Principals Report

The large number of students seeking to have a pathway to a university education, sat the QCS Test over two days last week. This very challenging test has 4 components including the Writing Task, Short Response Item test and two 50 question multiple choice tests. The students are encouraged to take their test papers after the test, and I encourage parents and others to have a look at these questions and understand the high quality that is expected of our Year 12 students. The students were confident after the test with the responses that they had provided. The QCS result for the students is used to provide some scaling factors that, with the students’ subject achievement ratings, combines to provide their OP score from 1 (highest) through to 25.

While our QCS students were busy, our remaining Year 12s were involved with other school assessments. About 60 students were involved in mock job interviews as part of their English Communication subject. It was very rewarding watching these students presenting themselves and their confident presentations in these interviews. They were required to dress appropriately and answer several questions related to the jobs they were seeking.

Other Year 12 students were completing modules in the Certificate 2 in Workplace Practices. This course prepares students for making decisions about the pathways they will follow after school.

Student in Year 10, 11 & 12 have been invited to complete applications for Work Experience placements for a week early in Term 4. Forms must be returned to Mrs Dearden urgently, so that she can commence the contacting of suitable placements. At this time of year, very few Year 12 students are involved, but the effort in arranging the placements by Mrs Dearden is invaluable. We expect that all of our Year 10 students will complete a week long block Work Experience in Week 4 of Term 4, so return forms immediately to school.

Our high performers have challenged their abilities against the best students across Australia, in the ICAS English Competition. Congratulations to Kate Brown Year 9 and Praise Chabata Year 10 who are awarded Credit Certificates, placing them in the top 30% across the nation. Cheeree Jocumsen is awarded a Distinction placing her in the top 10%, in an outstanding effort. In 2015, we hope to have much larger numbers of students challenging their skills in the subject based tests.

Students currently in Year 8, 9 and 10 have been provided with Subject Information and Selection Forms for 2015. These forms are required to be returned to Ms Drinkwater by the end of this term. Students need to ensure that all 2014 Subject contributions are paid in full, to have subjects signed in.

Friday 5th September was a special celebration for our Teacher Aides and Support Staff at Mackay SHS. These people are invaluable in the support and assistance that they provide for both students and staff. A most sincere THANK YOU for the positive contribution made to every child’s education.

Year 11 & 12 students received personal copies of the Exam Block timetables to assist them to plan for their final preparations for assessments. Exams will be held from 11th Sept to 17th September, while several assignments will be due in these final weeks.

Congratulations to our Year 8 Football team, who played very well as a team to defeat Mercy College in the Grand Final last week. Mr Radunz was very proud of the way they followed the game plan and supported each other from start to finish in the 2 – 0 win, watched by a large crowd of parents and teachers. This strong group of girls and boys in the Year 8 Academy group, is positive news for a very successful future for Football at Mackay SHS.

Mr Steve Paulger
Principal
Breakfast Club

Menu

Monday: Toast, spreads, cereal, milk each day
Tuesday: Eggs, French Toast or scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Smoothies

S2J Destination Survey for Year 12 students – Information for Parents and Students

S2J Alliance Mackay is a support service for Year 12 students to assist with their transition pathway when they leave school. To enable S2J to assist students in 2015, an on-line survey will be sent to all Year 12 students’ school email accounts. The survey will remain on-line from 25 August 2014 to 17 October 2014.

S2J will be contacting all Year 12 school leavers in 2015 and the information that is provided by the survey assists us to have up to date contact details and email addresses for students. It will also identify students’ career goals and we will endeavour to send relevant information on training and employment opportunities to students from the information we have collected from our survey. All information from this survey will be confidential and no information will be released by S2J without prior consultation with students and/or parents.

A copy of the survey will be available on the S2J website for your information. If you have any questions concerning the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Sonya Johnson, Coordinator, S2J Mackay.

We encourage parents and students to access the S2J webpage to gain further information on the program and to access the Employment and Training Opportunities Bulletin (ETOB). The ETOB advertises school-age entry and junior positions, including free training opportunities and scholarships. The ETOB is updated monthly and can be accessed on the S2J website.

The Transition Assistance Pack (T.A.P.) can also be accessed from the S2J website. This gives students valuable information to assist them when they leave school.

