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
Student Success at School – Every Day Counts
We have high expectations around student attendance and arriving on time for learning.

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.

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
• won’t get out of bed in the morning
• won’t go to bed at night
• can’t find their uniform, books, school bag ...
• slow to eat breakfast
• haven’t done their homework
• watching TV
• have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
• it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
• have a set time to go to bed
• have a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

District Cross Country
Congratulations to our 15 runners who ran in the District Cross Country at Currumundi on Tuesday. In what proved to be a challenging course across ovals, along bush tracks and onto a beach section our runners impressed. Special mention to Abbey H who has now been selected to run in the Regional Trial at Buderim.

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!

P and C INFORMATION

Congratulations to Matt Hawkins, our volunteer draw winner. We hope you enjoy your therapeutic massage courtesy of Randall Fitness.

Events we are contributing to in Term 2 include:

Chaplains Mother's day morning tea May 13th
Children's clothing Swap on June 1st
Sports Day catering last week of term
School Disco catering June 20th

Next Meeting In the library conference room
7pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday May 8th

Till next newsletter
Stacey Wirth (president)
National Day of Thanksgiving Celebration

At Kings Beach Amphitheatre

Saturday 25th of May
3.00pm-9.00pm

With Special Guests: David Willerdorf and band, Aaron Parry, Andy Sorenson, Go Frills and other local artists

An afternoon of fun and celebration and thankfulness

A great time for the whole family.

Free Event

Maroochydore State Primary School P&C proudly hosts the...

Saturday, June 1st 2013
2 to 4 p.m.

Children's Clothing Swap

$10 entry

Swap item for item

Maroochydore State Primary School Hall
Entrance off School Road (eastern end)

For more information, please phone the school on 5455 1555.

Any items left at the end will be donated to local charities.