Principal’s Report

As students and staff are engaging in the learning programs in earnest, I publish the school’s Improvement Agenda, key focus areas and targets set. In the early weeks of 2013, students have settled into their timetables, some have changed some subjects, but it is now vitally important that all students are fully engaged in the learning. Last week all students received their Assessment Planners, outlining the Semester 1 plan for all assessment and due dates. Parents should discuss the planning of their student’s Semester planning.

Congratulations to Anastasia Marters-Henry who represented our school at Lions Youth of the Year judging. Anastasia will now proceed to the Zone Final held in Mackay in March.

Six of our current Year 12 students travelled to JCU in Townsville to attend yLead. Senior students from schools across north Queensland gathered to learn how they may extend their abilities to be the best they can be in their final year. They also were able to discuss some key challenges they plan to pursue at school, while focussing on their studies. Hannah Bratkovic said “The yLead conference was excellent and she was disappointed it was not for longer time. It really got me prepared for my final year and to act as a better leader in our school.”

ICAS Competition Nominations are being sought from Year 8-12 students wishing to test their high level skills in Science, English and/or Maths during Term 2&3. Nominations are this year subsidised by the school keeping costs to $4 per test. 2013 Year 8 Scholarship winners may nominate for all 3 tests as their nomination fee is paid as part of their Scholarship. I encourage ALL high achievers to “have a go” to test your abilities against other high performers in the State. Forms are at the office.

The take-up of the laptops in our 1:1 eLearning program is currently at over 77% for Year 12 and approx. 65% in each of Year 9, 10 and 11. The enrolment in this program is very pleasing to date and those who pay their $200 from now on will receive their training and the laptop generally within the week, as most of the backlog is now removed. Thank you to Rob, James, Christine, Jan and Marg, who have contributed many hours to getting laptops setup and ready for students.

Mr Steve Poulger
Principal
An update of what is happening in the Admin office…

Welcome to 2013 from all in the office. I have high hopes of putting an item in the newsletter every so often to let you know what is happening and/or coming up soon.

Thank you for your patience when you have come into the office recently. We have been over run with students paying for the 1:1 eLearn Program which is marvellous. Invoicing of the Student Resource Scheme and specific subjects is just about up to date and statements will be produced and sent home in the next week.

A couple of reminders in paying your fees:

- Are you aware that your Family Allowance Benefit from Centrelink can be used to make payments to your student’s account directly to the school? The Centrepay forms are available from the school office.
- If you Direct Debit any funds to the school bank account (Internet Banking), please ensure you have your student’s name as reference on the deposit. With 993 students in the school we do have some duplicate names so the more information you provide the better!
- Copies of bank deposits can be forwarded directly via email: admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au
- The laptop 1:1 eLearn program is NOT automatically set up as school fees so the office must be made aware if this is what you are paying.
- All 2012 accounts must be fully paid before the 1:1 eLearn program is available (Students Yr9 – Yr12).
- Credit Card payments may be made over the phone – 4957 9179.
- The cut off date for discount payment of your Student Resource Scheme is 15 April 2013.

If the past 5 weeks are anything to judge by, this year is flying …

All the best.

Marg Brown

Vaccination Reminder

Year 8 & Year 10 Vaccination forms need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 5th March. Vaccinations will be administered on Tuesday 12th March.
OFFICE HOURS    Monday - Friday    8.00am - 3.45 pm
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS    Monday, Wednesday & Friday    8.00 am - 10.00 am

Andrea Dearden
Vocational Education
Training

School Based Apprenticeships
Traineeships Available

- City Beach at Canelands Shopping Centre has a school based traineeship available Certificate II in Retail. This traineeship is available for students in years 10 and 11.
- Australia Post is offering a school based traineeship to indigenous students in year 11.
- The MRAEL Group has two school based apprenticeships available in the hospitality industry as a Chef.
- MIGAS has a school based traineeship Certificate II Engineering Production available at Coates Hire.

If you are interested in applying for these positions or would like more information see Mrs Dearden in P09 or call 4957 9152.

My name is Kevin Blakey, I have been appointed to Mackay State High School as Geography, Maths & VWK Teacher. I have previously taught at Marist College in Emerald and St Patrick’s College Mackay. I have lived in Mackay for the past 7 years. My passions are Rugby League, Golf, Fishing, Camping and snoozing when my kids are not running me rampant.

I am glad to be working at Mackay High in 2013. Mackay High has a lot of traditions and holds very high values and expectations for students. Administration, Heads of Departments, Teachers, Teacher Aids and Office staff are all great people to work with and have made me feel very welcome. I am looking forward to the challenges of 2013 at this well established school.