For further information or assistance, please contact S2J:

Phone:  4842 8385       Mobile: 0427 528 664
Email:  sonya.johnson@dete.qld.gov.au
Website  https://s2jalliance.eq.edu.au/Pages/s2j-mackay.aspx

English Tutoring

Term 4 every Monday 3-4pm.
Held in A2
Students can get help with Assignments, exam preparation, Oral presentations etc
DATE REMINDERS
TERM 3 & 4 2014
SEPTEMBER
11 - 16 Sept  Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
17 Sept  Yr 8 Sports Day—Mky District
18—19 Sept  Yr * Matt Rigby Presentation
19 Sept  End of Term 3
6 Oct  Labour Day Public Holiday
7 Oct  Term 4 Commences
8 Oct  Yr 10 Immunisation
13—14 Oct  Mackay Eisteddfod
15 Oct  Yr 12 Choices
16 Oct  Sports Awards
20 Oct  Student Free Day
20—22 Oct  Yr 8 & 9 Rugby League Trip
20—21 Oct  Mackay Eisteddfod

Quote:……..
No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world!!          ……Robin Williams

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 at the office.

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

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

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**Chapstick**

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**School Magazine 2014**

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**Chapstick**
Choose Mandarin open a door to international opportunities

Mandarin Chinese is promoted and supported as a second language at our school. Students who enjoy Mandarin Chinese learning in Year 8 and have achieved a satisfactory grade are encouraged to continue in Year 9. Consistency is crucial for language learning. The right method is the key. Using what you know to associate with the new content is a fast way for our students to enlarge their vocabulary. Let’s see how fast you can become a Mandarin expert! Ask your child. They can be your little translator.

Lots of kids like 巧克力 (chiao ker lee / qiao ke li).

You can get 汉堡包 (han bao bao) from 麦当劳 (mai dang lao).

乒乓球 (ping pang chiu / ping pang qiu) is a popular sport in China.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number 13 17 88.

2015 SUBJECT SELECTION

All completed Subject Selection Forms for relevant years, are to be completed and returned to Ms Drinkwater before the end of Term.
Become A Volunteer Host Family

Gain A Friend From Another Country!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Imagine the look on your new brother’s or sister’s face as you introduce him/her to Vegemite for the first time. Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in January:

Ilaria (17) from Italy tells us that she is incredibly fond of animals, and that if she had her own way, she would turn her house into a zoo! She enjoys drawing in her spare time, as well as travel. She believes that living so far away from home will help her broaden her mind, and she can’t wait to live with a welcoming family.

Marco (17) from Italy is an animator at his local church group and enjoys playing both football and basketball with his friends. He also enjoys staying active by going to the gym for an hour or so after school. He is looking forward to sharing his Italian culture with you, and hopes you will share your culture with him here 'down-under'.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
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://mackays.hs.eq.edu.au

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A message from the office

Here we are nearly at the end of Term 3 – how quickly this year is passing.

It has been great to see the amount of students clearing their fees this week. Many of you will now be aware if you have outstanding 2014 fees it will affect your ability to select particular subjects in 2015.

**Should you need to discuss payment plans of your fees, please give me a call.**

The next important cut off is the payment for our 2014 Magazine. The magazine is a culmination of the events of 2014 and is a wonderful memento of your schooling. However your student resource scheme fees must be paid before the payment of your magazine is accepted.

A copy of your student card will be forwarded home soon. We would like you to check the details that we have ie address, phone, email, emergency contacts etc to ensure that our records are up-to-date.

Should you have any queries you are welcome to email admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au.

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Has your **address changed**?
Has your contact **phone number changed**?
Do you need to provide some **emergency contacts**?

Please advise us via email: admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au.

Until next time…

_Marg Brown_
Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of Sports Wrap! It has been busy as usual for the HPE Staff and students of Mackay SHS. Before you can put the feet up for school holidays, there are a few things keeping us all extremely busy.

Open Boys and Girls Rugby Union is in full flight with Ms Nutt and Mr Sergeant leading the boys and girls of Mackay SHS to some impressive performances. Our boys are still in the hunt to finish as Premiers of the competition but they need a big win over the boys from St Patrick’s College next week. Stay tuned for the result!

