Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 4! I trust that you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the final weeks of the school year. This term is an exciting one with our Year 6 students preparing for their entry to high school and our school looking forward to welcoming a new cohort of Prep students in 2016. These new students have already commenced an induction program to get to know our great school, but new families will also be invited to attend an interview at the school this term so that we can get to know new families and students before the commencement of the 2016 school year.  

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These transition times are extremely important in a student’s educational journey and our school will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that this transition time is as seamless and enjoyable as possible.

All our students will participate in a transition day on Tuesday 2nd December when they will get to know their 2016 teacher and meet their new classmates.

Thank you to all of you who have already sent through letters and emails with regard to class preferences for 2016. Please remember that these requests need to be received prior to COB Friday 16th October. Requests can be sent via note to the office or emailed to the_principal@mareebass.eq.edu.au. The first week for this term began with some brain-stretching Maths challenges for students in Years 2 and 4. It was great to see students working in teams to extend their thinking and problem-solving skills. Teachers were also put to the test in the afternoon’s staff meeting where they explored some of the ways to promote problem-solving with students in a fun and hands-on way. The presenter of the day’s workshops also took time to come to see me personally to complement the school on the dedication of the staff and the wonderful behaviour shown by the students. Well done, everyone!

A reminder that Monday 19th October is a Pupil Free Day and there are no classes on this day.

Finally, well done to each of the students who attended our 100% Attendance Morning Tea celebration on Tuesday. Everyday counts, especially in Term 4 as we complete and consolidate the year’s learning and prepare foundational learning for 2016.

Once again, welcome back!

Under 8’s Day

On Thursday, 17th of September, Mareeba State School celebrated Under 8’s Day. There were plenty of activities for all children 8 years and under to enjoy. A big thank you goes to our wonderful staff and teacher aides who have been busy organising and preparing for the fun-packed morning. We would also like to thank the local businesses and services that made donations and gave up their time to help to make this event successful.

100% Attendance Morning Tea

Congratulations to the 130 students who were invited to the 100% Attendance Morning Tea on Tuesday. These students attended school everyday in Term 3. Every day counts!

Parking Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that the parking in the keyway area is only for the pick-up and drop-off of students with a disability.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Curriculum Update

Term 4 will, once again, be a busy and productive term. Teachers and students will be working hard to complete assessment tasks to allow report cards to be finalised. Children will be assessed and reported on in a 5 point scale for the Australian National Curriculum areas of English, Maths, Science and History, and in some year levels, Geography. Students will also be reported on in the areas of Technology, HPE and Music.

Report cards will be sent home to parents, via their children, on Wednesday, December 9.

Listed below is a quick outline of what each year level is studying this term during their English time:

**Prep:** Write a letter to a story character.

**Year One:** Write a procedure explaining how to make a pillow for “The Very Cranky Bear”.

**Year Two:** Write an imaginative event to add to a familiar narrative.

**Year Three:** Write and present poetry.

**Year Four:** Create a children’s book about an African or South American animal.

**Year Five:** Create a new character to add to a scene from “Finding Nemo”. Present the new scene to classmates.

**Year Six:** Write an argument to persuade the reader: ‘That a good literary text can deliver a more powerful message than a good informative text’.

**OR** ‘That a good informative text can deliver a more powerful message than a good literary text’.

Student in years Prep – 3 will have the opportunity to attend “The Ditto Show” – a Bravehearts performance on Friday, October 30 at 10am. The show is free but a gold coin donation will assist this program to continue operating around Australia.

“The Ditto Show” is a program aimed at developing Personal Safety Education. More information for parents of students in Prep – Year 3 will be sent home shortly. Parents are welcome to attend the show.

-Val Dayes, Head of Curriculum
Thank you from the Mareeba Animal Refuge

Prep C and the Mareeba Animal Refuge would like to send out a gigantic thank you to all of the families who donated wet food to our class drive before the holidays. Over the 2 weeks, we collected close to 200 tins of food for the cats, kittens, dogs and puppies in care that rely on the refuge and the donations collected. Thank you also to the kind individuals who donated money, we were able to give the refuge a $150 cash donation towards other costs involved in caring for these animals. The staff at the refuge were absolutely amazed when they saw the collection and could not believe how many tins were gathered. Your support is valued and really appreciated, especially by the animals, as food resources were running very low. Thank you once again for your support. Every tin counts! Let’s hope we can do it again in the future.

-Sheridan Collis & Prep C

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ASTRONOMY VIEWING NIGHT

An Astronomy Viewing Night is planned near the top of Hallorans Hill in Atherton on October 16 starting at 6:45am. Ian, from FNQ Astronomers is bringing telescopes and will be joined by Richard Hole who will also teach people about astronomy and show people the most interesting features in the night sky. Richard recommends you bring a pair of binoculars or a monocular to the event if possible. Anyone is free to attend, however, it is best if you could make contact with us first just in case the event is rescheduled due to weather and so we can also inform you about future meetings. It would also be good to form an astronomy club on the Tablelands.

Contact Richard on 4095 5447 or email richard.hole@truesolutions.info.

Or contact Ian on 1300 843 759 or email ian@nightskysecrets.com.

BOOKFAIR IS HERE AGAIN!

You are invited to our Book Fair! Book Fair will run from Monday, 19th October to Friday, 23rd October. The library will open at 8.15am each morning. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents and hide them away! As you all know, Book Fair is a SUPER busy time for our library and we can’t wait to see you there!
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