From the principal’s desk...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Welcome to Term 4**
We have 44 school days remaining in 2016 and they will be busy. Classes will continue to focus on improvements in student reading, numeracy, attendance and extension (Upper Two Bands U2B). Please make sure every day of learning counts for your child by having them at school every day on time. We also welcome our new families to our school community.

**Staff Professional Development Day - Student Free Day - Monday 17th October**
Across Queensland, students do not attend state schools on Monday 17th October. This allows staff to engage in professional learning. Our school will host other small schools in order to update our first aid qualifications. Please make alternative arrangements for your children as they are not to attend school on that day.

**Transition to Prep - TP Program**
Our weekly transition to prep program commenced this Friday in our P-2 room from 9am-10am. All families with children attending prep next year are invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy learning and fun with Ms Gray and Mrs Leonard. This will help children settle easily into school routines at the beginning of Prep next year. This is a great early start for your child and we welcome your attendance.

**Student Attendance**
The whole school student attendance rate for this week was 92.5%. Ms Gray’s class is the winner this week with an attendance rate of 100%. What a fantastic effort, congratulations to the staff, students and parents/guardians! The attendance rate for my class was 87.13%. Come on my class let’s get our attendance rate up!

I mentioned in my notes to you last term about a student attendance reward for this term. Any student that has a 92% and above attendance rate at the end of this term will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn session at school in the last week of school. A 92% attendance rate allows your child to have four days absent from school this term. This includes sickness with a medical certificate.

**Swimming**
Mrs Cooper has sent home a swimming consent form with this newsletter. Could you please read and keep the front page of the form and complete the consent form at the back and return it to school next week. Our swimming lessons begin week 3, Tuesday the 18th of October.
Did you know?
Your child’s learning could be improved by having their hearing and vision checked.
A small investment in time (and it’s free) could be very beneficial to picking up undiagnosed problems which may affect learning.
Also, if your child needs to be seen by the Guidance Officer, a hearing and vision test MUST be done first and the results sighted.

Hearing Test
Where: Queensland Health—Child Health
Bauer-Wiles Building
(behind Maryborough Hospital)
167 Neptune St.
Maryborough, 4650
How: Phone 41228733 for an appointment
Who: Any child 4-18 years old
Cost: No cost
Report: You will be given a written report, please bring this to school and we will take a copy for our files.

Vision Test
Where: Any optometrist will do the testing and bulk bill to Medicare.
How: Phone for an appointment
Cost: No cost.
They will bulk bill to Medicare. (Be sure to take your Medicare card)
Report: Please ask for a written report and bring this to school so we can take a copy for our files.

P & C Meeting
Thursday 13th October 2016
Do you want healthy productive plants?
Worm Tea is now available!

Grow bigger, healthier, disease resistant plants. Enjoy larger blooms and sweeter fruits with 100% organic worm tea.

Students are now selling worm tea for $1.00 per litre. If you are interested in purchasing some worm tea please see Russell, Danielle or Tanya.