Semester one is drawing to a close and students and staff are finalizing assessments towards the very important Semester 1 Student Reports. Students need to be focusing on their completion of assignments, submitting on the due date and at the same time making their preparation plans for final exams for those subjects, with confidence.

Remember our GOAL is to have at least 85% of our students achieve C Rating or better.

Our Year 11/12 classes will undertake an Exam Block all of next week, interrupted on Thursday by the Mackay Show Holiday. Students have received a copy of their timetable and a link is also available on the school Facebook site. All Year 12 students who are still to complete their Cert 2 in Workplace Practices are required to be at school completing the final modules of this to earn the 4 QCE points and the free time to invest in other subjects and assignments.

Over the past fortnight over 70 students in Year 11 & 12 were placed for Work Experience through the excellent work and close links to industry of Andrea Dearden, Vocational Placements Officer. This allows our students to get a real taste of the requirements of the workplace, as well as showcasing the skills of students to prospective employers in the region. Andrea is now collecting the reports from students and employers, before reviewing processes for the placements in Term 4 of all of our Year 10 students.

Opportunities abound for the students and staff at Mackay State High School. In the next few weeks the students in the Cattle Show Team, supported by several staff will take our cattle and poultry along to some of the local Shows including Pioneer Valley, Mackay and Proserpine. If you’re at the Shows, call and say hello. Also on Tuesday evening our Instrumental Musicians performed in Fanfare, competing against other High Schools across the region. All groups performed extremely well being awarded three SILVER awards – very good considering the judge only awarded one GOLD for the evening.

On Wednesday evening our Netball girls performed very well making all who saw them extremely proud as they won both of their Finals. The Year 8 team coached by Mrs Dell were successful over Mercy College, while the Open team coached by Mr Monaghan, won a close game against the St Pats team. Both games were very close and played in great spirit. On the academic front, we have several students while they’re preparing for exams, competing in the National Chemistry Quiz and we look forward to their results. In the next week or so there are Lawn Bowls and Rugby League finals to be decided.

All of these activities take a great deal of organizing and supervising and I want to extend a very big thank you to the efforts of our staff, who are always ready to coach a team, arrange a competition, attend the Shows and train the students, so that the students can get the best learning from their experience.
DATE REMINDERS TERM 2 2014

JUNE
17 - 18 June  Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
19 June  Mackay Show Holiday
20 June  Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
23 June  P & C Meeting
23 - 27 June  Melbourne History Tour
23 - 27 June  Year 10 Set Plans
25 - 26 June  Year 12 Marine Boating Trip
27 June  Last Day of Term 2

JULY
14 July  Term 2 Begins
17 - 18 July  Athletics Carnival

Hi my name is Trixie Mills and I’m the School Based Youth Health Nurse. I am a Registered Nurse with many years of experience working in the community. My aim is to help improve the health, safety & wellbeing of all students and staff at Mackay State High School.

We can talk about anything including sexual health, relationships, stress and life pressures, alcohol, drugs, smoking, nutrition, exercise, skin problems, growth and development and anger management.

I will be at the school every Monday and Tuesday and on alternating Wednesdays so call into my office for a confidential chat or just to say hello!!

Affirmation.......... 
We may not have it all together, but together we have it all !!

Mackay State High School

Year 7 2015

If you missed the last round of Parent/Student Enrolment Interviews You have another chance 18th June 3:30 to 5:00pm

Interviews must be booked through The General Office
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
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

As exams and assignment due dates draw nearer it is a timely reminder about the school Late and Non-Submission Assessment Policy.

On the front cover of every task sheet that students receive is the school assessment policy. It reads:

- Late work will not be accepted. In cases where students do not submit a response to an assessment instrument by the due date, judgments will be made using evidence available on or before the due date (eg draft or teacher anecdote).
- No grade can be awarded in cases of non-submission of an assessment instrument. These will be identified as Not Rated.
- No extension to due dates will be granted on the due date. Students must consult with the Head of Department before the due date and this must be accompanied by a parental note (Years 8-10) or a Medical Certificate (Years 11 and 12)

This policy is in line with QSA guidelines.

As a parent/guardian it is a great idea to sit down with your child and look at upcoming assessment dates and plan ahead so that there are no issues with your student handing in assignments on time.