Hi my name is Rosa Masserano born and bred in Mackay and completed all my schooling in Mackay, I am a past student of Mackay State High School I was also a Prefect and Sports Captain here. I studied at UCQ Rockhampton, St Lucia Brisbane and USQ Toowoomba. I have taught previously at North Mackay High, Pioneer High and this is my 3rd time at Mackay State High. My specialty is in Maths and Science.

I have been a Soroptimist member since 1976 and currently I am supporting Zonta in International Women’s Day and escorting 8 students from Mackay State High along with Year 12 coordinator Liz Atkins. I hope to enhance the learning of students at Mackay High.

UPCOMING EVENTS

05—08 March  Year 8 Camp
08 March  Year 12 Mocktail
12 March  Year 8 & 10 Needles
Camp Reminders

You must be at school (bus turn-around area) no later than 5:30am Tuesday 5th March.

Make sure you bring your own plate, bowl, cutlery, cup and tea-towel.

Medications must be in a zip-lock bag labelled with the student’s name, type of medication and dosage – hand to Mrs Place before boarding the bus.

Ensure you have sun-safe clothing, broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen.

Bring along a packed Morning Tea for the bus ride Tuesday morning.

Don’t forget your pillow and sleeping bag etc!

Bus arrives back to school on Friday 8th March at 2:30pm (approx.)

Be on your best behaviour – any misbehaviour will see you sent back to school (parents will be phoned to collect their child).

No e-devices (IPods, Phones etc) are allowed – if you bring one along you must sign it in with Mr Skinner or Mrs Place before boarding the bus.

Smile and have fun!!

For students who are NOT ATTENDING camp, you are expected to be at school each day. Make sure you bring along pen and paper.

Mrs Place

Year 8 Coordinator

P & C News

Recently our P & C held it’s 1st meeting for the year, the new committee was voted in with 1 position left to fill. The new committee member are:

- President - Position Vacant
- Vice President - Paul Vella
- Secretary/Minutes - Lea Arnold
- Secretary/Correspondence - Wendy Baynton
- Treasurer - Allison Blines
- Assist. Treasurer - Arthur Dick

HELP NEEDED

The Tuckshop urgently requires HELP, we are desperately short staffed, if you can spare a couple of hours a day or a week, even once a month we would be very grateful. The Tuckshop cannot operate unless we have people that can help us prepare food for our students at Mackay State High School.

Lions Youth of the Year

On Monday 18th February Anastasia Marsters-Henry was in the Lions Youth of the Year competition. This is a very prestigious public speaking competition that has been running since the early 1970’s.

Many important people have competed in this competition including Mr Kevin Rudd, Mr Peter Beatty and Mr Steve Paulger.

Anastasia spoke about the importance of her culture from the Cook Islands. She impressed the judges with the sincerity of her feelings for her home and her people. She along with other Year 12 students from other high school in Mackay will compete in the zone finals on Sunday 3rd March at North Mackay State High School at 2pm. All Welcome

Mrs Ann Wall
Parents and Students are invited to attend:
Mackay State High School
Senior Schooling Forum
Monday 11 March 2013

6:00pm to 6:50pm – Year 10

VET Options in Industrial Technology and Design
Anthony Puddicombe (Head of Department ITD)
Sylvia Warren (MEC)

Work Experience + School-Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships + TAFE/SET Plans
Sharon Barnard (HOD Senior Schooling)
+ Andrea Dearden (VET Coordinator)

QCE/QCS
Sharon Barnard / Lindsay Haines / Steve Paulger (Principal)

CQ University
Laura Rowley (Widening Participation Officer)

Senior Subject Expectations
Tracy Camilleri (Eng/SOSE)
+ Maths/Science Representative

7:00pm to 7:50pm – Year 11/12

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A career in Accounting
Speaker from Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia

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All parents of our Junior School students are invited to attend an information evening to be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6pm in our school auditorium.

This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers of your child’s core subjects (ENGLISH/BOSE/ MATHS/SCIENCE) who will be presenting information designed to help you support your child in achieving the best possible results in a high school context.

Topics included in this presentation:
- High School – A Whole New World!
- Time Management and the MSHS Assignment Policy
- Secret Weapons for Success in the Classroom
- Unpacking Assessment task and Criteria sheets
- Assessment Preparation and the drafting process

Student Services Team at MSHS are delighted to announce that Headspace Mackay is now OPEN and accepting referral.

