Principals Report

Welcome to 2015!!!

It has been a tremendous start to the year with our 2 classrooms humming along.

Miss Lee-Anne Eagle joined our teaching team and has the P-2 classroom. It has been a fantastically smooth start for everyone.

Unfortunately our enrolment numbers are down from what we expected. This will mean priorities for the school will be structured to make sure we put first the best situation and environment for our children to succeed and learn.

We have started two new programs and a comprehensive curriculum this year. To help you as parents connect with your child/ren’s learning we are holding an information afternoon 24th February at 3:30pm.

This term we will have an incursion to the school where the children will be learning about our local environment and endangered species. Also later in February we will be starting a toothbrushing program with a visit from DDSW dental van and dental nurse and everyday brushing as part of our daily routine.

I would like to bring your attention to our first report on attendance. It is significantly down from this time last year which is very disappointing. However a big congratulations to Years 1 and 6 on 100% attendance rate. Lets make this year the year to make a new commitment to attendance at school. Lets boost this rate for our next newsletter we are aiming for 95%.

Please note if you are interested in attending parade to watch your child receive awards it is on Friday’s at 11:30.

I would also encourage parents to try and attend our P&C AGM on the 2nd March at 3:30pm. We will be looking for some office bearers and a chance to have a say and make some crucial decisions about your school.

Have a great fortnight!

Public Announcements

♦ When dropping your child off at school please try and adopt the strategy of ‘DROP AND GO’. This has proven to be the best method especially for younger students in developing their independence. It encourages students to be responsible for themselves and initiate play with other students instead of clinging on to parents until the bell.

Please consider this when dropping off your child/ren.

♦ Parents could you please restrain all animals outside school grounds if you are bringing them to pick up time.

♦ Could you please ensure that all students are wearing the correct school uniform including good supportive shoes. Gumboots or thongs are not acceptable.

Attendance Rate

88%

This time last year

91.7%

Best year level

Year 1 & 6

EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY.....THAT’S THE MARYVALE WAY!!!
Fantastic start to the New Year for P-2. We are in week 4 now and students are settling into class and into learning lots of new exciting stuff.

Preps are motoring along with their S A T P I N sounds and doing a variety of activities to reinforce these sounds that they are learning. Yr 1 and 2 are also off to a great start to working with their sounds and learning to map these new sounds in their spelling words, sight words and the SSP’s words.

For Maths, year 1 have been learning the concepts and skills about addition stories, number bonds and number sentences. In year 2, students have been working with 3 digit numbers and place value. The lorikeets have been looking at their numbers 1-10 using hands on materials and assorted activity sheets to reinforce there understanding of the numbers 1-10.

Our Australiana unit, students have been exploring the importance of celebrating Australia day, touching on the First Fleet. We also have been looking at our Australian flag and the Indigenous flag and what it means to be an Australian and also learning the words to the Australian anthem.

Students also have been exploring our map of Australia, states and capital cities in this unit of work.

A huge shout out for Hannah who celebrated her birthday this month!!!

Also well done Lachlan D. who was our first student of the week for last week, keep up the great work.

Miss Eagle & Mrs Hill

3-6 Classroom

We have a small start to the year with only 7 students in our room however the learning has been intense.

We have immersed ourselves in the SSP program to become experts for the juniors. We are using our “duck hands” and sounding skills to help us with spelling and reading.

In Maths we have started very well with our new Maths program called PRIME. It is proving to be a good tool for us to think and investigate Maths concepts.

We are diving into our new combined curriculum unit called Australiana. At the moment we are learning about the First Fleet and why they chose Australia to settle and colonize. Over the week we will be moving into explorers and significant places and people.
Students of the Week

Week 3 Lilly Earl-Jones Yr6 and Gabby Newing Yr1

Week 2 Lachlan Dieckmann

TOPS Awards
The 3-6 classroom has started our Indigenous art project. It's going to be awesome when it is done!

Big kids teaching the young kids some ball skills. TEAM WORK!!

MARYVALE PLAYGROUP

Come along every Thursday between 9-11am. Share, play games, tell stories and get your child ready for school with some great activities focused around playing to learn.

Bring a plate for morning tea and mix with some local parents. This is a FREE service and we would love to see you here at the school.

Call Chantelle Stephens if you need more information. 4661190

Indigenous Art

FRIDAY SPORT