Welcome to Term 4
Over the last 9 days the students have settled in well for the final term of the 2013 school year. This term is always a busy one with a number of extra activities on. These include swimming and surf awareness an important part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. These lessons commence in Week 5 and if your child hasn’t given you the permission forms and information as yet please contact the Office.

On Parade new Student Council members were added to the School Leadership group. Congratulations to Ahlimee W, Karl W, Marlon C, Gabby C, Abbey H, Liam W and William N.

Congratulations – Abbey H
On Tuesday Abbey competed in the State Athletics carnival in Brisbane in the 800m event. Abbey narrowly missed the final and placed 14th overall. A wonderful effort Abbey to progress so far and congratulations on your results to get so far and we’ve all enjoyed hearing of your efforts.

A Pleasant Surprise!
This morning a volunteer commented positively to me on the manners our students displayed at the recent Father’s Day breakfast. What a great start to the day and isn’t it nice to hear complimentary remarks made around our school and what is happening here?

MONDAY OCTOBER 21
A reminder to all parents/care givers that Monday is a Pupil Free Day

Uniform Shop
Our P&C requires a new Uniform Convenor – are you able to help out our school and make a valuable contribution to our school community?
Volunteer Workshop:

Developing Children’s Speaking and Listening Skills

Don’t miss out!

Volunteers interested in working with children in Prep, Grade 1 or 2 are invited to attend a very exciting workshop presented by the school’s Speech Language Pathologist, Kristen Kennedy. Come and learn about:

- Children’s Speech and Language development (what skills are expected to develop from 3 to 6 years old)
- Language in the classroom – what kinds of questions teachers ask a child
- Strategies to improve speaking and listening skills helping children become better readers, spellers and writers
- How to promote children’s language through books, games, conversation and following directions activities

**Date:** Thursday 24th October and Thursday 7th November  
**Time:** 8.30 - 10.30am  
**Place:** Conference Room, Maroochydore State School  
**RSVP to the office by:** Tuesday 22nd October

*Please note child minding will not be provided*

Completion of this workshop will enable you to volunteer as a tutor for the **Support A Talker** program. **Support A Talker** is a school based oral language program for lower primary students. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider volunteering (even for 1 hour a week!). **Support A Talker** is a fun way to meet other volunteers and support and contribute to the school.
School Positive Behaviour

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

P and C INFORMATION

Welcome back for Term 4
Thanks to everyone whom supported the pie drive.
We made a profit of $340.

It does not look like we will be lucky enough to get a Bunnings BBQ this term, so we are going to run a Christmas raffle.

To make this successful, we are asking for each family to bring to the office one item for inclusion in a Christmas hamper. This can be any non-perishable item you think suitable.

Tickets will come home towards the end of November and it will be drawn on the last Monday of term.

Next Meeting In the library conference room
7pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 13th November

Till next newsletter
Stacey Wirth (president)

Getting ready for Prep!!

Important dates:
Monday, 28th October – Prep parent information session
Thursday, 11th November – Prep parent interviews
Tuesday, 26th November – Prep orientation morning

MAROOCHYDORE STATE SCHOOL
Our Prep Class is beginning to fill and our first Parent information Session is on October 28 at 1:30pm. Do you know someone who hasn’t enrolled their Prep age child? Please get them to pop into the Office or ring 5475 1555

Helping Hands Maroochydore Extended Learning Activity

SUPERHERO
SELF DEFENCE

Learn how to be safe and confident!

Important messages about being safe and confident through fun activities! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all the children at Maroochydore.

Over a 5 week program, children will be guided by our professional self defence experts to know how to react in a difficult situation.

The aim of the program is to introduce life changing and lifesaving self-defence and safety strategies to children in a fun, friendly and challenging environment. This program will help build your child’s self-esteem and confidence.

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Maroochydore on 0427 080 638 or email maroochydore@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands Maroochydore service.