Claire Blessas—Head Of Department English

Science

Two of Mackay State High School’s senior science students (Tye Routh and Aaron Glanville, pictured) are preparing to attend the annual UQ Youth Aerospace forum, to be held in Brisbane from June 30 - July 4. This prestigious camp (with such well known backers as Brisbane airport and Boeing) allows students a once in a life-time opportunity to examine the careers available in aerospace, as well as the opportunity to apply knowledge of physics and chemistry into real-world scenarios. Students also have the opportunity to interact with professors and aeronautics students, and ask them pressing questions on careers and university life. This 5 day event also allows like-minded students to interact, and form life-long friendships. For any year 11 students wishing to attend this event next year should look at the UQ website (www.uq.edu.au) during January of 2015 for details.

Get to know your PE Staff!!

Name - Craig Monaghan

What is your hometown? Brisbane

What year did you start teaching? 2008

What is your favourite holiday destination? San Francisco

What are your two favourite sporting teams? Newcastle Knights (NRL) and San Francisco Giants (Baseball)

What is your favourite food? Chicken

What is your favourite movie of all time? Braveheart
AGRICULTURE NEWS

SHOW TIME IS HERE!!!!

This is the time of year when our Cattle Show Team are filled with excitement. What they have practiced, for around 3 hours per week for a year (grooming, leading and judging cattle), will be exhibited at the local shows and judged.

Feel free to come along to the shows and greet our great Team, and gorgeous cattle, and find out what the hard work is all about.

Show dates are as follows:
Finch Hatton – Sunday 15 June
Mackay – Tuesday – Thursday 17/18/19 June
Proserpine – 20/21 June

NATIVE BEES ARE COMING !– THANKS TO ECOPORTS

Earlier this year, North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQBP) offered ten $1,000 EcoPorts Grants to assist schools situated in their port communities to implement an environmental initiative or project. Mackay State High School applied and won along with 10 other schools (out of thirty) a grant to begin a native bee project at our school. The cheque was formally presented to the school in assembly on 28 May.

Native bees are becoming endangered and are essential pollinators for some crops and native plants. They will be trialled in hives made of wooden boxes to see how they go. Perhaps this is something that farmers can try in the future since much vegetation is cleared for farming.

Presentation of cheque from Simon Eldridge (NQBP), to our senior Agriculture Student – Jayne Glendinning with Ag Teacher Nicole Fitzpatrick.
SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **KFC Mt Pleasant Restaurant** is looking for Team members. You will be neatly 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.** A rare opportunity exists for a trainee in Security Electronics to begin in 2015.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

- South Leagues Club Mackay is looking to employ a school based trainee. The qualification being offered is a Certificate III in Hospitality. This position is available for students currently in year 10 or 11.

- 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

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Year 11 & 12 Work Placement - Testimonials

High Mechanical aptitude displayed, willing & enthusiastic with all tasks, Chris is well mannered and a credit to his parents & school. Welcome anytime! (Boost Motorsports)

We have enjoyed working with Tamlyn and hope to see her again soon. (Mackay Day Spa)

Teresa is very motivated and keen to learn more by frequently asking questions. (Elite Physiotherapy)

Good young lad, would have Kade back again. (Mackay Sugar)

Holly worked very well within the team. She showed a lot of initiative and always looked for tasks to do. (Best & Less Canelands)

Michael has the right attitude and is a very well-mannered young man, he will do well in whatever field he chooses. (Jeff Eales Sheetmetal)

Kimberley is a great little worker and will go well in the future. (Progressive Realty)

Connor worked well he is good to get along with, he was very helpful. Every day he rocked up to work 15 minutes early for work. (Barcum Commercial)

Braiden has been an excellent student over the past week. I would employ him as an apprentice if there is an opportunity in the future. (Mackay Regional Council)

The team at Skills Training Mackay were impressed with Jaymee-Lee's hard working efforts and her positive and polite attitude.

**Picture:** Jaymee-Lee Deshong hard at work at Skills Training Mackay.
Welcome to another edition of Sports Wrap! It has been another eventful two weeks with a lot going on in the HPE Department. Its finals time for a number of our Mackay SHS Rugby League and Netball teams. We have two netball teams, The Year 8 ‘Daffodils’ and the Open A ‘Roses’ who will contest the Grand Final this week. Congratulations to these girls, their coaches and Mrs Dell for getting them this far. Best of luck in the Grand Final, results will be out in the next edition.

