**Dates to Remember**

18/03/2013  P&C Meeting at the school 3.30pm  
28/03/2013  Easter parade at school  
28/03/2013  Last day of term 1  
14/04/2013  Term 2 begins  
27/04/2013  100th Birthday celebrations

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**From the Principal's Desk**

Time is certainly flying by, we only have 3 weeks until the Easter break! We have all been very busy completing assessments and preparing for the next unit of work.

During the wet weather we have been experiencing our students have been enjoying wet lunches using the computers and construction toys in the classroom.

I recently attended the 2013 Principals conference in Brisbane. The conference focussed on the key priorities of pedagogy to support excellence in teaching and how to connect with parents and the community to support successful student learning.

Ms Gregory and I have been spending time reviewing student performance so that we can target areas of strength and need to determine the best plan to maximise their learning potential.

Reminder: School hats need to be worn when the students are outside. If your child does not have a school hat they will be unable to play outdoors and will be seated undercover.

It is very pleasing to see most students are completing and handing in their homework. Well done Rebekkah, Peter, Hannah, Dai Dai, Maddison, Keyana, Riley and Llewy for having your homework completed consistently each week.

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**Student Award Winners**

**Week 4**

Back Row: Caelan, Jorja  
Front Row: Daishawn, Keyana

**Week 5**

Back Row: Cameron, Nicholii  
Front Row: Maddison, Peter

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**NRL Magazine Prize Winners**

William, Caelan and Jack received NRL magazines following their printed reflections regarding the visit by Mr Currie of the NRL.
**Freestone Trivia Night Sat 16th March**

Freestone State School P&C are having their annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday 16th March. Book your teams in now! It’s a great night out with lots of cash and prizes up for grabs. The $10 pp entry fee includes a light supper. We will also have a licensed bar running. So grab some friends and come on out for some fun!!

For bookings phone Helena 4666 1726.

**P & C Annual General Meeting**

The annual AGM for Maryvale State School was held on Monday 4th of March. The following people have volunteered their time to be on the committee.

President: Carly Tange  
Vice President: Fiona Gray  
Secretary: Nicola Newing  
Treasurer: Lisa Beckham

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 18th of March at 3.30pm at the Resource Centre.

**Harmony Day 2013**

Harmony Day for 2013 will be at Freestone State School in the last week of Term 1. The date for this event is yet to be advised.

**Just letting you know**

I am encouraging students in Prep to Y2 to bring one toy from home, so they can read to that toy. I have found that some of the children are more willing to read to an object where they feel that they can pretend to be the teacher. The toy will return home at the child’s request.

**Prep to Y2 Science**

For science this term the students have been investigating living things. One of the experiments was to observe an object from a seed to a plant. In the hanging pots the students planted flower seeds and placed them around the school. The students will be caring for them for the next few weeks. During the week the students took home tomato plants that they had planted earlier in the term.

Hope you enjoy the tomatoes.