Principals Report

Assessment Planners for Semester 2 were distributed to all students and I suggest that all students display them in their study area. It is a very positive practice for parents to also take a copy and have available for a reference and reminder to students at times also. The practice of submitting well prepared draft versions prior to the due date, allows students to receive feedback from their teacher and then improve their work and generally their overall rating.

Our Year 8 Information Evening for those entering in 2014, will be held on Tuesday evening commencing with a sausage sizzle provided by our P&C Association at 5.45pm on the apron of the Hall. The formal presentation will commence at 6pm in the Hall and this is followed by the opportunity for parents and their children to visit the curriculum displays to speak with students and staff. Parents will have the chance to book in for an interview between 19-22nd August, on the evening or these can be made at a later time. This week, our Junior Secondary team have been visiting schools and speaking to Year 7 students. As I speak to the school groups, I am announcing the 8 scholarship winners for 2014. It was great to read over and consider the 45 applications received this year, making the decision very difficult. Winners of these $500 bonuses are ...

- **Summa Death-Franetovich**
  - Sports
  - Homebush SS

- **Lauren Owen**
  - Academic
  - Glenella SS

- **Brittany Pattemore**
  - Academic
  - Victoria Park SS

- **Brianna Skinner**
  - Arts/Cultural
  - Victoria Park SS

- **Tamika Brecknell**
  - Academic
  - Victoria Park SS

- **Cody Hilton**
  - Sports

- **Bonnie Green**
  - Arts/Cultural
  - Mackay West SS

- **Emma Watts**
  - Sports

Science Week is being celebrated next week with a number of special activities being conducted at lunch time involving students in a range of experiments and video presentations. Mr Jackson introduced the celebration on assembly and then Ms Anthes-Cole presented several students with ICAS Science Competition Distinctions and Credits to Kate Brown, Praise Chabata, Chereece Jocumsen, Blake Grosskreutz and Tye Routh. This places these students as top performers across Australia in Science.
A message from the office

Are you experiencing difficulty paying your 2013 fees? Have you contacted the office?

Are you aware we accept Centrelink payments paid directly to Mackay State High School on your behalf. Contact the office immediately and we can assist you setting up this service or for more information go online to humanservices.gov.au/online-services.

What’s happening in the office.....

Statement of Fees

• Statements are currently being prepared for students. These will be posted to the parent / guardian who has financial responsibility.

• ALL fees need to be paid. If you wish to purchase a 2013 magazine you must have your school fees cleared.

• Subject selection in 2014 is dependent on having ALL your 2013 fees paid.

• Whenever you Direct Debit any funds to the Mackay SHS bank account please include your STUDENT’s NAME in the reference.

• If you have any questions regarding finances, please either drop in, phone 4957 9179 or email admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au.

• Please be aware 2013 fees should be paid before your student is permitted to attend any excursion or non-curricular activities.

Collecting Students during school time

• Please ensure your student brings a letter to confirm you are collecting them during school time

Collect your student from the Admin office where they will be signed out

Until next time

Marg Brown | Business Services Manager

MESSAGES: Parents are reminded that arrangements for social, work commitments or travel home from school should be made with your student before they leave home in the morning. We are a very large school and delivering non-urgent messages disrupts the smooth running of our school and the learning of students. If a more pressing situation arises in the school office your message may be delayed.

A reminder that students mobile phones are not to be used during School hours, it has become apparent that students are contacting parents this is not acceptable and not in accordance with our eDevice policy and could result in confiscation.

JUNIOR STAFF WANTED

(14 to 17 years)

Keith Hamilton St store. Afternoon and weekend shifts.

Drop your resume into the store, or call Michelle 49525290

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 August ICAS - Mathematics 13 August Year 8 Information Evening
14 August Careers Expo—MECC 15 - 16 August Mackay District Athletics
17 August Rugby League Academy Dinner 19 - 22 August Year 7/8 Interviews
Over the past 5 weeks we have been fortunate enough to accommodate approximately 70 touring English Rugby League students from the north of England. The first school that visited us was a Combined Hull Schools team that consisted of 29 players and 6 staff. Whilst here they played two games against our Year 9/10 & Year 11 students which resulting in wins for Mackay High 38 -4 and 46 - 8. The next team that visited our school was Outwood Grange Academy which consisted of 18 students and 4 staff. The two teams played a high quality match in front of the school students with Mackay High running out 10-8 victors. The last school to visit us was from Castleford which included 24 players and 8 staff. The game between the two schools was one-sided with Mackay High winning 48 – 4.

I would like to personally thank all the families for opening up their homes to these billets and showing them the Australian way of life.

