Principals Report

Welcome back for Semester 2, 2013. We have several new families and a number of new staff and we welcome you to the opportunities and varied pathways that you may pursue in this proud school community. Remember our Core Values of Respect, Consideration, Dedication and Pride.

NAIDOC Week is very special in our school where we celebrate the significant contribution made to our school and community by the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander students and families. We also use this time to recognise the wide range of cultures that are such a rich part of our school and the wider community of Mackay with our Cultural Day held on Wednesday.

As we start the second semester for 2013 I would like to share the results that have been achieved by our Mackay State High School students. Each semester I am pleased to report the outcome of the students’ achievements and their ratings for Effort and Behaviour as well. These are represented in the graph inside the newsletter. Achievement of “C or better” in the subjects is one of our Improvement Agenda Goals with a target of 85%. Although our ranking again this year is just below this target (77.8%), our Year 8 and Year 12 groups achieved 82.3% and 84.5% respectively which is very pleasing. Hopefully these classes and others can now build on these good starts to the year of study.

We have 974 students at this time, increased from 938 this time last year. An interesting and important correlation is that Year 8 and 12 are the class groups with the best attendance levels for Semester1. Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 16th July and if this afternoon does not suit, contact the teacher(s) and arrange a suitable time for a meeting.

We have a number of new staff who are commencing at our school this term, replacing teachers who are transferred or on leave for a period. Mr Frank Brunetto has been appointed to Mackay SHS as Deputy Principal, as a permanent appointment. He and his family relocated to Mackay over the vacation from his school in Far North Qld where he was Deputy Principal. He is very keen to get to meet the students, staff and families here at Mackay High, so that he can be a positive influence for the students.

During the vacation and in the next few weeks, Mackay State High welcomes students from three schools from Northern England travelling on tours for Rugby League and Football. Castleford and Outward Grange Academy schools and Archbishop Sentamo and Kelvin Hall Schools from Hull, are sending teams to Queensland as part of tours where they will play games in Mackay, Townsville and Brisbane. There will also be a few students who will remain here at school for a few weeks to be a part of our school, before returning home in Aug/Sept. These schools and their families support our students when they undertake their UK Tour later this year in September with organised games and billeting with families. I want to express my appreciation for the many local families which have accepted one of a number of students or accompanying staff as billets. Without this generosity, such programs would not be possible. Thank you.

Mr Steve Paulger
Principal
Cert 2 Workplace Practices

Several students in Year 12 were successful in completing their Cert 2 in Workplace Practices (or in a couple of cases very nearly) through the additional sessions supervised by Mrs Barnard and Mr Blakey. I also thank these teachers and the parents who ensured that the students attended during the Exam Block.

Local Roadworks

Mackay Regional Council advises that the roadworks along Paradise St will continue for several more weeks with the Henman and Paradise St Intersection remaining with only access from Henman St turning left into Paradise St. This will be the case for at least the next 6 weeks.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRANEESHIPS 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 done 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience placement forms were handed out today for interested students in year 11 and 12. The placement dates will be from the 05th the August – 09th August. Andrea Dearden will arrange the placement for the students, the cost is $25.00 per placement. If you require a form please see Mrs Dearden.

Mr Frank Brunetto-Deputy Principal

would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Mackay State High School community. My name is Frank Brunetto and I am the new Deputy Principal. I bring with me the experiences of working as Deputy Principal in various schools from the South East corner to Far North Queensland and most recently Tully State High School.

Thanks to all of the wonderful staff, parents and students for welcoming me so warmly this week as Deputy Principal. The support I have been given from our school leadership team and teaching staff is a clear indicator of why Mackay State High School has such an outstanding reputation within and beyond the immediate local area.

I am very much looking forward to working with everyone in the school community to provide your students with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate fully in their education and beyond.

Please introduce yourself to me as I look forward to meeting you all throughout the course of the year and working in partnership to help your students gain positive achievements at school.

Mr Frank Brunetto-Deputy Principal

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School Opinion Survey

Each year, State Schools across Queensland seek comment from parents, students and staff from all schools. School Opinion Surveys will be distributed to a random sample of parents in the week commencing 22nd July. I ask that you complete these surveys and return these to school as soon as possible in the envelope provided. Samples of students from Yr 9 and 11 will complete surveys this year on-line as will all staff. I thank you for your completion of these forms and return.

Dark Side of Technology

Brad Huddleston from the USA will be talking at many schools in July 2013 in the Mackay district to parents, teachers and students about the Dark Side of Technology. Brad has a vast knowledge and experience in speaking to all age groups and has recently been presenting at a World Youth Conference in Seoul, South Korea.

Sgt Dalton from the Mackay Police Crime Prevention Unit will co-host the talks in schools to reflect on Queensland Law and support networks.

Brad presented to our Year 8s last year on being safe with mobile phones and social media like Facebook, and will do so again on Friday 26th July. He will also present a session for parents and staff on this topic as it relates to adults and the understanding required to keep our children safe. This session will be at our Auditorium at 6 – 7pm Thurs 25th July. This is a free presentation and will be very informative.

Sgt Dalton says,…

“I have watched Brad present at many High and Primary schools in the Mackay District and been impressed with how he engages young people with his presentation.

He captivates their hearts and minds right from the beginning. Brad never shies away from the dangers that result from inappropriate use of digital technology.

He deals with overuse of technology, bullying through technology, pornographic content seen through technology, geo tagging and a whole lot more in the most fitting and sensitive way for the watching students. I have seen many students and teachers chat with Brad after sessions talking about their specific issues.

Please refer to www.bradhuddleston.com for further details.

Netball Inter-school Fixtures ended in the last week of Term 2. Congratulations to the Year 8 and Open teams from our school who successfully won their Grand final. Thank you also to the teachers who assisted the students and Ms Carynne Robinson with the coaching of the several teams, that were all competitive and successful. Team photos are on our Mackay SHS Facebook page.
The cooler weather will soon be upon us. Students are required to wear the correct winter uniform as set out in the prospectus.

**Winter Uniform**

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.

**Winter Wear**

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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 any student is interested please inform Miss Schembri in D7 Staffroom.
Walkerston Junior Cricket Club

Is seeking players for the 2013/2014 Cricket season.

Our age groups are Under 10’s, under 11’s, under 13’s, under 15’s and under 17’s.

Cricket is a fun enjoyable team sport that fosters mateship, team spirit and participation for both girls and boys.

U11’s to U17’s is played in the traditional format on Saturday mornings.

The following formats are played:

- The exciting T20 BLAST (T20 cricket with music and side line activities to make the atmosphere fun, fast moving and exciting) available for 8 to 12 years olds (boys and girls), sign on 19th of July from 4.00 to 5.30pm at Harrup Park Country Club. The cost will be $25.00 for the six week program and the cost will include a Heat Shirt and cap. The games will begin on Friday the 26th of July at 5.30pm.
- T20 winter competition starts on Sunday the 4th of August
- Summer season starts on the 12th of October

We also have an indoor season following the summer season.

If you are interested in signing up please contact the Junior Coordinator:
Ph: 07 49 593 186, 0413 252 808 or arnoldgreg@iprimus.com.au

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Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 16th July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

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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.

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School Athletics Carnival

Thursday period 3 & 4 and all day Friday

Come dressed in your house colours!!!

CHATTAWAY  FORGAN
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