Captains - Kyra Brownsey - VC, Georgia Robke - Captain, Teresa Denney - Captain, Jordan Cunningtion - VC

Winners - Mackay House

Age Champions
14 Years

Nicholas Keiser and Lauren Morgan
On Sunday night, many of the parents of instrumental music students from Mackay Secondary Schools attended the CQU Annual Jazz Festival held at the Conservative of Music at Mackay. Each of the schools which entered performed two items, students were involved in workshops earlier in the day. Our students performed under the conducting of Mr Johnston and were rewarded with a GOLD Award for their performances. Some students received individual awards for their skills on their chosen instruments, including Hannah McCullagh, Michael Hains, Marcus Dhu and BJ Sturdy. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the local musical talent.

Late in Term 2 our Year 8 students were required to complete a further set of Literacy & Numeracy tests and again I recognise the high performers and this time we also add a couple of new categories.

- Reading: Alicia Fairbanks-Pounder, Josh Filosi & Emma Watts
- Writing: Jhoana Soriana, Emma Watts
- Literacy Conventions: Skye Streidl, Josh Filosi
- Numeracy: Jacob Thompson, Narissa Phoebe
- Most Improved: Jack Baker
- Most Consistent: Thomas Dearden

Matt Rigby spent a full day sharpening the language skills of our students preparing for the 2014 QCS Test in early September. Although the QCS test focuses on the Common Curriculum Elements embedded in the Senior curriculum, the work by Matt adds some additional quality to the responses given by students, in the SRI section of the test.

As a part of Science Week, two Year 6 classes from Victoria Park State School spent the morning working with teachers and some Senior students in our Science laboratories. The students did a range of activities using experimental processes and equipment that they will use every week in 2015. They also experienced some of the different branches of Science that they will work with including Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Marine Science and Agricultural Science. Hopefully we will be able to host other schools this year.

The NSCF program that provided our school with laptops for student use has ended and from 2015 Mackay State High will transition to BYOx. Bring Your Own Device will allows students to bring their own laptop or other suitable computing device to use as their device. There will be presentations and Information brochures available very soon to inform the device specifications. We will also be liaising with suppliers to seek the best deals and packages for students and parents to consider, if they do not have a laptop at home. Some classes will continue to have access to the NSCF laptops for two years. There will be a continuous flow of information over the next 4 months.

Our school has appointed an Attendance Officer who will support Form Teachers and students across all Year levels. Karen Bayliss and Mel Davidson will assist Year Level Coordinators with the contacting of families for students with extended absences, while maintaining the electronic attendance records for all students.

All families are reminded that students need to be at school every day and if there are illnesses or reasons for absences, that these are reported to the school by letter or phone contact, explaining all absences.
DATE REMINDERS TERM 3 2014

AUGUST
4 - 6 August  Roadshow - Year 8 2015
4 - 8 August  MEC Work Placement
7 August     Mackay District Athletics
13 August    Year 8 2015 Parent Info
14 August    Yr 10 Science Olympiad
15 August    SEU Boating Trip
19 - 21 August  Year 8 2015 Enrolment Inter

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

Mackay State High School
Year 8 2015
Parent Information Evening
13th August 2014
A sausage sizzle will be provided from 5:30pm with
Info session afterwards
Any queries please phone 49 579 179

CHAPSTICKS FOR SALE
Assorted flavours to choose from
All money towards supporting our School Chaplains in the Mackay Region
Available at the Student Counter

$4

Icas Science Awards
On the 6th June seven of our extension science students entered the ICAS Science competition. This competition is open to all countries in the Asian-Pacific Region. Four of our students received accreditation for their efforts:
Year 8:         Soren Jocumsen- Merit
Year 10:        Megan Antcliff- Merit
                 Praise Chabata- Credit
                 Chereece Jocumsen- Distinction
A message from the office

RE: Payment of School Resource Hire Scheme and other monies.

We are sending out statements this week outlining monies owed to Mackay State High School.

The outstanding monies need to be paid ASAP.

It is important for all fees to be paid as the school budget for 2014 relies on all students/families making the relevant financial contribution. If this does not occur the school will not be able to provide all the resources for a quality education that is fair and equitable for all.

If family contributions are not paid, then the children of these families will not be permitted to participate in non-curriculum activities that incur costs. These non-educational activities for remainder of 2014 have been identified as Year12 School Formal, Year 8 and 9 Reward Day, Year 11 Leadership Camp and any other special excursions. All outstanding financial contributions must be finalised or special arrangements made before payment will be accepted for these non-curriculum experiences.

Please contact the school office if financial hardship exists so that a special arrangement can be made. All discussions will be held in confidence.

Until next time….
Marg Brown
Business Services Manager

School Jazz Festival

Gold Award received in School Jazz Festival - Well Done to all involved!!
**SBHY Nurse News**

**Scoliosis**

Scoliosis is a sideways curve of the spine. The cause is unknown but usually develops in early adolescence (10-13yrs). It is more common in girls with about 3 girls per 1000 requiring treatment.

Early detection is important because if treatment is required the earlier it is undertaken the better the long term result. The curve may increase during the growing years and if not detected may cause physical deformity and pain in adult life.

The Spine Society of Australia recommends that parents check their daughters in years 7 & 9. This simple check takes only 30 seconds. I would recommend visiting the Scoliosis Australia website [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) to check out The National Self-Detection Program which gives clear instructions and diagrams about detecting the outwards signs of Scoliosis.

