WELCOME
Welcome back to students, parents and staff to Term 1, 2014. It is great to see the students begin with such enthusiasm. Welcome to our new families of Lila and Eve. With three new Prep students this year we are bound to have many great times of excitement and education.
Congratulations to Ryan who celebrated his birthday on Monday.

English
Currently in English the Prep – Year 2 students are reading stories and discussing the characters’ emotions. The book we are reading this week is ‘My Cat Maisie’. Years 4 and 5 are reading the story, ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and are looking at nouns and noun groups. Year 6 are looking at various uses of noun and verb groups.

In writing, students have begun constructing sentences using the ‘bike’ analogy. This is where each sentence must have a front wheel (subject), a chain (verb) and a back wheel (predicate). The subject is what the sentence is about, the verb is what the subject is doing and the predicate tells us more or what about the subject. This week students have been learning how to bring up their bike, which means adding adjectives to the front and back wheel.

Maths
In Maths, Prep – Year 2 have been looking at calendars, days of the week and sequencing of numbers. Years 4 – 6 have begun their routines learning their time tables and completing their daily speed test.

Science
In Science this term students are working on a biology unit called ‘Bite Me’. Students will investigate the relationship between living things and how science knowledge helps people to understand the effect of their actions on ecosystems.

Masterclass
This Thursday afternoon, students will be divided into three groups for a chance to take part in activities that they normally do not have the opportunity to do. Students will go with either Mr Stewart, Mrs Dalglish or Ms Jody for IT, sewing and cooking.

Diary
A diary has been sent home for record keeping and student’s organisation. Parents are not required to write in the diary except at the end of the week. If parents could please sign the diary in time for Monday to verify they have seen their child’s reading, spelling and speedy words for the week.

Date Claimer
Marlborough Cluster Cross Country will be held at St Lawrence on Wednesday 26th March. More dates to follow next week.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
This week we are teaching the expected behaviour Be Respectful in all areas with a special focus using polite manners.

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Mr Rob Stewart
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