



BE HELPFUL  
BE READY TO LEARN

Motto: Learning for Life

MARYBOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL

BE SAFE

**CONGRATULATIONS! Student of the Week**

Jeffrey Green	Early Years 1
Billy Kerr	Early Years 2
Jessica Angus	Early Years 3
Taylor Robinson	Middle Years 1
Hayden Scott	Middle Years 2
Jacob Garner	Middle Years 3
Matthew Mosher	Senior School 1
Shaun Mills	Senior School 2
Gemma Weinheimer	Senior School 3
Kayne Buff	Senior School 4
	Arts Award



**P&C News**

*The things parents and friends do  
make a real difference.....*

**The Tombola**

*This Saturday at St Mary's  
Parish Hall Doors open 12.30  
for a 1.30 pm start. Great  
prizes!*

**School Wide Positive Behaviour**

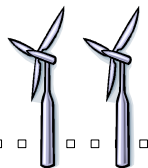
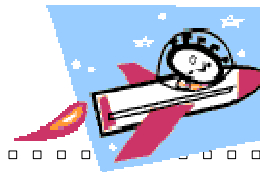
*More students are trying hard to get  
to class on time*

**Well done!!!**



Today our students participated in some science experiments to celebrate National Science week.

These involved balloons, windmills and rockets.



**Environmental Sustainability**

Save water!

Use the grey water from the rinse cycle of your washing machine for your plants!.



**Triathlon News .....**

Our 14 students are training very well this year and are more physically fit and ready at this time of the year than in past years. Congratulations to those who are training to participate for the first time and are keeping up with the pace. Each week students practice running, cycling and gym work and starting this week will be training at the Hervey Bay swimming pool.



**Upcoming dates**

<b>22nd August</b>	<b>Tombola St Mary's Hall</b>
<b>24 August</b>	<b>'Buckateers' performance at Principals' conference</b>
<b>4th Sept</b>	<b>Special Schools' Sports Day in Bundaberg</b>
<b>7th September</b>	<b>Jump Rose for Heart Display</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>Ministerial Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>Gympie Soccer Carnival</b>

**7 CHEFS FRESH PASTA SALE**

3 varieties available

- \* Lasagne
- \* Fettuccine
- \* Ravioli

Order form at back of newsletter

# “EVERY DAY COUNTS”



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Our EVERY DAY COUNTS Strategy which has been implemented across the Maryborough Cluster of schools continues this week.

**Legally parents/caregivers are responsible for ensuring their child attends school unless there is a valid reason for their absence.**

Here are some examples of reasons for absence from school which can be authorised by the Principal:

- Sickness preventing the child from attending school (for extended illness of more than three consecutive days or a significant number of illnesses over an extended period of time, we request that Parents provide the school with a Medical Certificate)
- Death in the family / attend funeral
- Medical appointments including dental and optical
- Legal matters
- Other exceptional circumstances approved at the discretion of the Principal

**When a student is absent from school we ask all parents to either provide a note or contact the school by telephone to provide a reason for an absence.**

**We also attempt to contact parents/caregivers by telephone to ascertain a reason for absence.**

Please note that a letter stating a child is absent does not provide us with enough information to authorise an absence. You will need to identify the reason and/or contact the principal to discuss any exceptional circumstances which may provide a valid reason for your child to be absent.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact me at school.

Beth Devonshire

Principal

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**Be on time for school at 8.30 am**



## Principal's Message

Hello Parents, Carers and friends,

Over the past months many willing volunteers have been working hard to collect prizes and organize the Tombola that will be held on this Saturday at St Mary's Hall. It will be a great afternoon commencing at 12.30 for a 1.30 start. This fundraiser is to raise funds to buy a new school bus. We have approximately \$45,000 towards a new bus of approximate cost \$58,000—\$60,000.

The people of the Maryborough community have been marvelous in their support for our school. Each day new donations have come into our school via way of items for the Tombola, cheque donations or offers from volunteers to assist in fundraising. We are very fortunate to work and live in such a wonderful community and very thankful to all members of the community.

This past week has seen an improvement in the arrival times for students at school. We have half the students in each class coming to school on time everyday and students are being recognized for this on assembly each Monday morning. Thank you parents and carers for assisting our students to arrive at school on time and have a good start to their day.

Beth Devonshire Principal

### Celebrate Children's Week

National Children's Week from 24 October to 1 November is a great opportunity to celebrate our children, their achievements and the contribution they make to our school and community.

The week-long festivities, coordinated by the Queensland Children's Week Association, aim to bring children and adults together to celebrate this year's theme "A caring world shares".

Organisations such as child care centres, kindergartens, playgroups, neighbourhood organisations and community groups are encouraged to host their own activities and events to celebrate the week.

There are a number of great activity ideas on the Queensland Children's Week Association website for those parents and carers who want to get involved. Posters, stickers and balloons to help organisations celebrate and publicise their events are also available by ordering online.

Organisations can register planned events and activities for publication in the Children's Week 2009 program booklet. Registrations close on Friday 28 August.

For more information or to register your event contact Leigh Shenfield on phone: (07) 3269 8648, mobile: 0408 698 648 or email: [leigh\\_shenfield@childrensweek.com.au](mailto:leigh_shenfield@childrensweek.com.au) or visit the Children's Week website at:

### Around the School

**Early Years 1 (Linda's Class)**. The students are trying to display all the school rules to give Miss Sue a good last week with us.

**Early Years 2 (Vicky's class)**: Our focus is on "Be Ready to Learn". We are trying to encourage children to be on time.

**Early Years 3 (Josey's class)**. We are learning about whales and what they eat.



**Middle School 1 (Kelly's class)**. We are working on our 'Health and Hygiene' project.



Hygiene'

**Middle School 2 (Cella /Linda's class)** The class saw a good puppetry show at Arts Council at the West School and really enjoyed themselves.

**Middle School 3 (Nicci /Alan)**. We are learning about having a balanced diet and are sorting foods into their categories

**Senior School 1 (Adam's class) & Senior School 2 (Ian's class)** We are currently working on sentence construction and the component parts of a sentence, and setting up a work display in the library.

**Senior School 3 (Deb's Class)** We are making preparations for our Fresh Pasta Sale next week.

**Senior School 4 (Rae's Class)** - We are discussing safe practices in case of fire

