Principals Report

For students to attain their best learning outcomes, it is essential that they are in regular daily attendance at school and have the basic materials that they need for their learning. One of our Improvement Agenda targets for 2014 is to improve our Attendance rate to at least 90% for all students. There will be need for absences when students are ill or away with parents, however it is important that parents either send a note on their return or call the school office and leave details with staff or on the answering service for all absences. Thank you to those many parents who already do this. Currently our school Attendance is improved from last year, but we seek to improve further.

Year 8  92.9%   Year 9  90.7%
Year 10 87.4%   Year 11 88.8%
Year 12 90.1%
Whole School 90%  (to date) 2013  83.9%

Last week many of our new Year 8 students travelled to Lake Fairbairn at Emerald with staff and several Year 11 Buddies to undertake several Leadership and personal challenges to allow them to learn more about their group and themselves. The students and staff were very pleased to get home on Friday after a long and very busy 4 days away, with staff and Buddies with lots of very positive stories about their engagement and teamwork. Mrs Dell was very excited about the way in which the students “grew as a group” over the camp. There were lots of photos taken on the camp and in the near future the screen in the Office foyer will be displaying these. I extend a huge thank you to the staff and Buddies who attended and made the camp a most enjoyable learning experience.

On Saturday several of our Senior ladies attended the Zonta luncheon for International Women’s Day with both Hannah McCullagh and Kelly Lisle entering the competition for Young Women in Community. The girls were accompanied by Mrs Atkins and Ms Puckridge and were informed by several speakers at the luncheon. Several of the senior girls made an early exit so that they could attend and compete in the judging of the Lions Youth of the Year Zone finals at 2.30pm. These girls had already engaged in personal interviews earlier in the morning. Kelly Lisle represented our school and performed very confidently and learnt greatly from her experience. Mrs Wall and I attended with Kelly's mother to provide her with support in this personal challenge.

As an initiative to follow-up the Year 8 Camp, a Year 8 only Disco was organised this week and over 80 students attended, accompanied by several Year 8 Buddies. Over 15 teachers also attended to spend time with the students and assist with supervision on the evening. Mrs Dell was very excited with the success of the evening and the readiness of staff to offer assistance. Well done to the students, their parents and the many staff who attended. Special thanks to Dino DJ Mr Neill, who kept the evening moving along well.

Monday week 24th March is our next P&C Meeting. With the AGM delayed to this meeting it was decided at our last meeting to start at 7pm at the Admin Block. As always, all positions are declared vacant and due to work commitments it is known that at least 2 positions will be seeking nominees. Please come along and play an active role in your child’s education.

At the start of 2014, we had access to a new multipurpose two room centre replacing T01/02 next to A Block where our Junior Secondary precinct is planned to be defined. Recently, we have taken delivery of another double-classroom, that was positioned by crane onto stumps, replacing T05 & 06. This building will come on line for the beginning of Term2, provided no delays are experienced.

Mr Steve Poulger
Principal
DATE REMINDERS TERM 1 2014

March
Tue 18 ....................................... Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice
Wed 19 ..................................... Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice
Wed 19 .............................. Yr 8 Immunisations
Wed 19 ............................. National Ride2school Day
Mon 24 ..................................... AGM P & C Meeting
Wed 26 .................................... Yr 8 Parent Success Evening
Wed 26 .................................... Super 8 Rugby League
Thur 27 ............................. Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
Fri 28 ............................. Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
Mon 31 .................................... Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams

April
Wed 2 ............................. Yr 10 Immunisations
Fri 4 ....................................................... Term 1 ends
Tue 22 ..................................................... Term 2 starts

Conveyance Allowance Assistance
Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.

MSHS Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion
Save the date of 7 June 2014 for the MSHS Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion at the Mackay Grande Suites. We are in contact with 150 students and teachers but there are more of you out there that we've lost contact with.

Please email sjhill@resultslegal.com.au so we can gather email or postal addresses for getting the invitation to you. If your name was different in 1994 or isn't obvious from your email address, please include it in the email.

Look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Teacher Spotlight
Head of Mathematics
I started teaching at MSHS in 2000
My favourite TV show is "The Big Bang Theory" BAZINGA
My most memorable road trip is. My first trip to Brisbane with mates. I got lost for 12 hours within an hour of getting there
My Rugby League team is "The Mighty Cowboys" Go Matty Scott
The craziest food I have tried is An emu pie in WA. Quite tasty
My starsign is Leo
My most embarrassing moment at school was and still is a rather different dress sense
My fondest memory of school was going on the Snowy mountains trip and travelling to Brisbane for an International Youth Year Conference. (I did not get lost)
**International Women's Day Luncheon**

On Saturday 8th March 8 year 12 girls and two teachers (Mrs Atkins and Miss Puckridge) attended the Zonta International Women’s Day Luncheon at Magpies Sporting Club. The girls were inspired by the guest speaker Dr Shannon Spriggs, who is currently a research fellow with the Violence Research and Prevention Program at Griffith University. Brianna Nixon (School captain) said “The international Women’s Day Lunch provided us with knowledge on the issues facing women in our society today. It inspired us to take action on the larger issues and the status of women”.

