KEY PRIORITIES
Our key priority this year will be an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and spelling in all students through a whole school pedagogical approach which includes explicit instruction.

As part of our School Improvement Plan we have employed Deb Roberts as a casual Teacher Aide and she will be working with students to improve their literacy skills in reading. Yesterday Mrs Cate Tunstall from Sarina State High School visited our school to train our teacher aides in Corrective Reading Program which will be implemented in our school as soon as the ordered resources have arrived. Sarina State High School implemented this program last year for their year 8 and 9 students and achieved great student improvement in the areas of decoding, fluency and vocabulary skills.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - READY READERS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
As reading is one of our key priorities for 2014, I would like to organise a professional development workshop called ‘Ready Readers’ for parents of our school. This will develop your skills in listening to your own child/ren read with the hope that some parents will also be available to volunteer to listen to our students read at school. I would like to encourage you to register your expression of interest as I need sufficient numbers for a presenter to come and deliver the workshop.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS
Our responsible behaviour plan for students outlines the expected behaviours for students in our school. As part of our plan, we have a behaviour matrix which explicitly details how our four rules apply to various situations within our school. These behaviours are discussed within the classroom each week. Our focus for this week is ‘Be Responsible in the Bus Lines particularly focusing on having the students names marked off the bus roll.

SWIMMING
Please note that there will be no swimming this week. Our final lesson will be held on Friday 14th March.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
Today all staff participated in an assistive technology workshop as part of the Education Queensland focus on inclusive practice for students with disabilities. We investigated the use of ipads and various computer software applications.
DATA TRACKING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Tomorrow I will be in Mackay at a Data Tracking Workshop. I will be investigating the use of a data tracking system for our school so that all student assessment data can be tracked using a single program. This will help teachers set targets and goals for student improvement.

IPAD COMPETITION
Help us win a set of 10 iPads –
Students and parents can help our school win a set of 10 iPads by collecting daily tokens from the Mackay Daily Mercury. Students can bring their tokens in on a daily basis to the school up until the final bell on Monday 31 March when the promotion ends.

SARINA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
Under 12 & Under 13’s players are urgently required by the Sarina Junior Rugby League, however, if there are any other young boys or girls that would like to sign up please come down to the SJRL grounds this Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Canteen facilities are available and your child will be able to train also on the day you sign them up.
If you have any questions about registering you can contact our registrar Sue Muscat on 0438890572 or our secretary Sarah Trusz 0407039055.

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