School Priorities 2013

Our 4 key priorities are:

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

Anzac Day – again this year we shall be participating in the Maroochydore RSL Anzac Day March.

Last year a large number of students and parents proudly joined me outside the RSL in Memorial Ave on Anzac Day (April 25) and marched to Cotton Tree for the Service.

If you are wishing to participate, please arrive in your School Uniform between 8:10am and 8:20am in front of the RSL Club in Memorial Avenue. The March Off begins at 8:30 sharp.

Anzac Day Free Dress Day – Wednesday

The school leaders will be holding a free dress day tomorrow, Wednesday April 24. All students are asked to donate a gold coin which will be forwarded to the Maroochydore RSL Anzac Day Appeal. The school leaders are encouraging everyone to come in an ‘Aussie’ theme. Dressing in red, white, blue or with an Australian design!

LOTE – Student Success

Huge congratulations to Jezreel Torres in 5/6P who won an iPod Shuffle for her work with a LOTE online programme. Jezreel attained the highest score for her work and was surprised on Parade when asked to open a parcel that had been forwarded to the school. Thank you to Mrs Vale for continuing to encourage our students to enter these competitions.

Tuckshop – First Break Changes

Following consultation with the P&C and Tuckshop Co-ordinator please note the change for first break and accessing non frozen food.
As you know we have flipped first break - the students play first then eat for the last 15 minutes of first break. As a school we would like your feedback on your reflection of this initiative. I would appreciate your time in letting us know either by contacting the Office or the casual playground conversation before or after school.

This term students will return to the Undercovered area, or the Mango Tree area for their first break eating. This is a time to eat the home prepared lunches or the Tuckshop ordered, via the bag system, and prepared food. During this 15 minute eating time students will also be able to go to the Tuckshop to get over the counter, non-frozen, purchased food. Students will be able to purchase muffins, cookies, custard, chips and drinks.

ANZAC Free Dress Day

Wednesday 24th April

The Theme will be Red, White or Blue or dress "Aussie"

Student Council will hold a Free Dress Day for a GOLD COIN Donation

All funds raised will go to the Maroochydore RSL ANZAC Day appeal

Remember our Diggers

Brimmed Hats and Closed in Shoes still apply.

25th April

On ANZAC day all students are invited to march from the Maroochydore RSL to Cotton Tree. Please come in full school uniform!!!
An important reminder follows

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.

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 extended 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.

Have you returned your form as yet? Please do so urgently.

A joint focus with Maroochydore SHS and Maroochydore SS

Every Minute Counts try to ensure your child arrives on time every day. Every Day Counts it is imperative that students are here at school, engaged in learning, as much as possible; that way, they have a chance of reaching their potential.

This term we are targeting student attendance in two ways and we are asking all parents for your support.

1) To eliminate those late starts to the day by every student being ready for their learning to commence at 8:30 every day! Every teacher is ready for the days teaching and learning activities to commence at this time. New concepts, instructions, check ins and routine information could be missed by late arrivals.

2) To reduce all unexplained absences in every classroom to Nil. The easy practice is - If your child is sick - please contact the School Office on 5475 1555 and advise of their absence for the day or days. A one minute procedure! Or send a note in explaining your child’s absence on their return to school.

Woolworth’s School Promotion We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

You can help the school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.
We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school and place in one of three collections displays - one in the ECDP, one in Prep and one in the School Office. The more we collect, the more we can redeem!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge this is a state wide initiative for students from Prep to Year 7. Students will need to read a set number of books from April 15 to September 16. A certificate will be issued from the Premier for students that attain this reading goal. If you would like your child to participate please contact your child’s teacher for an information sheet.

Year 6 and Year 7 parents - Sunshine Coast School Sport Board is hosting the Qld 12 years Australian Football State Championships at the Fisherman’s Rd complex on June 8 - 12.

We are currently seeking host families to assist with the billeting of the players.

Are you able to help out or would like to know more information? Please contact me at School or via the School Office on 5475 1555.

Maroochydore Library News

Upcoming event, Year 5, 6 & 7 students come along to Tools for Schools - Online resources to aid with homework. We'll show you all the online resources Sunshine Coast Libraries have that can help you out with even the toughest assignments.

Wed 24th April 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Maroochydore Library
Free - bookings essential.
Check out the website to book: http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/index.cfm

New Series

Challenge yourself with starting a new fiction series this term. Below is the first book in a few popular junior series.

