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### About This Release:

Release 854 is now available for downloading from our website. Some important new features contained in this release are:

#### In First Class:

- The MarkBook export has been overhauled and is now working correctly. It will also export to QuickVic.
- Schools that are not able to, or choose not to, connect to an SQL Server or MSDE database can now print student photos.
- Teachers can now be marked absent over a date range in Extras.

Just a reminder that when a new database is created, all Explanation Letter bar codes are reset to start again at 1. This may cause some problems with letters that were generated using the old database. In this case, the Edit Roll will not recognize the letter, so you will have to edit the student's absence manually.

**First Class Web** version 829 is also available. The main change is:

- Drop arrows in Timetable Viewer no longer show inactive teachers.

### Any Other Ideas?

Remember, we depend on the feedback of our users to determine the enhancements to be included in our software. If you have any brilliant ideas, (or even not so brilliant, but important), give me, Robert Bakker, a call on 1300 301 931, or email me at [rob@humanedge.biz](mailto:rob@humanedge.biz).



## Electronic Roll Marking Software

**If you need any further information about enabling electronic roll marking in First Class, please call Gary Stoneham on 1300 550 765.**

<b>First Class</b>		
<b>File</b>	<b>Export – To Another Application – MarkBook/QuickVic</b>	Note the change of name from MarkBook to MarkBook/QuickVic as these use the same import file structure. This now allows you to determine which of the elements that can create the final MarkBook/QuickVic subject code are used, and in which order. It uses a series of export “masks” that call on the relevant items in the database.
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Form – Edit</b>	The “Subject Export Suffix” now works as a mask for the MarkBook/QuickVic export (see above) as well as the SIMON export. The character(s) placed here can be added to the overall subject designator for the export using the export masks in the export screen.
	<b>Blocks</b>	Subject listings in blocks now have a facility to enter a class name and semester for exporting to MarkBook/QuickVic (see above). These could then be called on by using the appropriate export masks in the export screen.
	<b>Allocations</b>	Subject listings in allocations now have a facility to enter a class name and semester for exporting to MarkBook/QuickVic (see above). These could then be called on by using the appropriate export masks in the export screen.
	<b>Extras</b>	You can now mark teachers absent over a date range. Long term absences can now be easily entered.
<b>Tools</b>	<b>Timetables</b>	When editing classes on the timetable, you can now enter a class name and semester for the MarkBook/QuickVic export (see above). These could then be called on by using the appropriate export masks in the export screen.
	<b>Timetables – Student</b>	There is an option to show preferred names on student timetables.
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Block – Lists</b>	For schools that do not have their First Class database connected to either an SQL Server or MSDE database, there is an option in the selector screen to point to a folder that contains student photos. This will allow you to print those photos.
		There is an option now to use preferred names in block lists instead of first names. For students without preferred names, the first name will still be used.
	<b>Class - Lists</b>	For schools that do not have their First Class database connected to either an SQL Server or MSDE database, there is an option in the selector screen to point to a folder that contains student photos. This will allow you to print those photos.
		There is an option now to use preferred names in class lists instead of first names. For students without preferred names, the first name will still be used.

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	<b>Class – Form Lists</b>	For schools that do not have their First Class database connected to either an SQL Server or MSDE database, there is an option in the selector screen to point to a folder that contains student photos. This will allow you to print those photos.
		There is an option now to use preferred names in form lists instead of first names. For students without preferred names, the first name will still be used.
	<b>Bar Codes – Labels</b>	These have now been set up to print on Avery L7158 label sheets.
<b>Messaging</b>		“Teacher by Extra” has been added to the selection list to whom email or SMS messages can be sent.

### First Class Web

<b>First Class Explorer</b>	<b>Timetable Viewer</b>	Drop-down lists no longer show inactive teachers.
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