Term 3 for the Year 11 students in both Recreation Studies and Physical Education has seen them undertake some physical activities from external coaches. Year 11 Rec Studies students have been lucky enough to have Mel Micallef from Oztag Queensland come in and put them through their paces in a sport that many of the students haven’t experienced before. Mel is a current Australian Oztag player and has been an excellent coach to the Year 11 students

Mrs Dell’s two Year 11 Physical Education classes have been travelling to Souths Suburban Bowls Club twice a week in Term 3 to develop their skills and knowledge of Lawn Bowls. A huge thank you to Garry, Anne, Rob and Allen for providing such an excellent knowledge of the game in order to help our students improve their skills.

After 8 weeks of hard work, students such as Aimee Maddicks (below) are improving out of sight. Aimee was extremely proud of her effort, resting the bowl nicely against the jack. Well done Aimee and all the Year 11 Physical Education students.

A handful of dedicated HPE and science teachers have been hard at work acquiring their Certificate III in Rock-climbing and Abseiling. Mrs Dell, Mrs Biddle, Mr West and Mr Jackson have been attending a number of practical sessions and completing written modules in order to obtain their Certificate. Not to mention a little bit of fun as you can see in the pictures below!

GET TO KNOW YOUR PE STAFF

This week’s ‘Get to know your PE Staff’ is our Year 10 Coordinator and Rugby League Academy Coach Mr Andrew Gercken. Andrew joined the HPE staff and Mackay SHS community in April 2013.

Name: Andrew Gercken
What is your hometown: Brisbane
What year did you start teaching: 2013
What is your favourite holiday destination? Prague, Czech Republic
What are your two favourite sporting teams: Queensland Reds and The Indianapolis Colts (NFL)
What is your favourite food: Sushi Train, especially Gyoza!
What is your favourite movie of all time: Has to be Remember the Titans!
What is your best sporting achievement as a Coach and as a Player? My favourite coaching moment was in 2013 when the Mackay SHS 7’s Rugby side made it through to a State Semi-Final, finishing 4th in the state! As a player, making my QLD Premier Rugby Union debut for Norths in 2010 when I was living in Brisbane.
The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy ‘Footy Doubles’ Fundraiser is drawing to a close with only a few rounds remaining. Please see below for results. If you think you have the winning ticket get in contact with the school office on (07) 4957 9179. If you missed out on being part of the ‘footy doubles’ this year, we will be holding it again in 2015, so be sure to keep an eye out after the NRL season for information!!

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If you are holding onto a winner, please get in contact with the Mackay SHS office or contact the school on (07) 4957 9179. Only 2 games to go in the 2014 Footy Doubles, it will be back in 2015!!
YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY CLASSES – HIGH TEA – One Lump or two?

This week our year 12 hospitality classes each put on a High Tea for their invited guests based on an English Country Garden theme combined with an element of Masquerade. Judging from the positive feedback received, the event proved a success, from the exquisite presentation of food items, to the inventive and resourceful room decorations made by the students themselves. Some guests booked in for both high tea sessions as they were so happy with the event. Our Year 12 Hospitality students did us proud today in the manner in which they interacted with the adults as well as the professional teamwork that was exhibited by both groups.

Mrs Van Zyl and Mrs Scott

Year 10 News

Last week, a group of Year 10 Mackay SHS students participated in a ‘Uni Skills’ Program that was run by Central Queensland University. The program ran over two days at the Ooralea campus and the City campus. Some students were fortunate enough to attend both days and some attended one of the two days.

The program was run to allow students to get a hands on experience of what university and TAFE life is like. There were a number of different programs each day and students were to walk around the University and TAFE campus amongst actual University students. There was an amazing array of different programs run over the two days. Students could participate in Carpentry, Engineering, Hospitality, Fashion, Nursing, Anatomy, Fitness, Sports Coaching, Mechanics and Business, just to name a few.

All students who participated in the program reported back to the school that they had an extremely exciting couple of days and loved having the opportunity to experience something different. What was most pleasing from the two days was the comments made by Mr Gercken and Mrs Barnard, along with the Staff at CQU about how well-mannered and respected the Year 10 students of Mackay SHS are. The program was a complete success and will no doubt feature in years to come!
2015 Intake of Students for Mackay Engineering College

Would you like to be part of Mackay Engineering College? If you do and you would like to submit an application or enrolment simply go to www.mec.qld.edu.au (click on Enrolments hub - download the Application Form for Mackay Engineering College) or ask your Industrial Technology Department (Manual Arts) and they will be able to issue you with an Enrolment Application Form which you must submit by the 16th October 2014.

