Our 4 key priorities are:

- A Higher Level of Student Achievement
- Differentiation
- Teacher Sharing of Best Practice and Mentoring
- Explicit Rules and Routines

Important Meeting for all Parents of Students in Years 5, 6 and 7

Over the next 21 months there are some major changes that will happen around high school that you need to be aware of.

Our current Year 5 students will start High School in 2015. They will be the first cohort of students to finish Primary School at the end of Year 6. They will do Year 7 to Year 12 at High School.

Our current Year 6 students will start high School in 2015. They will be the last cohort of students to finish Primary School at the end of Year 7.

Our current Year 7 students will start High School in 2014.

This raises many questions and to give all parents a better understanding of what High School will look like I have invited the Maroochydore SHS Principal, Mr Boyd Jorgensen, to come to our school and speak with you about what high school will look like for your child. He will also answer your questions about the planning that Maroochydore SHS is doing around these major schooling changes.

I extend a personal invitation to all parents of students in Years 5, 6 and 7 to attend a meeting on Wednesday May 1 at 6pm in our School Hall. Please mark this date in your calendar – it is important that you know what your child’s Year 7 to Year 12 schooling will look like.
Term 2 Staffing

At the end of this term we officially farewell three long serving educators - Mr Gary Lawrence, Ms Niccolli Sutton and Mrs Judy Costigan. In 1974 Mr Lawrence started his education career at Gympie West SS, before being transferred to Edward River SS, Pormpuraaw SS and Bamaga SS over the next four years. In 1977 Mr Lawrence was transferred to Maroochydore SS and since then he has been a wonderful and supportive influence on a huge number of students and families that have attended our school. Mr Lawrence was also actively involved in school sport and his enthusiasm for children participating has been a driver for our school being involved in sport at both a school and district level. Mr Lawrence was also very keen to introduce basic woodworking skills to his students which was all a part of his strategy to not only motivate students but to provide some useful basic life skills.

Ms Sutton returned to our school in 2005 and she also has become an important part of our school as she has been teaching Yr 6 on a weekly basis as well as being a replacement teacher for when staff have been ill or on professional development. Ms Sutton has wonderful artistic skills and she has engaged students in a great variety of artistic genres and extended their skills and capabilities in this area.

Mrs Judy Costigan has only been at Maroochydore State School for this year in one of the Prep classes. A few years ago Judy was awarded a Science Prize for her contribution to science teaching and she has created an amazing range of computer resources and opportunities for staff and students to learn more about using computers in the classroom.

Mrs Irene Mau (our Office finance officer) will also take leave until the 1st of September and we wish her a wonderful time on her long service leave.

Mrs Julie Weir (Learning Support) continues her long service leave until June 21.

Ms Sonja Bassett will commence maternity leave in Term 2 and she will be replaced by Mrs Sylvia Edgley. Mrs Edgley is also very familiar with our school over a number of years as a regular staff replacement teacher. We all wish Ms Bassett continuing good health and to have plenty of sleep! Welcome Mrs Edgley.

We welcome back Mrs Robyn Mitchell to the Office and extend a huge thank you to Mrs Cath Coleman for her enthusiasm and welcoming smile in our Office for all parents, students, volunteers and staff.

School Watch - contact number for unusual activity on our school site during the Easter Holiday break. 13 17 88
Softball – District Team

Congratulations and well done to the following Maroochydore SS students who are excelling on the sporting field. Tegan, Samantha, Hayley, Danae and Abbey made the Coastal Districts Softball Team.
This week they have played a number of games across two days at the Regional trails and I hope they enjoyed the experience of competing against other students from across the Sunshine Coast.

School Cross Country
On Monday we are hosting our school cross country.
This year we are running social and fun runs for our Prep to Year 3 classes on the school oval.
We plan to start with the Prep classes first up and then through the classes to the Year 3 class and then we shall start on the age group races for the older students.
Students in the 10, 11, 12 and 13 years ages have a cross country run that can see selection in a school team to compete at the District Trials in May.

Easter Parade all parents are invited to the Easter Bonnet Parade for the Prep to Year 3 class on Thursday March 28 in the School Hall.
The students shall begin moving to the Hall at 8:35am for an 8:45am start.

Last year saw a wonderful variety of bonnet designs and again this year a template will be sent home that can be used if you need it or you can design your own!

Fresh Fruit Break all students are being encouraged to bring some fresh fruit into their classroom during the first morning session. This is being eaten in a non-fuss way during their learning and research supports this as being a way to replenish student energy stocks.

Shave for a Cure – Wacky Hair Day

A big thank you to all students and parents who participated in this fundraising day. The morning was filled with excitement and the rest of the day seemed to be about working hard to maintain the hairstyle and look!
All of the proceeds are going directly to the Shave for a Cure foundation.

A special mention to Connor B in Year 4/5s who raised over $283 and had his head shaved by a family friend. This is magnificent gesture by Connor in helping scientists hopefully finding!

Parade Performance - Tasha and David
Many thanks to Tasha and David who performed on Monday’s Parade. They performed the Cup Song and had everyone spellbound as they moved the cups, clapped and sang in what appeared to be an effortless rhythm.
Fantastic Tasha and David and thank you to our Music Teacher Mrs Emerson who helped with extra practice.

P and C INFORMATION

Our AGM was held on 13th March and I would like to thank the following for continuing as:
- Vice President - Denise Aebersold
- Treasurer - Ben McIntosh
- Assistant Treasurer - Jane Smith
- Uniform shop convenor - Kelly Partridge
- Secretary - unfilled and looking for a volunteer

President’s Report for AGM 2013

We have raised funds via:

- A successful uniform shop and tuckshop
- Running 3 Bunnings' BBQs in June and October 2012 and March 2013 with profits totalling $4928.
- Sports day catering in July 2012
- Profits from the out of hours school care program reduced significantly around August 2012 and the P and C no longer gets this income.

We have spent money on:

- the Mathletics licence for the school in 2013
- four new soccer goal posts $8000
- aluminium seats for courtyard redevelopment around $1400
- refurbishment of the ball courts at a cost of $18000
- payment of obligatory and necessary insurance and memberships and the accountants fees
- Subsidising the cost of Life Education in September 2012 for every child whom participated to the tune of $2/student

Functions and services run by the P and C have included:

- Uniform shop with streamlined ordering system for new uniforms and very affordable non-profit on selling of good quality second hand uniforms
- Our very successful 3 day per week tuckshop (which is open more days per week than most schools our size usually manage)
- Catering on Sports day in July 2012 for students and their families via bbq and tuckshop
- BBQ prior to the disco in November with P and C donating sausages/bread and sauce so student council could raise monies.
- Secured services of a more affordable company for annual school photos

Stacey Wirth President for 2012/2013.