Vocabulary

Vocabulary refers to the words we must understand to communicate effectively. Educators often consider four types of vocabulary: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Listening vocabulary refers to the words we need to know to understand what we hear. Speaking vocabulary consists of the words we use when we speak. Reading vocabulary refers to the words we need to know to understand what we read. Writing vocabulary consists of the words we use in writing.

Vocabulary plays a fundamental role in the reading process, and contributes greatly to a reader’s comprehension. A reader cannot understand a text without knowing what most of the words mean. Students learn the meanings of most words indirectly, through everyday experiences with oral and written language. Other words are learned through carefully designed instruction. It is this instruction that we as educators and parents have the most control over, we have the opportunity to continually integrate new words into the word bank that our children utilise.

Building on what we spoke about last week, here are a few helpful tips that you can use at home to help strengthen your child’s vocabulary:

• Engage your child in conversations every day. If possible, include new and interesting words in your conversation.

• Read to your child each day. When the book contains a new or interesting word, pause and define the word for your child. After you’re done reading, engage your child in a conversation about the book.

• Help build word knowledge by classifying and grouping objects or pictures while naming them.

• Help build your child’s understanding of language by playing verbal games and telling jokes and stories.

• Encourage your child to read on his own. The more children read, the more words they encounter and learn.

Here are three new words to include in your vocabulary jar:

Humble - It means that a person may have accomplished a lot, or be a lot but doesn’t feel it is necessary to advertise or brag about it.

Outrageous - shockingly bad or excessive.

Gregarious - fond of company; sociable.
Student Council News
Recently Student Council have opened a new space at
lunchtimes. The ‘Colour Room’ is a place that is quiet and
reflective and air conditioned! Many students have enjoyed
colouring our intricate and exciting colouring sheets already and
due to the success it will continue throughout this term. Student
Council representatives will announce when the colour room is
open at eating times on the day. We are leaving the opening
times as being flexible and trying to open when it is the hottest
day of the week. Some of the fantastic colouring in pages and our
stencilling masterpieces will be on display in coming weeks.

Thank You
Student Council.

ICAS Awards
Congratulations to those students who managed to receive
awards for the ICAS writing test.

Outstanding work to Molly Field, Katelyn Thiele and Rosie
Straker on receiving High Distinctions.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 15th of November at 6pm
in the library. All welcome.
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Last week’s challenge:
The numbers on the outside of each square are linked by a rule to the number in the middle of each square. What is the value of “?” in the last square?

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24  120  240  ?
  3  4    5  5
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Answer: 560 - Multiply the top numbers together (7 x 8 = 56), then the bottom numbers (2 x 5 = 10). The final step is multiplying your answers together (56 x 10 = 560).

This week’s challenge:
The angles of a triangle are consecutive whole numbers. What is the size of the largest angle?

Book Club Issue 8

All orders due by Friday the 11th November. This will be the last book club for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for supporting book club and the book fair this year. As a result, the library has been able to order almost $2000 worth of new books and resources from the rewards we receive from each order. Thanks again for the continued support.

Mr Fraser

Dinner Table Topics

Prep Possums & Wombats – Don’t forget to be here early for our excursion on Friday. Remember to bring your hat and water bottle. All food is provided.

Year 1A – Please send in a USB if you would like a copy of your child’s procedure power point.

Year 1B – Just a few friendly reminders. Be sure to keep up the daily homework activities. Help your child work through their camera word lists ready for grade 2. Parents can students please leave toys etc at home and check their show and tell roster for their day and topic. Thank you.

Year 2B – Another reminder that homework is due back to school every Thursday as this allows homework to be checked and changed over so that it is ready to go home on Friday afternoon. We had a few more students return homework last Thursday. I look forward to 100% of the class returning homework this Thursday.

Year 2C- This week 2C are working on a maths unit where we learn about probability. We will discuss the terms likely, unlikely, possible and impossible. Don’t forget to send in a shoe box with your child as soon as possible. If you don’t have one at home, other children have had success at the local shoe shops.

