**From the Principal:**

Another busy week ahead after another great fun-filled week of learning during week 6.

9/10 students were involved in their first deportment lesson with local hairdresser, Cheryl Dwyer in the lead up to their participation in the local ball on Saturday 7 May. On Thursday evening I ventured to the bowls club for a sneak peek at the dances that will be on the program for the ball. It will include our students taking to the floor for the Evening Three Step. What a great local initiative to hold some classes in the lead up to the event so that everyone can brush up on their dancing skills.

All students took some time on Friday to “Clean Up” our part of Australia. Mrs Kurtz and Mrs Bailey took a group of Year 4/5/6 students into the Imbil township and they did a great job collecting rubbish and disposing of it in the bins. Special thanks to Rhonda from Seeds to Serendipity for her generous donation of lucky dips for those children.

Our primary students started their second round of Funtastic Friday options on Friday afternoon, with a group of 16 students travelling to the Imbil Bowls Club on Alec Murray’s bus (thanks so much for your support of this initiative Alec) with Mr Reed and meeting Barry Digman at the club for a great afternoon lesson of lawn bowls. Special thanks to Barry for making this opportunity occur again and to the bowls club for allowing our students to access the facility.

Other groups of students enjoyed accessing our manual arts facility and teacher working on making objects from plastic, creating craft for the Easter festivities, gardening, making pinatas and exploring a wide range of construction materials.

Our reading comprehension focus this week will shift to “In my head – Author and Me” questions. When you are reading with your children at home, these are some of the questions that you might ask, if you want children to focus on what they know and add that to what the author has written explicitly in the text.

**Reminders:**

**TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK**

**Sunday Night is Nit Night**

Please update your email address, along with phone numbers and residential addresses.

Wanted/ For Sale
Second-hand Uniforms: Please contact Mrs Dixon to sell and buy second-hand uniforms.

Please ensure all school fees are up to date. EFTPOS available.

No Smoking Zone
Please remember that all government property is a no smoking zone.

**SWPBS focus:**

*We are respectful when we clean up the eating area after eating time.*

**Date claimers:**

**Fundraising meeting – Wednesday 9 March 3.15 pm**

**P and C meeting – Wednesday 16 March 3.15 pm**

**Cross Country – Friday 18 March**

**P and C stall - Saturday 19 March**

**Breakfast program – Monday and Wednesday each week 8.30 am – 8.50 am**

**Swimming – Tuesday and Thursday each week 7 am – 8 am**

**Homework club – Wednesday each week 3 – 4 pm.**

**Playgroup – Friday 9 am – 11 am**

**Looking forward to seeing some interested parents at the P and C election-day stall fundraising meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 3.15 pm in the resource centre.**

Jenny Kent, Principal

**Monday 7 March, 2016**
From our secondary campus

Attendance: As part of the school improvement agenda attendance has been set as a goal. A number of students are to be congratulated with 100% attendance at school this term. Keep up the outstanding effort.

School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS): I had the great pleasure on Friday to write to parents of students who had obtained sixty High-Fives. These postcards acknowledge the students’ effort in following the School Wide Behaviour program and ensuring that they have their High-Five Card. Well done to those students with Sixty High-Fives. Secondary students who achieve eighty High-Fives will be eligible to attend the High Ropes program for half a day. The eligible students will receive an invitation and permission form in the near future.

Uniform: With the cooler weather fast approaching, it is time to consider the winter uniform that is acceptable at Mary Valley State College. Navy track suit pants and long navy pants are, however, jeans of any description are not acceptable. Girls may choose to wear black or navy leggings or stockings under their skirts. The college uniform shop sells navy windcheaters with the college logo. Thank you for your support in this area, in assisting students to show pride in their school.

Craig Wilson (Head of Department, Curriculum)

Upcoming activities

The Cross Country is planned for Friday 18 March with the 5-9 year olds competing in the morning and the 10–15 year olds competing during the afternoon. This year, all students will complete circuits within the confines of the school grounds. Thanks Mr Hutchins for organising this annual event.

Those students in Prep to Year 4 who will have achieved 80 high-fives before the last week of term, will be invited to a celebration at the pool on Monday 21 March from 11 – 12.40 pm with Chappie Jen organising a sausage sizzle, and a sweet, as well as some great water games and themed music.

For the students from Year 5 to 10 who have achieved 80 high-fives before the last week of term, their celebration will be a trip to Gympie East High Ropes course with the students in Years 7 – 10 enjoying the course from 9 am – 11.30 am and the students from years 5 and 6 participating from 12.00 noon to 2.30 pm.

Please remember these are celebration days acknowledging students, who continuously demonstrate our expected behaviours of safe, respectful, responsible and proud learners. While it would be great for every student to be involved, some students may not have yet been able to demonstrate these behaviours consistently. The reward is an incentive to try to encourage appropriate behaviours. If your child is not participating this term, perhaps they will achieve that goal next term.

Safe, Respectful, Responsible

SWPBS

Last week at Mary Valley State College the School Wide Positive Behavior focus was centered on being safe, respectful, responsible and proud learners when we follow bus routines. The students are doing a fantastic job at making rational, moral decisions and being accountable for their actions when following bus routines at the start and end of the day. Students are creating a safe and responsible environment at these times by, being on time and lining up in an orderly fashion.

A brand new high-five system to keep track of the high-five awards has been implemented on the secondary campus in the form of high-five cards. The new high-five card system is working really well with many students receiving high-fives every session. They will also be able to trade high-fives for rewards during the term.

The safe, respectful, responsible, and proud attitude of MVCS students when following bus routines is creating a positive environment for all students to both learn and play.

Every twenty high-fives a certificate is presented to our primary students.

Attendance Incentives

This week’s winner for 100% attendance is Lewis Crump. Lewis can collect his $5 tuckshop voucher when he orders his tuckshop on Wednesday morning.

Stranger Danger Alert

Earlier today, each class received the message that they should be aware of recent ‘stranger danger’ attempts in Gympie. Children were reminded to always walk in groups rather than alone and to make sure that if approached, not to go near any cars or people that they don’t know and to let one of their trusted adults know as soon as possible. All children were reminded of the 000 emergency number for police. The information is for the kids to be vigilant when walking to and from school and not to go near any cars or people that are not known to them. Please find below a link to the media release issued to media, on the Police blog and police twitter and Facebook pages.

http://goo.gl/4fLs1p
A group of 4/5/6 students from Mary Valley State College participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday, March 4. Gloves on and holding bags, they set off from school to clean up the town. Students were shocked to find so much rubbish. Glass, cans, plastic and paper were discovered in drains, gardens and on the footpaths. Thank you to Rhonda for a little surprise at the end of our hard work.

P and C News

Home-baking stall 19 March. Donations of items – flour, sugar, jam, and margarine etc welcomed. Please bring them to the school office.
If you are going to bake, please bring baking to school on Friday 18 or to the stall on Saturday 19. All baked items must be labelled with ingredients.
A fund-raising meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 March in the Resource Centre at 3.15 pm.
If you are able to help out, please come along.

Chaplaincy News
## Week 6 Awards

Congratulations to all our award winners

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<td>For not only trying your best always but being a great friend as well!</td>
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<td>A great effort with your magic writing this week</td>
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<td>Trying her best to use active listening skills and complete her work</td>
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<td>Following class routines and applying herself to her work more readily</td>
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