On Wednesday prior to ANZAC Day, our students and staff assembled for our special Assembly to recall and honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces, from World War 1 at Gallipoli, and in the many conflicts across our world since, in which our young men and women have been involved. The ceremony was highlighted by readings by several of our students, all focusing on the contributions made by many ordinary people from our lands and the benefits that we are able to enjoy as a result of their efforts. Several of our students who are in Cadets, were participants in our Honour Guard, while the Instrumental Music and choir students performed for the ceremony. This was again a very moving ceremony, organised very capably by Mrs Wall.

On Friday at the Mackay ANZAC Day march well over 100 students from Mackay State High School marched in the community ceremony to the cenotaph at Jubilee Park on ANZAC Day. This was again strong recognition on the importance that students, staff and families place on the special occasion. Our School Captains presented a wreath on behalf of our school community. Thank you to the P&C Association who provided the special wreath for this occasion.

At the end of Term 1, the Leaders for our Junior Secondary Sector were announced and presented with their badges of office on a special Assembly. These young people will play a very important role this year as we prepare for the introduction of a further Year level to Junior Secondary as the Year 7 students become part of all secondary schools in 2015. Our JS Leaders for 2014 are

Mariah Anderson, Kate Brown, Alexandra Cairns, Thomas Dearden, Tahlia Horsnell, Lleyton Jackson, Charlotte Milner, Simone Muirhead, Haard Shah and Shayla Walker.

At this Assembly we also recognised the Junior Secondary Buddies – students in Year 11 & 12 who volunteer and train to be mentors and provide support and guidance for the students in Year 8 & 9 throughout the year.

Our school had a Teaching and Learning Audit as well as a Discipline Audit at the end of Term 1. State schools across Queensland have this process when experienced principals undertake questioning of staff, students, administrative team and parents in the school over two very intensive days. Using the set of Domains with performance criteria in both Audits, the team provides feedback which is used to prepare the School Plan for the next 4 years. I am pleased to report that they reported major developments in our school and have provided some feedback to develop this even further for our students and staff. These reports, as well as the Executive Summaries from the Auditors will be posted onto the School Website in the near future.

Our new Year 7 group for 2015 will be receiving visits in the coming weeks. Mr Brunetto and I will be visiting the schools in our cluster area during Week 4 of Term 2, to provide information, to students and parents on Information Evening, Enrolment Interviews to be held in Week 5 of this term, for students who are currently in Year 6 and intending on joining our great school in 2015. During Term 3, we will undertake our visits to schools to speak to the Year 7 students who will transition into Year 8 for 2015.
**Principals Report**

Parent Teacher Interviews were held during this week with very good attendances from parents especially in the Junior year levels. The Mid Semester reports are based on the work of Term 1 and it is very important that Parents and Carers are informed of how their child may be able to enhance the work and achievement currently awarded. It is especially important for students to be practising good work habits and preparing well for assignments and assessments, supported by their teachers and excellent attendance at school.

At the end of Term 1, our school farewelled Mrs Maria Barker, who has retired from teaching after over 20 years of outstanding service to the students at Mackay State High School. We wish Maria a very relaxing retirement, as she spends more time with her family and we thank her for her contribution to our school to both students and staff.

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**DATE REMINDERS TERM 2 2014**

**MAY**

02 May - 04May. .............................. Camp Eagle
06 May ................................. Year 12 QCS Prep
07 May ............................... Year 11 & 12 Tourism Excursion
07 May ............................... Year 11 Geography Excursion
06 May - 09May .......................... Instrumental Music Camp

12 May - 14 May .... Year 7 2015 Primary Roadshow
13 May - 15May ............................ Naplan Testing
15 May .......................... Year 7 2015 Parent Info Evening
19 May - 30 May ........................... MEC Work Placement

20 May - 22 May .......................... Year 7 2015 Enrolment Int

21 May ................................. Year 8 Immunisations
24 May - 25 May ............................ Relay for Life
26 May - 30 May .......................... Year 11 & 12 Work Exp
26 May ................................. Year 10 English Grin & Tonic
26 May .......................... Drama Workshop Yr 11 & Select Yr 12

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**Mackay State High School**

**Year 7 2015**

Parent Information Evening

**15th May 2014**

A sausage sizzle will be provided from 5:30pm with Info session afterwards

Any queries please phone 49 579 100
Welcome back to Term 2, from everyone in the HPE Department we hope you had a happy and safe Easter break. Term 2 is shaping up to be a very busy term for HPE & Sport at Mackay SHS with Rugby League and Netball back into full swing. Congratulations to all those students who have been successful in being selected for a Mackay State High team.