Year 2/3R – As the temperature rises it’s important for your child to be bringing a water bottle to school. Also a quick reminder that a white t-shirt is required for the end of year concert, one that can be written or painted on. Thanks in advance!

Year 3F – As the weather is heating up, it is very important to bring a sun safe hat and water bottle to school every day. Please apply sunscreen before school. The children have access to sunscreen at school to reapply during the day.

Year 3N – Year 3N students have been working hard on their routine for the end-of-year concert. Ask your child to show you some of their moves!

Year 4M – The students have been really enjoying our Science Unit on force. There have been loads of tricky challenges (experiments) in class that test the student’s knowledge and application of force.

Year 4S – The students have been asked to create their own cereal product for marketing. They are very excited that they can produce a visual representation to bring home. Toss some ideas around with your child so that they can create a wonderful product to display.

an EVENING of the ARTS

Performing Arts Evening
Friday 18th November
St Helens Hall

Orchestra, Beginner Strings, Drama Club, Music performances, Senior & Junior Choir

Student Council BBQ available from 5pm
Coffee Van
Scoops on Bazaar Ice cream

Come for dinner before the show!
Performances start at 6:30pm
Year 5H – In Maths, your child has been working on Patterns & Algebra. Ask your child what these two things are and to identify a pattern that occurs in everyday life.

Year 6P – This week students are busy finishing off assessments. We are also spending time learning our year 6 secret performance. If you see your child dancing around the house, don’t be alarmed.

Maryborough District Junior Cricket 2016/17

All players need to be signed on using the online website:

- Type in Maryborough’s postcode, 4650.
- Click on ‘Maryborough District Cricket Association’
- Select the competition for your child:
  - MILO In2Cricket (5 – 8 years) $75
  - MILO T20 Blast (7 – 12 years) $100
- Click ‘Register’
- Complete the online form
- Make your payment online

**Competition & Training details:**

**In2Cricket** – Friday afternoons 4:00 – 5:30pm, Field 1, Mboro Cricket Grounds, commencing 28th October 2016.

**T20 Blast** – Friday evenings 5:00 – 6:30pm, Field 1 Mboro Cricket Grounds, commencing 21st October 2016.

For more information, contact Clinton Hansen at school.
| Prep Wombats     | Melanie Knight-Lassen                                      | For her continued commitment to completing all tasks. |
| Prep Possums    | Dylan Irving                                               | For working really hard to improve his behaviour this week. Keep up the great work! |
| Year 1A         | Kayne Scougall                                             | For a great effort on his procedure power point.     |
| Year 1B         | Tahlia Coe                                                 | For always demonstrating commitment, integrity and respect. You are a great role model. |
| Year 2B         | Will Lindley                                               | For being an amazing student in 2B. You always try your hardest with everything you do. |
| Year 2C         | Sarsha Jambrecina                                          | For the effort and commitment you have shown towards improving your learning. Well done! |
| Year 2/3R       | William Barnes                                             | For going above and beyond this week consistently being ready to learn and help out when needed. Awesome job! |
| Year 3F         | Jayanna Barratt                                            | For your continuing high level of commitment, respect and integrity in all areas. Well done! |
| Year 3N         | Hunter Ambrose                                             | For taking a chance, being brave and discovering a hidden skill. You should be proud. |
| Year 4M         | Olivia Barratt                                             | For being a committed student who exudes integrity. You are an inspiration for other quiet achievers. |
| Year 4S         | Paige Crole                                                | For settling in well at St Helens. Well done!        |
| Year 5H         | Noah McCarthy                                              | For your improved effort in the classroom.           |
| Year 6P         | Mitchell Philips                                           | For showing a huge improvement in his effort.        |
| Library         | Channing Hancock (5H)                                      | For regularly offering to help out in the library.   |
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End of Year Concert

Slide Show

Senior Choir

Prep Wombats

Prep Possums

Year 1A

Year 1B

Year 2B

Year 2C

Year 2/3R

Interval

(Prize draw)

Junior Choir

Year 3N

Year 3F

Year 4M

Year 4S

Year 5H

Year 6H

Adopt-A-Cop shield presentation

School leader’s presentation