Welcome to Term 4. As well as welcoming quite a few new students and their families to Mackay State High, we also welcome two new teachers to our team. Ms Kate Mason replaces Ms Field permanently in the English / Social Science faculty bringing several years of experience. Trevor Berrigan joins the Arts faculty for 6 weeks replacing Ms Gorman, who is on leave for this period. Michael Durie has been appointed permanently to our school and will teach in the Manual Arts and Maths areas for the rest of 2013. I am sure that they will make a positive contribution to our school community.

At the end of Term 3, we sought that all students in Year 8, 9 and 10 returned Subject Selection forms for 2014.

If your child has not submitted their FORM, it is vital that it is returned to Ms Drinkwater this week.

Replacement forms can be gained at the office. Fees must be paid in full to have non-core subjects signed in.

Year 9 students completed NAPLAN testing during Term 2 and schools have been advised of preliminary results. Students will receive their individual reports on their achievement in the next couple of weeks to take home to their family. The preliminary results show that there has been improvement in the number of students who are performing in the upper levels of performance from previous years in a number of the Strands – Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. There will continue to be analysis of the feedback from the testing to further improve the students’ learning as they progress through to Year 12, supported by the committed and caring staff in our school.

During the second week of the vacation the 2013 Rugby League Academy Tour group returned to Mackay after playing against several schools in northern England and building positive links with the families which hosted our students and staff. A small number of students have remained with families for a few more weeks in England, while the majority of the group are back and settled into school with some memorable experiences to share. Special thanks to Bill Esau, Sharon Barnard, Clayton Campbell and Donna Drinkwater, who accompanied the tour group after over 12 months of coordination and fundraising with students and families. The experiences that will stay with these students forever, make this commitment worth while. Photos and stories from the 2013 tour can be accessed on Mackay State High School 2013 UK Tour Facebook page.

Enrolments for 2014 are being booked with interviews arranged for any students entering Year 8 in 2014. These interviews will be held in the afternoons in the week commencing 14th October, so parents are reminded to contact the office to book an interview early. Students seeking enrolment for 2014, who are going into Year 9 – 12, should call the office to book an appointment with the Principal or one of the Deputy Principals.

Mackay Eisteddfod commenced this week and we wish all competitors the best of luck with their performances. I do remind parents that if students are participating in entries other than those for the school Band, Choir or Strings Ensemble, that you should advise the school office of their approved absence by phone or letter.
In term three Mackay State High School introduced “Blueys”, a positive behaviour reward system. Students demonstrating core school values are recognised and rewarded with a blue card. Each week on parade a junior and senior draw is held with the lucky winner receiving a prize. The lucky weekly winners include; Aleesha Warne, Luke McIntosh, Parvez Ali, Edie Ferrazza, Maggy Martin, Aaron Glanville, Arama Busby, Tye Routh, Brendon Connors, Ashley Vella, Shelby Blyton-Green, Maeson Gordon and Justin Blackmur.

Recently a term draw was held for the “Bluey’s regulars” who consistently received Blueys throughout the whole term. The major prize winners were Dykom Ikis and Alexandra Ketchell-McLaughlin who received a portable DVD player.

Major prize winner Dykom Ikis with Mr Paulger and Helen McCullagh (President of the P&C association).

Students at Mackay state High School have made a huge effort to demonstrate good behaviour and the staff are very proud of their positive attitude. We would like to thank the P & C for their support with the program and contribution of prizes.

Well done everyone!

The 2013 RL England Tour – By Bill Esau

The majority of Mackay State High School Rugby League Academy England touring team returned home last Friday tired but happy after a very successful 18 day tour. Eight of the 23 students involved remained behind for a four week study exchange. While in England the student group was treated to a number of amazing opportunities such as visiting Old Trafford to see Manchester United play, attending two Super League semi-finals, a day at the UK’s biggest theme park Alton Towers and going to a variety of visitor attractions in London as well as a highly entertaining West End Show called Rock of Ages. The group was accompanied by four teachers, Ms Drinkwater, Mrs Barnard, Mr Campbell and Mr Esau. Four Games were played and the results were very pleasing, with the team winning their first three games and only losing the last by a point, 27 – 26 after a late field goal to the Castleford Academy team. Other games were played in Hull and Wakefield where the boys were billeted with students and families from Outwood Grange Academy. Another tour is already being planned for Year 10 and 11 students in 2015.
The I LOVE MY LIBRARY! competition encourages our readers’ to share their favourite library experiences through videos in the social media. The 3M I LOVE MY LIBRARY! contest offers the opportunity for you to win $3,500 worth of ebooks and ipads. It runs from 27th September to 29th November 2013.

This campaign gives readers reason to celebrate with love for their favourite library by showing just why they love it — whether they are thrilled by its collection, tech-savvy convenience, the cosy study nooks for groups or individuals, personable staff who care enough to go the extra mile, great facilities, or perhaps because the library’s been there for them through their most challenging exams and assessment, or is simply a great place to meet friends.

