Message from the Principal
Chantelle Stephens

The last two Friday’s saw our students take part in Tanny and Warwick Sports day. I would like to thank all the parents for coming to support our school and our students. I was very proud of the sportsmanship that was displayed by our school and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the day.

My expectation was that every child was to attend and do their best to participate in as many events as possible. I know that the culture of some sports days is to win and receive a trophy or ribbon however I am really proud of a school that pulls together and supports each other with cheering and congratulations for just finishing. I would like to congratulate Maryvale State School in displaying magnificent sportsmanship and starting a supportive culture. I would really like to see this be embedded into Maryvale State School ethos.

Every fortnight the newsletter will be indicating our current attendance rate. We are aiming for 95% attendance rate. I want to offer you the assurance and guarantee if your child attends school with an attendance rate of at least 93%, they will reach national and regional benchmarks in numeracy and literacy. Apart from this I would like to see Maryvale State School to increase overall attendance rates. In this day and age a good solid, well rounded education opens many doors and offers opportunities to broaden the horizons of our children. My passion and expectation is to educate children to be productive and active citizens. With a high attendance and active engagement, I can guarantee you as parents that I can do this.

Also next week is ‘Book-week”. On Friday 23rd August to celebrate, it is come as you favourite book character day. I would love to see all children get involved as the day is going to be filled with great activities to celebrate books. We are also looking to expand our library to making it a fully functioning school library so if you have a spare hour or so to lend a hand to sort/cover or organise books please contact myself or Lisa Beckham.

Lastly for this fortnight I will let you know the Prep– 7 classroom has moved downstairs. This room will be a more functional room for all year levels and has better ICT resources. We are also endeavouring to turn our resources centre into a fully functioning school library and room for our playgroup and pre-Prep program. In saying this I am extending an expression of interest from the community if you or anyone you may know that may be interested in attending either programs. Playgroup will be from ages 2-4 and pre-Prep will be 3-4 year old. There will be more information about these programs later in the term however ideas about interest would be appreciated.

Have a great fortnight!!!

Every child, Every day…..That’s the Maryvale way!!!
These are given out on parade each week.

Week 3– **Abby Bowles** for excellent spelling and sight word results. Well Done!
Week 4– **Cameron Murch**— terrific effort and persistence in spelling and homework.

**TOPS Awards**

These awards are for displaying Teamwork, Ownership, Participation or Sensitivity.
If you are interested in being involved in the schools Read-with-the-reader Program please put your name down at the school so we can start drawing up a roster. Our reading times are between 10-11am so if you could help and be an influence in a child’s life that would be terrific.

Art at Maryvale
Maryvale Community Hall is hosting Art and Craft Expo on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th August. It runs on both days from 9:30-3:30pm with lunch provided by the P&C. There will be some fantastic items on display and the school children are creating artworks to be displayed and judged and some side walk chalk art as well. If you are interested in helping out with serving please contact Sharon Iseppi or just come along for a look.

P&C Meeting
Next meeting is the 8th Sept. at 4pm in the school staffroom.

If you would like to advertise your event or business in our newsletter please email the principal with the details and your logo.

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Sports Day Sensations