Curse of the Arctic Star by Carolyn Keene.
Nancy Drew Diaries #1
Welcome everyone! Well the autumn weather is trying very hard to get into its rhythm but summer is still hanging on and giving us these wonderful warm days. But I am sure the cooler nights are just around the corner. It’s a wonderful time of year!

**BITE TOGETHER**

Here’s a run-down on what is available at the tuckshop and when. It’s just a few parents have queried when some items are available and I thought you would like to know too.

**WHAT MUST BE ORDERED ON A PAPER BAG**

ALL hot food, sandwiches, wraps, toasted sandwiches, salads tubs as well as boiled eggs have to be ordered through the bag system. These are available to be ordered for both 1st and 2nd break.

**AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER – BOTH BREAKS**

Fruit, choc chip biscuits, muffins, popcorn, jelly cups, jelly & custard cups, custard cups, yogurt cups, plain milk, flavoured milk, fruit juice, crazy lemon, LOL, and bottled water, chips and hot chocolate.

**2ND BREAK ONLY**

ICE BLOCKS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO BE ORDERED OR BOUGHT OVER THE COUNTER AT 2ND BREAK.

**APPLE SLINKIES ARE FREE!!**  If your child brings their apple to the tuckshop they can get their apple ‘slinkied’ for free. If they don’t have an apple they can buy one for $1 and get it slinkied for free.

When ordering please use separate bags for each break – that is, one bag for first break and another separate bag for second break. It is great to see everyone is printing clearly their child’s name, class, when it is for (1st or 2nd break) and their order.
START YOUR DAY WITH BREAKFAST

Breakfast is brain food, but it can be a challenge to feed the kids healthfully and get out the door in time for school. This simple on-the-go breakfast will give your kids the energy to get through the morning -- without sucking up your time, too.

This is a quick way to add sweetness and crunch to plain yogurt. You will get the nutritious benefits of yogurt without the excess sugar so often found in flavoured yogurts.

DRESSED-UP YOGURT

What you need:
- 7 oz container plain yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. raspberry jam – or your favourite
- 1 tsp. honey
- 2 Tbsp. toasted almonds – roughly chopped

Combine all ingredients in the yogurt container.

GRAB A SPOON AND GO!!

If your child’s order needs change, we will staple the change in the bottom corner of the paper bag and mark it with a smiley face. This is done so your child will notice it and not throw the bag away with the money still in it. (Oh, this does happen.)

You can also place a specified amount of money to be spent by your child in the bag, (with child’s name, class, break and $amount enclosed) drop it into tuckshop or classroom bag and your child will get the bag back at the allocated break and he/she can purchase what they want for that $amount. Please state it is ‘SPENDING MONEY’ on their bag so we know.

This not only eliminates the loss of money by your child during playtime but it also helps you as a parent know what your child is purchasing. This system ideally suits the younger grades. Please advise your child if you are doing this system so they know to bring the bag up to the tuckshop.

Paper bags are available at tuckshop for 5c – or you can purchase your own at the local supermarkets so you can fill in your child’s order before school.

And I have to send big thank you to those of you who take the time to draw a smiley face, a picture or a nice note of thanks. Thank you all for making an effort in giving correct change, printing in large clear writing and most importantly, always having a smile. This is so appreciated – it always puts a smile on our faces and brightens up our busy day. Thanx guys.

BITING NEWS

Due to circumstances beyond our control SLUSHIES are no longer available.

So if you could, grab your tuckshop menu and cross off Slushie so you (your child) will not be disappointed.

GREAT BITES

A BIG THANK YOU to the wonderful families who have generously donated goods to the tuckshop last term. Your donations are greatly appreciated as they help in keeping our tuckshop running more resourcefully and successfully. Your generosity is amazing – from a can of beetroot, or condensed milk to bags of groceries – just fantastic – thank you so much guys!! Your thoughtfulness is deeply valued and I thank you for your kindness. (plastic teaspoons would be greatly appreciated at the moment- that would be wonderful – hint...hint).

I would also like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to my small band of volunteers, who week after week, offer their time, in their busy schedules, to help make the tuckshop operate so efficiently and effectively. Those extra pair of hands always makes the work go faster and more enjoyable. THANKS GUYS!!

DON’T FORGET ICE BLOCKS ONLY AVAILABLE AT 2ND BREAK!

Well it has been great chatting with you. Don’t forget to say hi! Until next time...

Cheers

Maryann

MSS Tuckshop Convenor