To find out more come and see us in the Library or go to the address below to register:


**Congratulations**

Chereece Jocumsen and Praise Chabata in Year 9 and Kate Brown in Year 8 for receiving Distinctions in the ICAS English Test!!!!!!!!

Kate achieved in the top 3% of participants in the state. Praise achieved in the top 5% of participants in the state. Chereece achieved in the top 9% of participants in the state.

Lauren Morgan in Year 8 achieved a credit.

A fantastic result for these students

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**Upcoming Events**

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Book Reminder

As the year is drawing to a close, we are looking for books. If you have any books at home that belong to the English Department please return ASAP. If you are in Year 12 and have not returned or paid for outstanding books you will not be able to purchase Formal Tickets !!!

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Kate Brown, Praise Chabata, Chereece Jocumsen & Laruen Morgan
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEDEEHIPS AVAILABLE

- **HUNGRY JACKS** are now accepting job applications from students interested in casual after-school/weekend work and school based traineeships. Apply now at [www.hungryjacks.com.au](http://www.hungryjacks.com.au).

- Brodon Mye from **Novaskill** would like to meet with indigenous students in Year 10 who are interested in doing a School Based Traineeship in **Certificate III in Media** at MY 105. Brodon can be contacted on 0423 375 257 or see Mrs Dearden in P09 for more information.

FULL TIME POSITONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

- **2014 Ergon Energy Apprentice Campaign** – a bright future for apprentices; Ergon have great opportunities for young people to start their career in a dynamic and ever-changing industry. Ergon Energy has an award winning apprentice program. Visit the Ergon Energy website [www.ergon.com.au](http://www.ergon.com.au) site for more information and to apply online.

- **Peabody Energy** 2014 Apprenticeship Intake:
  - Coppabella – Apprentice Electrician
  - North Goonyella – Apprentice Diesel Fitter

- **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 **Brick/block Layer** is looking to take on a school leaver for a full-time apprenticeship. The applicant needs to be someone who is keen and looking to enter the building & construction industry and is willing to commit to an apprenticeship.

CHRISTMAS CASUALS REQUIRED

Sportsgirl and Sussan are looking for passionate, inspired **Christmas Casual Team Members** for a 3 month contract period. See Mrs Dearden in P09 for details on how to apply. Be quick!

2014 CQ TAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Students in Year 10 who are interested in attending TAFE one day per week in 2014 as part of the school program. A copy of the Schools Program Guide listing the courses being offered in 2014 is available, please see Mrs Dearden in P09

MACKAY ENGINEERING COLLEGE 2014

Students in Year 10 who are interested in being involved in the MEC program in 2014 can now apply. Applications are available online at [www.mec.eq.edu.au](http://www.mec.eq.edu.au) please complete the forms and return to Mr Puddicombe in H Block staffroom.

THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB
Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay
(School Dental Service)

Victoria Park School Dental Clinic (Goldsmith St) is still offering dental services to students enrolled in year 8, 9 and 10, who have not yet been treated this year.

Parents can contact the clinic on 49514745 to arrange an appointment.

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:

Mackay State High School
Junior Secondary
Bringing Year 7 on board

Mackay SHS offers students a dynamic and exciting learning program, provides a safe, supportive and happy environment and a responsive transition program for students and families. Recent student outcomes include OP 1s, Australian Sporting selections, Gold Awards for Bands and outstanding results for Cattle Show team.

Mackay State High offers a safe and supportive school
We make you welcome with:
- Year Coordinators and Form Teachers providing daily personal support
- Senior buddies who visit Year 7 & 8 classes weekly and act as mentors and older friends
- Guidance Officer, Chaplain and School-based Health Nurse
- Head of Department for Junior Secondary
- Junior Secondary Leaders who play a vital role in communication with our younger classes
- Junior Secondary teachers
- Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
- High behaviour expectations including promotion of positive behaviours and student leadership
- Valuing a wide diversity of cultures

An engaging and comprehensive curriculum
Our staff team focus on high expectations, applying our quality teaching model, with strong relationships with students.
- A strong core curriculum in English, Math, Science and History
- Modern resources
- Great team of friendly and dedicated teachers
- Scholarship program from our P&C
- Large range of electives for all interests e.g. Agriculture, Manual Arts, Arts, Technology, Home Economics and programs to support those with Special Needs
- We cater for students of all abilities and individual needs, and promote “Pride in doing your best”

A fantastic range of extra-curricular opportunities
There is something for everyone!
- High quality Instrumental Music programs
- Sporting Academies
- Cattle Show team
- Year 7 and Year 8 Leadership camps
- Competitions such as Optiminda, Rock Pop, Drama, Debating, ICAS, Eisteddfod
- Community engagement

It starts at Primary School
Our transition program starts with visits and talks to State Schools, making close links with your child’s teachers to share feedback on progress, strengths and needs. Our staff host an Information Evening, Open Day and, along with junior and senior students, actually visit schools and work with students and teachers in their classrooms.

Mackay SHS has a strong reputation for high academic standards and support of the wider community. We hope you will be part of this. Come along and enjoy our school!

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