If after reading the information you have any concerns please consult your family doctor. Self-detection brochures are also available from my office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

*Trixie Mills*  
*School Based Youth Health Nurse*

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**School Magazine 2014**

A reminder to all parents and students that to be eligible for a copy of the 2014 school magazine, school fees must be **PAID IN FULL** before last day of term (Friday 19th September). Get in early to avoid missing out. Payments to be made in full at the office.
Home Economics News

If you have been into the Office over the last few days, you may have noticed a Home Economics display. We are so very proud of our three Semester 1 Textiles classes that we felt we needed to share with the wider school community the great work our students have done.

Year 9’s – Mrs van Zyl’s Home Ec Core students were required to make a backpack for their practical sewing unit. This process started in Week 7 Term 1 where students selected their material and cut out their patterns. “It was great to see the enthusiasm and teamwork among students. The whole class managed to keep up to date with their sewing (some students were so eager that they chose to continue sewing during their lunch hours)” (Mrs van Zyl). By the end of Term 2 the backpacks were complete and the students could not wait to take their backpacks home and show family and friends what they were capable of. A few students reported back to Mrs van Zyl afterwards with comments such as “My Nan was really surprised and very proud” and “It took them a while to believe that I made this backpack by myself!”

The Year 10 Home Economics Core class were tasked with making an outfit while the Year 11 class were given a range of scenarios to design and make a suitable garment. Both groups spent the first part of Term 1 learning about the classification of fibres, elements and principles of design, the construction of fabrics and pattern reading in order to complete their task. “It was a privilege to teach textiles to my lovely year 10 and 11 students this year. I am proud to say that from only a small group of students, there were a few who were able to enter their garments into the 2014 Festival of Fashion. Well done ladies!!” (Mrs Chambers).

Mrs Pauline Place - Home Economics SAC
AG DEPARTMENT

And “ROCKY” was born. On Thursday the 24th July our school welcomed the first duckling hatched from our agricultural incubation project. The duck breed is an Indian Runner. We will keep you updated on Rocky’s progress.

Science

Students from Year 6 Victoria Park State School visited our school on Friday 25th July to undertake a science lesson conducted by Mr West in one of our laboratories and to have an orientation lesson around our agricultural areas by Ms Fitzpatrick. Students will visit again on the 31st July.

The students enjoyed the half day at our school and we look forward to seeing them as part of our Year 7 cohort in 2015.

School Opinion Survey 2014

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what Mackay State High School does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been mailed home—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.
Whitsunday Voices Festival

Thursday 17th July 2014 was a fantastic day for those who went to the Whitsunday Voices Festival, we got to meet some wonderful authors and were able to buy some of their fine works.

Sean Williams was the first author we saw. He interacted with the crowd and I was chosen to come up and meet him in person. He had a cheery mood around him and together we came up with a book that might be the next big thing.

During our 30 minute break we went to the library where we could buy books and get autographs from the authors.

Lili Wilkinson was a wonderful lady and happily read part of one of her books to us, which caused an uproar of laughter because it was so funny.

Miss Penny Tangey shared some of her life story through photos of her childhood diaries which had entries for every day, and she showed how closely two different generations of children can relate.

Our final session was with author, Benjamin Law, who made us laugh at his silliness and his beliefs on life.

Our day seemed to end way too early because of how much fun we were having, most of us asked the teachers if we could go again next year. I thank the teachers who chose me for this inspirational event, as it was a first in a lifetime event which I will never forget.

by Charlene Booysen (8F1)
Library News

Whitsunday Voices 2014

On Thursday 17th July I was fortunate enough to accompany a group of 15 MSHS students to the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival; and what a wonderful time we had. We attended the session by Sean Williams, Lili Wilkinson, Penny Tangey and Benjamin Law. We all enjoyed every session and everyone agreed that we want to do it all again next year.

Website and app reviews (From SCIS Connections Issue No. 90)

Shaun Tan - Rules of Summer
www.rulesofsummer.com.au

Award-winning author and illustrator Shaun Tan's recent thought-provoking book, Rules of Summer, is the focus of this appealing website. Using short videos Tan offers readers further insights into the book's origins, aspects of illustrations, and themes. There is also a teacher's guide for both primary and secondary levels available for download.

My career planner
www.mycareerplanner.com.au

Developed for the University of Western Sydney, this website was honored in the 2014 Webby Awards. Taking the position that career aspirations motivate students, not simply course descriptions, the website is interactive and takes around 25 minutes to complete. At the conclusion students are offered appropriate career and course options.
Sports Day
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.

Mackay State High School would like to invite parents to download the QSchools App which will allow parents the opportunity to see when news, events and newsletters are posted on our school website. Using this Free App is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about the school.

Alternatively you can access our school website which has detailed information on the school and links to the school Facebook page.

https://mackayshs.eq.edu.au

Mackay Youth Support Services
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 3 Tuesday 5th August 9.30am – 12.00 or Thursday 7th August 5.30pm – 7.30
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

Mackay Sugar on behalf of Racecourse Mill, Farleigh Mill and Marian Mill urges all motorists and residents to be alert when approaching cane railway crossings. Please be prepared for the increased cane train activity during the 2014 season and stay safe!

For all community enquiries Contact Mackay Sugar Communication Department on 07 4953 8300
www.mkysugar.com.au

Mackay State High School
Encourage learning for Life

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services
Mackay
(School Dental Service)

Dear Parents

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled in Year 8, 9 and 10.

Parents can contact the Victoria Park Dental Clinic (Goldsmith St.) on 49514745, to arrange an appointment. Please note: A parent will need to attend the appointment with their student.

If the phone is unattended please leave details including your students name, DOB and contact number.

For further information on this service, refer to website:

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