Where are they….

Headspace is located at 36 Wood Street, Mackay (in the laneway between Westpac and Webbers Retravision)
Open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm.
Telephone (07)48982200 and fax (07)48982299

What they Do….

At Headspace Mackay they work closely with young people to get them the services they need to get their lives back on track.

The services provided are offered by a range of professionals including Psychologists, Social Workers, Youth Workers, Drug and Alcohol counsellors, Indigenous Social and Emotional Well Being workers and educational and employment specialists.

All services are free or low cost to the young person and their family with a Medicare card.

A student may refer for themselves or the Student Services Team, Guidance Officer, Chaplain or School Nurse can assist you with a referral. You can get online support at www.headspace.org.au
4: Many boys hide behind a mask
Some boys, eight years of age and older, wear a mask to protect themselves from being hurt or to portray a tough guy image. This mask can take many guises including; ‘tough nut’, ‘cool guy’ and ‘class clown’. They will attempt to communicate with that mask. Refuse to communicate with a mask. Make them feel comfortable, joke with them, even tickle them but get them to drop the mask if you really want to get through to them.

5: Loyalty is an incredibly strong driver for boys.
Understand that a boy’s loyalty to friends, family, teachers and cause are key male drivers and you go along way to understanding the male psyche. They are incredibly influenced by their peers, which can hold many of them back. It takes a brave boy to get too far ahead of the pack so they often hold each other back when it comes to achieving. Loyalty to others can get boys into trouble. Call a boy’s sister an insulting name and you are in for a fight. Insult his friends and you are asking for trouble.

6: Use short-term goals to motivate them.
Want to know how to motivate a boy to learn? Just make sure he can see some type of benefit in the task he will work hard to get it. You need to make sure the benefit is tangible and short-term though for many as they are less likely, compared to girls, to work when there is no foreseeable gain for them.

7: A boy’s brain matures differently than a girl’s brain
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From Michael Grose Presentations Pty Ltd Parenting Ideas

7 must knows about boys

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THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET
FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB

Chaplaincy Spotlight
Chaplain Phillip Hall

Food Donations for Brekky Club
The Breakfast Club is available to all students, recently we had a record of 110 students attend on the 1 day, which is great. For us to offer this great service we need donations. For the month of March we are asking the school community for food items for our popular Breakfast Club.

Families, Staff Rooms, Form Classes and individuals are asked to try and bring along food items such as Jams, Spreads for eg Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Margarine etc to stock up our Pantry.

These can be handed in at Brekky Club, The Office or Student Services in E5.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Location “The Hall” Canteen
Time: 8.00am—8.45am
Menu:
Monday: Toast and spreads
Tuesday: Cooking omelettes, French Toast etc.
Wednesday: Pancakes and syrup
Thursday: Fruit smoothies
Have you changed your details recently?

Parents/Guardians who have changed their address, phone numbers, etc, please fill in form and return to the school office.

Student’s Name:…………………………………………………………………Email:………………………………………………………………………
Address:……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
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Home Phone Number:……………………Mobile Number:……………………Work Number:…………………………….
Emergency Contact Person:……………………Emergency Contact Number:…………………………….
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Medical Information

Has your child’s medical details changed?
Please fill in this section and return to the school office.

Student’s Name:………………………………………………………………………………………………….
Doctor’s Name:………………………………………..Doctor’s Phone Number:…………………………….
Doctor’s Address:………………………………………………………………………………………………….
Medical Condition:……………………………………………………………………………………………...
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Known Allergies:………………………………………………………………………………………………….
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Do you have a Tax File Number?

Secondary school students have the opportunity to obtain a tax file number through the school. Students complete an application, which includes their name, address and date of birth. Once the Taxation Office receives the application form, it will be processed, and the number will be mailed to the student’s postal address.

By applying through the school, original proof of identity documents do not need to be sent to the Taxation Office. You may wish to consider this service if your child does not have a tax file number and is interested in applying for a job in the near future.

For further information please contact the school or phone the Tax Office on 132 861. Students can obtain an application form from the School Office.

Newsletters by email

Our fortnightly Newsletters will be emailed to you personally if you send your email address to the school office requesting to be included in the “silent” mail list for Newsletters. Email to admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au to receive the newsletters. Alternatively, simply logon to our school website and review the collection of Newsletters.
Schools have the authority to ban anything which is illegal, dangerous or is likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school and the education of students.

