

Behaviour Audit

Maryvale SS welcomed Bert Barbe to our school last week so that she could audit our Responsible Behaviour Plan. Ms Barbe was most impressed with our little school and our commitment to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment. The Discipline Audit Profile will be available on our website for your perusal in the near future. This week’s behaviours lesson is focusing on RESPECT.

Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it's important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Excursion

I am looking forward to our end of year excursion with Freestone and Tanny to the theatre in Toowoomba and a swim at Milne Bay.

Mrs Hubble

Students of the Week

Weeks 4 and 5

Matthew and Tayla were the Students of the Week in Mrs Hubble’s class for week 4. Riley and Ashlee were the Students of the Week for Ms G’s class. Both students were helpful to their class peers.

Abby, Llewy and Peter were given Shining Star Awards for achieving their next Sight word levels. Rebekkah was awarded a Shining Star Award for her assistance on Prep Open day. The photo on the right: Abby and Llewy both have achieved Olive and Peacock level in their sight words.

For week 5 of term 4, these students have been awarded Student of the Week. Peter and Hannah for their improved attitude towards their schoolwork. William, for great Sizzling starters, Nicholii for editing his work in English and Jack for his writing in English.
Congratulations to all these students for achieving the next level in their sight words. Phoebe and Ashlee for knowing their Indigo words, Peter his Pink level words, Abby and Llewy for knowing their Mint and Teal level words. Well done to those students.

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Swimming

The students have continued with their swimming lessons at WIRAC. There has been improvement in all students capabilities in the water. Can all parents please ensure that their child/ren have the following items ready for swimming:
- Towel
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers
- Change of clothes

Here are some photos of the students at their lesson.

Dates and times for the remaining swimming lessons:
- Monday 18.11.2013 – 1-2pm
- Monday 25.11.2013 - 1-2pm

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Gardening

The students have been busy doing some gardening. Two community volunteers came to the school last Thursday and assisted the students in making name tags, paper pot plants and potting the seedlings. The students planted beetroot, zucchini, basil, and parsley seeds. Our community volunteers will be visiting the school every two weeks to check on the progress of the seedlings. All students enjoyed their afternoon of getting their hands dirty and creating paper pots. Here are some photos of the students participating in the afternoon activities.

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Being Respectful

Maryvale State School has four school rules:
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Being a Learner

This week we are concentrating on being respectful. The students are reminded to be respectful of others and school equipment. That includes not calling each other names, pushing others or misusing school equipment. Ms Gregory’s class can up some thoughts on what being respectful looks and sounds like.

- Don’t hurt and or hit people by Abby
- Speak nicely to people by Daishawn
- Don’t treat school property roughly by Riley
- Your parents have pay for the repairs or replacement by Llewy and Kerry
- Be careful when using the computers by Riley