Congratulations to all Mackay SHS students who have been successful in gaining selection in a Mackay District or Capricornia team for a variety of sports. From all the HPE teachers and Staff at Mackay SHS we wish you all the best for your upcoming State Championships.

The Cross Country was run on Thursday 1st May with a great turn out from all year levels. Well done to all students who placed. Results and Age Champions will be announced in the next newsletter so stay tuned! A big thank you to our excellent Sports Coordinator Miss Rebecca Denney for all her hard work in preparing the day. Thank you also to all the staff who assisted in the running of the carnival.

The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy ‘Footy Doubles’ fundraiser is well under way, with some exciting Rugby League being played throughout the NRL. The results for the first 8 rounds are as follows;

Round 1 - #154286 – HOME 1, AWAY 3 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 2 - # 154890 – HOME 13, AWAY 6
Round 3 - #154880 – HOME 7, AWAY 3
Round 4 - #158091 – HOME 5, AWAY 2 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 5 - #157794 – HOME 5, AWAY 3 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 6 - #158393 – HOME 1, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 7 - #157795 – HOME 9, AWAY 11 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 8 - #158394 – HOME 12, AWAY 13 (Yet to be claimed)

If you are holding onto the winning double, be sure to get in contact with the school office to collect your prize. This Friday we see the Australians take on the Kiwis in the Trans-Tasman Test with the double prize of $300. Good Luck

Mandarin Writing Contest
Lots of prizes to be won!
Year 8s

Mandarin Writing Contest is on again. This year, you get to create your writing paper and fully express your artistic talent! Come to see Ms Liu in C1 and get a head start!

What to write: 5-8 short sentences about you in Chinese characters

How can I get started: ask Ms Liu for some samples
ARTS NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL On Stage full rehearsal schedule released

A final rehearsal schedule has now been published for students involved in HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL On Stage. Our cast and crew need to make sure that they have collected a hardcopy schedule from the L Block noticeboard if they have not already done so.

Glenda Hobdell
Producer – HSM
HOD Arts (A)

CONGRATULATIONS... to Brianna Skinner from Year 8. Brianna has been selected to participate in the Middle School State Honours Ensemble Program on May 9 and 10 at North SHS.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAMP

In preparation for Fanfare in June, our dedicated Instrumental Music teachers, supported by Mrs Nicole de Brueys will be taking 42 students to the Yeppoon PCYC next week for the MSHS Instrumental Music Camp 2014.

Members of the String Ensemble, Stage Band, Brass / Woodwind section will be boarding the buses for a 6:30am departure on Tuesday 6 May, excited for an action packed four day rehearsal schedule.

We wish the group well in their preparations and thank teachers – Nicole, Matt, Kristen and Yvonne – for their ongoing support of our excellent Music Program.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS

If there are any ex-students that were in Concert Band, Stage Band or String Ensemble that have the maroon Performing Arts shirts who would like to donate them to the school, could you please bring them to the office for Nicole de Brueys to collect.

xl:art

The Visual Art Department extension program, xl:art kicked off on Wednesday 30 April. Selected students from Years 10 and 11 were introduced to the art of photographic screenprinting using a professional 4 colour print carousel.

Students and teachers were taken through the design process and each experienced printing first hand after a demonstration by Mrs Hobdell. They were then given a real task. The group’s first design brief is to design and produce an eye-catching, creative and recognisable xl:art logo which can be printed onto T-Shirts, aprons, newsletters and other print materials. Our first extension artists are Amy Brown, Nena Van Zuilen, Ricki-Lee Mills, Kate Regala, Amy Brown, Kane Sager, Mr Aidan Nelson and Mrs Sharon Ruhle.

