Message from the Principal
Welcome back to another new term. I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring holidays. This year is really flying past and it won’t seem long, I’m sure, before we’re readying ourselves for the Summer break.
Term 4 is set to get off to a busy start. The Life Education van visits this week, swimming starts next week and hopefully we’ll be holding 3-Way reporting interviews in the third week. We have a discipline audit in the fourth week and then we’ll be gearing up for school camp which occurs in Week 7.
Details of these events and others follow in this newsletter. Here’s to a great final term!
Regards,
Robert Lawton, Principal

P&C News
Our next full P&C meeting is on Monday, October 13th at 3.15pm. As part of this meeting we will be reviewing the Car and Bike Show and beginning to plan for the 2015 event. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour - Focus Expectations
This week’s focus expectation is:
Maximising respect for other students through appropriate choice of language and conversation.
In a school such as ours, younger students are in frequent contact with older students and, as role models, our older students have a responsibility to behave and talk appropriately. In short, the expectation for all students is to avoid language and discussion that they wouldn’t wish to share with their teacher or their parents.

MAXIMISING......
RESPECT
EFFORT
SAFETY
SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

Student Of The Week Awards
Congratulations to Mitchell Hartley and William Burns who received Student of the Week Awards for the last week of Term 3. Mitchell was selected by Mrs Moore for his respect and effort in class. William was chosen by Mr Lawton for always listening well and trying hard.

TERM 4 DIARY DATES
Wednesday first break (every week) Tuckshop
Friday, October 10th - Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) visiting school
Monday afternoons (every week) - Library borrowing for all students
Monday, 2.45pm (every week) - Parade (visitors welcome)
Tuesday, October 14th - Afternoon swimming lessons start for all students (until the end of term)
Friday, October 17th - Soccer Carnival at Gin Gin State School for Years 4 to 7
Monday, October 20th - Student Free Day, School Closed
Tuesday, October 21st to Friday, October 24th - 3-Way Meetings (Parent, Student, Teacher)
Tuesday, October 28th - School Discipline Audit
Wednesday 19th Nov to Friday 21st Nov - School Camp at Mon Repos
Monday, 24th November - Mobile Education Trailer visit for Year 4-7 presentation on University Life
Tuesday, 25th November - Red Cross visit for Emergency Response presentations to all students
Thursday, 4th December - Gin Gin High School Transition Day for Years 6 and 7
Monday, 8th December - School Concert and Year 6/7 Graduation, 6.30pm
Friday, December 12th - Reports Issued—TERM ENDS

Behaviour Rewards
Great news! Allowing for time away, all Maroondan students attained the ultimate Mammoth Maximiser Award in Term 3 and were able to attend our rewards day at the cinema on the last Thursday. Well done!
Our final batch of ‘Mammoths’ are shown below, receiving their awards at this week’s parade. They are Kye Butcher, William, Chain, Tahlia, Tory, Kye Brown, Joshua Mueller, Thomas Lester, Kyle and Lara.
Discipline Audit - October 28th

On Tuesday, 28th October our school will have its first Discipline Audit and it is possible that the auditor may contact some parents with questions concerning our management of behaviour at Maroondan. To inform you of the purpose of the audit I have included some notes below.

A Discipline Audit is a process where an independent, experienced school principal (Discipline Auditor) visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school wide behaviour programs, practices and procedures. In 2013, the Queensland Government introduced Great Teachers = Great Results and a Statement of Expectations for a disciplined school environment. This led to the development of the Discipline Audit Instrument. The Statement of Expectations and the Discipline Audit Instrument are evidence based and grounded in research.

Education Queensland believes that clear and consistent school discipline is an essential component of a high performing education system. The audit provides school leaders with an opportunity to engage in conversation about the strength of the school in building discipline, and where there are opportunities for improvement.

During a Discipline Audit, the school is audited against the core elements outlined in the Discipline Audit Instrument. This coupled with a reporting, feedback and monitoring process, will contribute to the further development of a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment in our school.

Three-Way Reporting Interviews, Week 3

It is anticipated that we will be holding our next round of interviews in the third week of this term - Oct 21st to Oct 24th. All parents are urged to attend. The 3-Way reporting process is extremely valuable in that it enables student, parent and teacher to celebrate in student successes as well as setting targets for the coming weeks. Parents should recognise that these interviews require both the student and parent(s) to be present.

Watch out for a letter with further details during the next few days and send it back quickly to secure your preferred interview time.

SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS
START TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NEXT WEEK, OCT 14th

FOR ALL STUDENTS
COST: $1 EACH WEEK TO COVER POOL ADMISSION
A BUS WILL TAKE STUDENTS TO GIN GIN POOL
STUDENTS SHOULD BE COLLECTED BY PARENTS FROM THE POOL AT 3:00pm
PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PERMISSION FOR AND RETURN PRIOR TO NEXT TUESDAY - THANK YOU

Life Education Visit - Friday, October 10th

Yes, it’s true! Healthy Harold and the Life Education Caravan will be visiting Maroondan this Friday and each of our classes will be visiting the caravan during the morning for health lessons.

A letter for parents with further information is attached, along with an order form should you wish to purchase any Healthy Harold products.

SCHOOL CAMP
WEDS NOV 19 TO FRIDAY NOV 21
AT MON REPOS

All students, Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to attend.

Letter with details will be sent home next week

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th
AT GIN GIN SS

For all Year 4—7 students.
School will provide transport from Maroondan.
Letter with details will be sent home next week

Reading Comprehension Focus

Our reading comprehension focus during the first couple of weeks of Term 4 will be:

Prediction is fundamental to comprehension. Good readers anticipate meaning. They do this by predicting what they think is going to happen and revising their predictions as they read. A sheet is attached to this newsletter with more information. Thank you to those of you who continue to support your children through encouraging them to use these reading strategies in home reading activities.

STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IS A STUDENT FREE DAY. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO STUDENTS

TuckShop Restarts
NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCT15th