All six Mackay SHS Rugby league teams (two in each age group) have qualified for the Semi-Finals to be played next Wednesday at the Junior Rugby League grounds. With the final round of games being played this week, we don’t yet know if we will face off against each other in the Semi-Final. A Mackay SHS v Mackay SHS Grand Final showdown could be on the cards in all three grades!!

Capricornia Cross-Country trials were run in Rockhampton last week with four outstanding performances by Mackay SHS students. Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic effort;

Rhys Neale 2nd place 13 Year Boys
Lauren Morgan 11th place 14 Year Girls
Kai Rogers–Homoki 12th place 15 Year Boys
Kyra Brownsey 4th place 17 Year Girls

Over the long weekend, a number of Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy students represented Mackay in the North Queensland trials. Congratulations to the following boys who were selected;

Rayden Burns (U13), Mason Thorpe (U14), Brendan White, Jaewon Yasseeri, Ryan Schill (U15 Merit), Jacob Schill and Sam Downes (U16). Special mention to Ryan Schill who was named player of the carnival. Congratulations to all these boys.

Leading up to the school holidays we will be holding the 1500m event. This will be held during 1st Break on Tuesday the 24th June for all students interested. All Academy students are required to participate in this event. The Mackay SHS Athletics day will be held on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th July (Week 1, Term 3). Please put these dates in your diary.

The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy ‘Footy Doubles’ fundraiser results for the first 13 rounds are as follows;

Round 1 - #154286 – HOME 1, AWAY 3 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 2 - #154890 – HOME 13, AWAY 6
Round 3 - #154880 – HOME 7, AWAY 3
Round 4 - #158091 – HOME 5, AWAY 2
Round 5 - #157794 – HOME 5, AWAY 3 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 6 - #158393 – HOME 1, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 7 - #157795 – HOME 9, AWAY 11 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 8 - #158394 – HOME 12, AWAY 13 (Yet to be claimed)
Extra - #157798 – HOME 11, AWAY 8
Round 9 - #157494 – HOME 8, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 10 – #157192 – HOME 2, AWAY 1
Round 11 – #155996 – HOME 2, AWAY 3 (Yet to be claimed)
State of Origin 1 - #157500 – HOME 2, AWAY 2 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 12 - #158398 – HOME 2, AWAY 12 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 13 - #158093 – HOME 10, AWAY 10 (Yet to be claimed)

If you are holding onto the winning double, get in contact with the school office to collect your prize.
CONGRATULATIONS…

to our Instrumental Music groups for an outstanding performance at the regional Fanfare competition held on Tuesday night, June 10 at the Mackay North SHS Hall.

All three of our groups, Concert Band, Stage Band and String Ensemble received a Silver award!

Fanfare provides an opportunity for our school community to celebrate our young musicians and instrumental teachers by encouraging and promoting musical excellence though performance.

It aims to:

• promote excellence in ensemble performance
• highlight school-based ensemble performance
• offer students and teachers of ensembles the experience of expert adjudication
• provide students and teachers with the opportunity to perform in a music festival with ensembles from other state schools.

ARTS NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL On Stage cancelled… focus shifted to an exciting November Arts event

Unfortunately a difficult decision has been made to cancel the musical for 2014. Thank you to all the hard work put in by directors, Sam Neill and Nicole De Brueys, as well as cast and crew.

Our focus has now shifted to making the annual showcase of the Arts at Mackay SHS bigger and better than ever before. Arts staff and students are working towards Arts Under the Stars: a Space Odyssey as a significant showcase of the amazing things happening in our classrooms.

Get ready for an alluring Year 8 printmaking light shows and alluring space soundtrack compositions, dazzling Year 9 shadow puppet performances, Year 12 tent installations and Machinima video projections, Year 10 Living Libraries and video montage environments, captivating Star Wars soundscapes and sensationallly succulent space food.

Add the date to your calendar now – Monday, November 10 from 5:30pm

Glenda Hobdell - Head of Arts Department
**XLart has a new logo!**

Designed in Adobe Illustrator and screenprinted photographically by participating students, the logo is the culmination of graphic design activities experienced over the past five weeks.