If any other students (or teachers) are interested in being part of the group, please see art teachers, Mrs Hobdell or Ms Hodby in L5.
Mrs Hobdell’s **Year 11 Visual Art** students have been working on a challenging unit where they took a personally significant object and used it as a starting point for a series of realistic and abstracted responses.

The last activity completed asked the students to draw, copy, cut and rearrange a line drawing of the form before using this as the basis of an abstract watercolour painting. In doing so, students were asked to apply their developing knowledge of visual art and design language.

Many exciting outcomes emerged but those by Dean Fuhlbohm and Josie Sach addressed the task very well and also demonstrated the diversity of the outcomes of this unit are featured.

Great work, Dean and Josie!
Due date for applications is Friday 23 May 2014

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from community members to nominate for the position of chief community representative or community representative at Mackay SHS for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to complete duties on behalf of the QSA.

The role requires the representatives to observe the administration of the QCS test and report to the QSA on the conduct of the administration of the test.

This year the QCS test will be held on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September.

How to apply

Members of the community interested in applying for these positions should contact the school to collect the below listed documents.

Position description — (Chief) community representative
Application — (Chief) community representative
Declaration of undertaking — (Chief) community representative.
Completed applications should be returned to the school by Friday 23 May 2014.
For further questions please talk to Mr Frank Brunetto - Deputy Principal.

STEM CAMP AT QUT

Sunday 28 September - Friday 3 October 2014
QUT’s Vice-Chancellor’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) camp, provides high-achieving Year 11 students with an exciting opportunity to attend an interactive six day camp, and engage in solving some of the major challenges facing our society and planet today. Students will take advantage of QUT’s unique learning environment and have an opportunity to experience ground-breaking research as it happens, inside our world-class research facilities.

To be accepted into this program, regional students must:
• be a current Queensland Year 11 student
• be studying a science (Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental or Biology), Mathematics B or C, Engineering Technology or Computer Science
• be 15 as of Monday 1 September 2014
• obtain parental/guardian permission.

The camp is fully funded by QUT and will include transportation to Brisbane, accommodation, all meals and program materials for all successful regional student applicants.

The online application portal opens Friday 7 March and closes Monday 12 May 2014.

Contact STEM Education
Phone: 3138 5348
Email: stem.schools@qut.edu.au
For more information, application and eligibility requirements for regional students visit:
www.qut.edu.au/stem-for-schools
Over 30 Mackay State High School students are currently employed as school based apprentice or trainees through our well established program. We proudly support our students across a wide range of industries including Business, Hospitality, Hairdressing, Retail, Banking and Trade Industries.

Kelly Liston Year 12 is employed as a school based trainee at Shepherd and Dudley Accountants completing a Cert IV in Accounting.

Ashley Vella Year 12 is employed as a school based apprentice at Sparkycom Pty Ltd completing a Cert III in Electrotechnology.

This successful program is supported by:

- Established partnerships with Mackay Engineering College (MEC), CQ TAFE, Construction Skills Qld (CSQ), The MRAEL Group, Novaskill, STM and Central Queensland University (CQU).
- Structured Work Placement for students in years 10, 11 and 12.
- Flexible timetabling for school based apprentices and trainees to suit the needs of employers and students.
- Assistance with recruitment process for school based apprenticeships and traineeships
- Full time Senior Phase Officer providing support to students, parents and employers.

For information regarding these programs, please contact:

Andrea Dearden  Senior Phase Officer  4957 9152
Sharon Barnard  HOD Senior Schooling  4957 9134
Steve Paulger  School Principal  4957 9179
MSHS Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion

Save the date of 7 June 2014 for the MSHS Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion at the Mackay Grande Suites. We are in contact with 150 students and teachers but there are more of you out there that we've lost contact with.

Please email sjhill@resultslegal.com.au so we can gather email or postal addresses for getting the invitation to you. If your name was different in 1994 or isn't obvious from your email address, please include it in the email.

Look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Who’s in Charge?

The Who’s in Charge? group is an 7 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

The group aims to

• Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
• Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
• Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
• Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
• Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starting: Term 2 Tuesday 6th May
9.30am – 12.00 am or Thursday 8th May
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
Unit 2, 57 Wood St, (9th Lane)
Mackay 4740.

Cost: $5.00

Contact: Karen Ph 4953 2299
Email u-nite@myss.org.au