The use of mobile phones and other electronic equipment by students at school can be disruptive and is not permitted at Mackay State High School. This includes, but not limited to, games devices, PDAs, cameras, video recording devices, mobile phones, iPods and other media players or devices of a similar nature. School eLearning and Tablet laptops are exempt from this policy, but these have their own usage agreement.

Student use of mobile phones and other electronic devices is not permitted at Mackay State High School. The school acknowledges that there are circumstances in which it is necessary for students to have access to such devices before and after school. Any mobile phone brought to school must be turned off and kept away and out of sight at all times. Leaving mobile phones on silent, checking them during breaks, or using them for other functions such as a clock or calculator is not acceptable.

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are brought to school at their owners’ risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device. If students wish to book their phone in and collect at end of day at office, they may do so at the Year Masters Room.

All communications between students and parents, guardians or other outside personnel is to be conducted through the office. Messages, be they information or urgent, will be conveyed to students at the appropriate time, using the new system with phones to all classrooms. Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to contact home must arrange this through the office. Under no circumstances may students use mobile phones to make arrangements to leave the school. During break times, students can access a phone in the school office to contact parents if needed. Permission to make such calls will be at the discretion of school staff.

Students, who choose not to follow this policy, will be dealt with in the following manner. Offences refer to breach of the policy, and are not specific to one type of item.

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<td>The device will be confiscated by the teacher, who will pass it with student name on to the Office at next break to be booked in electronically. Teacher will enter on One School. The student will be able to collect the device from the Office after school.</td>
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<td>The device will be confiscated by the teacher, who will pass it with student name on to the Office at next break to be booked in electronically. The device will be returned to the student via their Year Level Admin and parent/guardian will be contacted.</td>
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| Failure to comply | Any failure to hand over an electronic device when asked will be treated as refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and will be dealt with in the normal manner through the school's behaviour policy. |

When the school becomes aware that any device has been used for cyber-bullying or to capture or distribute images of violence or malice, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the schools anti-bullying and behaviour policies. Students will be required to remove any material deemed to be offensive from any device, website or social network. Failure to comply with such requests will result in serious disciplinary action. Devices believed to contain illegal material or evidence of illegal activity will be confiscated and, where appropriate, provided to Police.
West United Football Club
Mackay
Registration now open for players aged 5 years and above wishing to play in the 2013 Soccer season.

For registration details please contact: westunitedfootball@hotmail.com or 0429 983 201.

Mums & Dads and big brothers and sisters we have Senior teams also looking for players.

Come and be a part of our family friendly club.

Annual General Meeting
Mackay Schools Chaplaincy Committee
Thursday 14 March 2013 7pm
Mackay Baptist Church corner of Brisbane & Shakespeare Streets
Mackay
Enquiries Frank Gilbert 0427 530 774 gilbertfj@westnet.com.au

Western Districts Junior Rugby League
Come Try Day, Under6 to Under10
Wednesday 6th March at West's Leagues Club
4.30pm-6pm

Also due to wet weather, training will be at Mirani High School Oval, please contact coaches for further information.

We are still taking registrations and welcome all players, new & old.
Please contact Tracy 0438 735 698 OR secretary.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com
IF YOU ARE IN YEARS 10-12, ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER, PASSIONATE ABOUT IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLES AND INTERESTED IN A HEALTH CAREER, THEN WE WANT YOU!

MURRA MULLANGARI
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10-15 APRIL 2013 | CANBERRA, A.C.T.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
HEALTH CAREERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ONLY 30 PLACES AVAILABLE!
Applications close 3rd March

www.cida.org.au/murramullangari
For further information or to download an application pack, visit the website above or phone 1600 190 468

Funded by the Australian Government.

ANIMAL FARM
Saturday 27 April 2013, 2pm & 7pm
MECC Auditorium

Four Legs Good, Two Legs Bad

Animal Farm, one of the most controversial and studied political commentaries arrives in a brand new production combining physical theatre and storytelling.

Tickets $22 Student | Teachers receive free entry
Suitable for Grade 8 to Grade 12 audience
Show duration: 75 minutes

60 minute FREE workshop available
10.30am - 11.30am, Lynette Denny Space

Physical Theatre Masterclass Students can participate in a range of Physical Theatre and Storytelling activities led by the Animal Farm actors after the performance. The actors will share the techniques they used during rehearsal and share valuable skills to aid in presenting drama using physicality. Places are limited and workshops are only available after certain performances. Call MECC Box Office 4961 9777 for more details or to book.

Teachers notes available to be sent out to teachers who have made a booking.