What makes the MEC Stand Out?
- Industry standard work shop, machinery and training rooms
- Industry standard trainers
- Preparing students to be work ready
- Strong links with the local industry and business
- Structured work placement

What does Mackay Engineering College offer?
- Certificate II Engineering
- Certificate II Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III Engineering
- Computer aided drafting
- Introduction to Mechanical & Fabrication Trades
- Work placement for students
- Skill Development for Employment Program
- School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SATs)
- TVET Program for Year 12s

Mackay Engineering College is an industry standard facility developed by the five Education Queensland high schools in the Mackay Region in partnership with Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), Universities and Industry Partners to provide entry level trades pathways into the manufacturing and engineering industry. Students attend one day per week in conjunction with their standard studies.

If you require any further information about Mackay Engineering College please contact Frank Ditchfield (Head of Mackay Engineering College) on 4457 785 992 or Sylvia Warren (Business Services Manager Mackay Engineering College) on 4457 785 914 or 4457 933 511. Or you can email your queries to Frank Ditchfield frank.ditchfield@eq.edu.au or Sylvia Warren sylvia.warren@eq.edu.au or you can contact Mr Joe Stack or Mrs Andrea Dearden from your school.

SENIOR SCHOLING NEWS

FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- KFC Mt Pleasant Restaurant is looking for Team members. You must be neatiy presented, enthusiastic and be willing to work in a team based environment. KFC will provide full training and rostered hours to suit your individual needs. To apply, please call in person to KFC Mt Pleasant and speak with a Manager. Come ready for an interview with the following documentation - photo copies of your latest School Report, Birth Certificate and Student Card Photo ID.

- Trainee Security Technician An opportunity exists for a trainee in Security Electronics to begin in 2015

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

- School based and full time Cabinet Making apprenticeship opportunities available at Black Duck Kitchens. Education requirement for this trade is completion of Year 10 and you must have pass Mathematics.

- Indigenous School Based Traineeship at ANZ Mackay the qualification being offered is a Certificate II Business. This position is for current Year 10 students, the successful applicant will commence over the Christmas Holidays.

For more information and for details on how to apply for these positions see Mrs Dearden in P09 or call
4957 9152
Andrea Dearden
Senior Phase Officer
4957 9152
ardean20@eq.edu.au

SHORN 53@eq.edu.au

4957 9134
Sharon Barnard
HOD Senior Schooling

Awards Night

Each year Mackay State High School acknowledges, celebrates and rewards the many successes of our students, across all areas – academic, cultural, sporting and service, at our Annual Awards Night. This year the school is seeking support in the way of donations to be awarded to students on the night. If you have a business or company and would be willing to show your support in this way, we should really like to hear from you.

Donors are acknowledged in the Award Night program, as well as in the school newsletter. As we draw a significant number of families from the local community this is an excellent opportunity to provide exposure for your business or company, while also showing support for our school and its students.

For further details or to discuss your donation please feel free to contact Mrs Mel Davidson during school hours. Your support of our students will be very much appreciated.
Birth Notice

Born 8th September 2014 calf named Ruby, mother and daughter doing well.

Chaplain News

Through Chaplaincy, the School hosted the Reggie Dabbs (motivational speaker) visit Thursday 28th Aug ("You can't change your past, But you can change your Future") at Kakadu 1st break. And the free pancakes cooked by David and the Street Van of River Of Life Community Church (Tribe Of Judah) were a great hit.

It was a great time of inspiration, fun, food, music and laughter.

REMINDERS!!

The Mackay SHS Sports Awards night is being held on the 16th October at Souths Leagues Club. Invitations are out and we hope to see as many families there to celebrate a great year of sport at Mackay SHS. RSVP's are due ASAP to Mr Monaghan in C07.

Year 8 Sports Day is being held on the last Wednesday of Term 3. Year 8 students need to return completed forms to Mr Monaghan in C07 ASAP to secure their place!