Our next focus will be on traditional and contemporary batik techniques and fabric dyeing processes.

High achieving Visual Art students will receive an official invitation to join **XLart** following the end of semester reporting period. Keep an eye on those mailboxes!

**Artwork of the week...**

Year 9 Art student, Rhysii James-Hankin, joined the class at the start of Term 2.

She walked into planning for a major work which relied on learning and experimentation from Term 1.

To her credit, Rhysii’s efforts have been outstanding as her work has displayed excellent understanding of visual language and the focus of earlier study, Surrealist techniques and devices.

This week the class was reintroduced to contour drawing, a skill that teaches students to draw through learning to actually see. Rhysii’s first attempt at a contour drawing of an old man is again testimony to her natural talents.

Congratulations to Rhysii on this wonderful work. We look forward to your future outcomes!
Staff from Pioneer SHS and Mackay SHS are very excited to announce that students from both schools are joining forces for their second Mackay Combined Bands Tour. This time we will be heading to New Zealand to participate in an International Festival of Youth and Music. This event was established in 2001 to provide an overseas opportunity for music students to experience the music and culture of New Zealand. Around 600 students worldwide participate in the festival and enjoy the combination of music and culture in a different country.

If interested in participating in the Rhapsody Rotorua Festival of Youth and Music, please note the following information before completing the Expression of Interest section:

- **Tour dates:** 28 June 2015 - 8 July 2015 (11 days)
- **Approximate cost:** $4,000 includes flights, accommodation, festival, sight-seeing and possible day of skiing. Deposit of $200 will need to be paid within the next 5 weeks. Do not make any payments until you receive the Notice of Acceptance form after submitting this Expression of Interest form.
- **Final payment for the tour must be made by the 20 February 2015.**
- **To be able to participate in the Rhapsody Rotorua tour, you must be able to complete an Australian Passport application (https://www.passports.gov.au/Web/Forms/EntryPoint.aspx) and purchase a Passport or currently have a passport that will have at least an extra 6 months of validity prior to the tour departing on 28 June 2015.**
- **Fundraising opportunities available, more information coming soon**
- **Tour information night will be held for all participants and families, more information coming soon**

Once the Expression of Interest form is submitted, we will send you a Notice of Acceptance with further information regarding the tour and payments. There are still a small number of spaces available. If you have not yet received one, the Expression of Interest form will need to be submitted to Mrs Hobdell by Friday 13 June 2014.

If you require further information, please contact Emma Werner at Pioneer SHS via email: ewern6@eg.edu.au or Glenda Hobdell ghobd1@eq.edu.au.

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**MACKAY COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL BANDS TOUR 2015**

**RHAPSODY ROTORUA - FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND MUSIC, NEW ZEALAND**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

I would like to provide an Expression of Interest for my child to participate in the Mackay Combined High School Bands Tour – Rhapsody Rotorua 2015. I have read and understand the information provided above and agree to meet the requirements for my child to successfully participate in the tour. Return this form to Mrs Hobdell by Friday 13 June 2014.

Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________

Student Name: ___________________________ Signed: ___________________________
The school community were invited to attend MSHS student services Big BBQ Breakfast which was held on Wednesday 4 June 8am to 8.40am outside the hall. There was a cutting of our Birthday Cake marking 7 years of Breakfast Club.

We would like to thank all those who have helped make the breakfast club a success over the last 7 years including students, volunteers, donors, P & C, bread pickup staff, Tuckshop ladies and our big sponsor Sydney Street, Brumby’s for their daily bread donations.

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

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.
Free performance workshop for ages 13-17

12 July 2014 1pm - 3pm, Gordon White Library
54 Phillip Street, Mt Pleasant

Bookings: lyps@slq.qld.gov.au Ph 07 3842 9827

Discover the art of creating performance poetry and spoken word in a hands-on, words-on workshop specially designed for secondary and upper primary school students by award winning poet David ‘Ghostboy’ Stavanger.

Sessions will be fun and supportive and cover skills in:
- Poetry basics, including rhyme and rhythm
- Writing and editing poetry
- History and sound of slamming
- Waking up the audience and keeping them alive
- Developing performance techniques

Selected participants from the SlammED performance workshop will be invited at the Poetry Slam heat in Mackay on 12 July.