Nathan Doyle
HOD Rugby League Academy

On the 12th June six of our students participated in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Science Competition. This is a competition held throughout Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region. Five of our students received certification, three with distinction (top 10% of entrants), and two with credits (next top 25%). The results were as follows:

Year 8  Kathryn Brown (Distinction)
Year 9  Chereece Jocumsen (Distinction)
        Praise Chabata (Credit)
Year 10 Blake Grosskreutz (Credit)
Year 11 Tye Routh (Distinction)
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

- Attention all current year 10 indigenous students: The ANZ Bank in Mackay is looking to employ in 2014 a year 11 indigenous student as a school based trainee. Application is to be completed online and interviews will commence in August. The qualification will be a Certificate II in Business Administration. If you would like information regarding this traineeship or help with your Resume please see Mrs Dearden.

- City Beach at the Canelands Store has a NEW Retail School Based Traineeship vacancy available – Certificate II in Retail available to grade 10 and 11 students.

CASUAL POSITION AVAILABLE (AFTER SCHOOL HOURS)

- Eagle Boys Pizza Discovery Lane North Mackay requires Delivery Drivers, must have licence and would prefer own car to ensure maximum shifts. There is the option to use the company vehicle for deliveries but this arrangement is shared with other employees therefore less shifts available. Excellent working conditions and flexible hours available to students. To apply call Chandresh on 0438 532 530.

- Best & Less at Caneland Shopping Centre is looking to employ casual Retail Assistants for Thursday night, weekends and school holidays. Please drop your Resume to Marianne O’Riely at the Caneland Best & Less store.

FULL TIME POSITONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

- Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd (DBCT P/L), in partnership with MRAEL Group, are seeking motivated individuals interested in undertaking a Mechanical or Electrical Apprenticeship commencing in 2014. INTERESTED? An information flyer is available to view on the notice board at P09. Application packages can be viewed on the MRAEL website at www.mrael.com.au Applications close Sunday, 25 August 2013.


- Aim Aluminium is looking to employ at the end of this school year an apprentice interested in a career in the fabrication trade. Please drop your Resume to Andrea Dearden in P09, work experience will be organised as a trial for interested applicants.

- Michael DePinto Air Conditioning & Refrigeration requires the services of a Junior Office administrator with previous office experience or willing to undertake a Traineeship in Certificate III – Business Administration. A flyer is available to view on the notice board at P09. Please drop your Resume to Andrea Dearden in P09, the successful applicant will be signed into a school based traineeship and rolled into full time at the completion of Year 12.

- A local Painter is looking for a full time apprentice. He may consider commencing with a school based and rolling into full time at the completion of the school year.

- A local employer has a position available for a full time apprentice Tiler.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

- Hastings Deering Excavations & Underground Coal Support at Commercial Avenue Paget has two placements available for students to do work experience as Fitter Machinist’s. The dates available are the 02 September – 06 September. If you are interested please see Mrs Dearden in P09.

THANKS TO BRUMBY’S SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREEKKY CLUB
OFFICE HOURS  Monday—Friday    8.00 am - 3.45 pm
UIFORM SHOP HOURS  Monday, Wednesday & Friday  8.00 am - 10.00 am

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
Any parents wishing to volunteer their time or donate spreads & supplies, please contact Phil’s Office 49579107.

20 year reunion for Mackay State High School class of 1994
Invite extended to students and also any teachers that taught us during our high school years (1990-1994)
The date of the reunion will be in 7 June 2014.
Details re venue and costs are to come.
People are able to register their interest by visiting our Facebook site of https://www.facebook.com/MshsReunion19942014?ref=hl or emailing Sarah-Jane Hill at sjhill@resultslegal.com.au

What are you going to be when you GROW UP??

- And how exactly are you going to get there????
The Mackay & District Careers Expo is on at the MECC on Wednesday 14th August from 1.00pm – 6.00pm
Here you will find the answers to all of your questions from leading Universities, training organisations, local companies and national employers
All of your answers solved at the one place!
Look forward to seeing you there
For more information please contact Melissa on 0408 737 696

CAREERS EXPO
Mackay & District

Come along for the chance to win an iPad

Daily Mercury
CQ TAFE
Winter Uniform

The cooler weather will soon be upon us. Students are required to wear the correct winter uniform as set out in the prospectus.

**Winter Wear**

The school tracksuit or a plain navy or maroon tracksuit may be worn over the school uniform during winter. A maroon, lined taslon jacket (with school emblem) is available through the uniform stockists. Year 11 & 12 students only may wear the nominated senior jersey. Hooded sweat shirts are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Students are able to wear their Capricornia Sports Jacket if they have made Capricornia Selection. Jeans, designer tracksuits and jackets, hoodies, flannel shirts and non-uniform jackets are not acceptable.

We would ask for your assistance to ensure that your child has the correct uniform before it becomes cold.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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School Magazine 2013

We are in the midst of creating the school magazine for 2013. If you are interested in owning a copy, it is required that school fees be paid in full. If fees have not yet paid, methods of payment can be discussed with the office staff. A reminder that school fees must be paid in full by 13th September (Friday) in order to be eligible for a school magazine.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to receive a magazine and treasure the memories Mackay State High has accomplished throughout the school year.

Plenty of photos have been taken, so there is a high chance you could be in there! A student established where students can assist in the organisation of the magazine. If you are interested please inform Miss Schembri in D7 Staffroom.
**Get ready for our 2013 Season!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our 2013 Mackay Junior Rugby Union season kicks off on Friday 30th of August and will run for 10 weeks with a three weeks break over the September school holidays. We will send more details soon about the 2013 season in the coming weeks but it is worth noting in your diary that sign on is on 5pm til 6pm on 21st and 28th August at Quarry Hill.

You can contact the club at secretary.mdjru@gmail.com and stay up to date with news on the 2013 season by liking us on Facebook, search ‘Mackay District Junior Rugby Union’, or visit our website for information about the club as well links to other rugby sites [http://www.mackayjunior.rugbynet.com.au/](http://www.mackayjunior.rugbynet.com.au/)

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**105 SQUADRON AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS**

Do you enjoy everything about aircraft, going bush and challenging yourself? If you answered yes to any or all of that question then 105 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets is the place for you. We are currently recruiting for new members so if you are turning 13 years old by 31/09/13 then come down to our facility next to the basketball courts on Bridge Road, Mackay Friday night at 6.45pm and find out all about us. **If you have any questions please call Fiona Andrews on 0413503031.**

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**KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB**

Where men & his two wheeled machines fight gravity on the steep terrain of Kungurri Hill in the Pioneer Valley, 60Km’s west of Mackay

Juniors full throttle on Sat Aug 17th
Nominations from 10:30 am
Pre-nominate or nominate on the day from 7:00 am; Machinery 8:00 am Sharp
Nomination details: Debbie – 4959 0439
Pioneer Valley Enduro Club

Admission: Saturday - Free
Sunday: Adults $6
School Age $3
No Pets or Glass thank you.
Funds distributed between local community groups.
**Full Catering on Grounds**
2014 intake of students
in Mackay Engineering College

Would you like to be part of Mackay Engineering College? If you do and you would like to submit an application of enrolment simply go to http://mec.eq.edu.au (click on Enrolments tab - download the Application Form for Mackay Engineering College) before 30th June. If you see your Manual Arts Department and they will be able to issue you with an Enrolment Application Form.

Submit your completed application to the Head of Department – Industrial Technology and Design (Manual Arts) at your school by the 11th October 2013.

What does Mackay Engineering College offer?
- Certificate I Engineering
- Certificate II Manufacturing
- Mechanical & Fabrication Trades (In partnership with other RTOs)
- School-based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SATs)
- Coordination of Work Placements for our students
- Employability Skill Development

Mackay Engineering College is a facility developed for the five Education Queensland schools in the Mackay Region in partnership with Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), Universities and Industry Partners to provide entry level career pathways into the manufacturing and engineering industry.

If you require any further information about Mackay Engineering College please contact Frank Duthler (Head of Mackay Engineering College) on 0467 705 992 or Sylvia Warren (Business Manager Mackay Engineering College) on 0467 709 281 or 4879 0333. Or you can email your queries to Frank Duthler f.duth3@eq.edu.au or Sylvia Warren s.warr33@eq.edu.au.

KEYIM BA AND THE AFRICAN CARAVAN
Tuesday 10 September 2013, 7.30pm
MECC North Foyer

Tickets: School group booking
$22 Student | Teachers receive free entry

VOCAL RHYTHMS AND MOUTH PERCUSSION
We can all speak and sing, but there is a whole world of undiscovered sound produced by our voice and mouth. In this fun workshop, teacher Blair Greenberg explores some of the more rhythmic sounds we can make with our voice and mouth – many inspired by different cultures around the world.

In conjunction with this tour, Keyim Ba and The African Caravan will also be offering a vocal rhythms and mouth percussion workshop to students of all ages who have purchased a ticket to African Caravan:

WHEN: Monday 9 September 2013, 1pm – 2pm
VENUE: MECC Lynette Denny Space
FACILITATORS: Blair Greenberg
MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS: 40
SUITABILITY: All ages and abilities
LENGTH: 1 hour

Places are limited. Call MECC Box Office 4961 9777 for more details or to book.