Well done to Kelly Lisle and Hannah McCullagh who submitted applications for the 2014 Young Women in Public Affairs Award along with twelve other young women in the district. These applicants are very involved members of not just our school community but the wider community as well.

Special thanks goes to Zonta Club member Vassie Comino of P Comino and Sons for sponsoring the year 12 students at this luncheon.

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**A Message from the office**

Please be aware there are 3 weeks left to take advantage of the discount rate payment for your Student’s Resource Scheme Fees ($205.00 for the year). For anyone who has unpaid fees at the end of Term 1 the SRS fee will increase to $225.00.

If you are having financial difficulty paying your fees please contact the Admin Office and we can discuss a payment plan to get these fees cleared.

Statements have been sent to all Parent/Carers who have outstanding fees - if you have not received a statement (and believe you should!) please contact us to ensure we have your correct postal details.

Until next time....

Marg Brown – MSHS Office
Lions Youth of the Year

For the last few weeks the Mackay SHS Representative in the Lions Youth of Year competition has been Kelly Lisle, she competed in the heats in early March and then in the zone finals last weekend.

Kelly is a very worthy representative in this prestigious public speaking competition, she is a Year 12 student who is completing a certificate IV in Accounting through Axiom College in Townsville. Kelly is one of the youngest people in Queensland to be completing this certificate, she is working at a school based traineeship with the Accounting Firm Shepherd & Dudley as well as completing 5 OP subjects including Maths B & C.

The judges last weekend commented on how impressed they were with Kelly for attempting this challenge that was “out of her comfort zone” and how well she tackled this .

Congratulations Kelly

Camp Eagle

Secondary Camp Eagle is coming up on May 1, 2, 3, 4. It is open to all high school students through the Chaplains. Cost: $40. Registration Forms are now available at the Chaplains Office E5. For enquiries about Camp Eagle and registrations contact Chaplain Phil Hall. 49579107 (W)

We camp in tents at the campsite (Camp Eagle Mountain Retreat), which is at Rowallan Scout Park. Some of the highlights are Survivor Day, Day trip to Finch Hatton Gorge, Saturday Night Challenge, Meet new friends, Cooking and eating, Camping in tents, Scenic drive, Bush walking, Small Groups, Campfire, Relaxing, Fishing, Games. Camp Eagle has been running since the year 2000.

Camp Eagle has four major goals it uses to build resilience and impact the students in positive ways. Fun activities to engage them, Relationships building with Leaders and peers, Chilling out the students using natural father & son type activities, and Introduce the Christian faith in a natural and non threatening way. Some students have not only found who they are, but it has helped them through the tough times.

Camp Eagle is a community program run on Christian values and is a joint venture of the Iona West Uniting Church, Mackay Schools Chaplaincy, and supported by the Churches of Mackay, Scouts, Rotary and community sponsors.

THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB
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*Please detach and return the Administration Office*
The calls for interest went out... auditions began... casting was posted and the grounds were abuzz with excited squeals from successful leads. Rehearsals for High School Musical are now well underway and the growing cast and crew are gearing up for the amazing group effort that lies ahead.

**Congratulations to the following cast members...**

Gabriella Montez – Britney Janke  
Taylor McKessie – Ceah-May Rowe  
Sharpay Evans – Erin Gardiner  
Martha Cox – Tahlia Horsnell  
Kelsie Neilson – Megan Oliver  
Jacqui Scott – Emma Larson  
Ms Darbus – Danielle De Keijzer  
Ms Tenny – Ms Drinkwater  
Troy Bolton – Zac Fenech  
Chad Danforth – Alex Brown  
Ryan Evans – Jai Gardiner  
Zeke Baylor – Mosese Uluviti  
Ripper – Tye Routh  
Coach Bolton – Mr Doyle  
Cyndra – Allysha Grant

**Cheerleaders** – Emma Bugeja, Kiahni Gaffney, Bonnie Green, Anya Larsen  
**Chorus** – Hannah Budde, Chloe Healion, Abbey Blaik, Kate Brown, Marnie Bugeja, Alexandra Cairns, Katerina De Battista, Allyssa Dick, Shania Elston- Louis, Jenny Goode, Jasmine Camille, Tahlia Heraclides, Riley Hill, Annaelese Jacobson, Cheereece Jocumsen, Jayalla McNeven, Lachlan Milner, Simone Muirhead, Suwi Nawale, Reece Ryan, Angela Skinner, Brianna Skinner, Hayley Sumpter

The musical will definitely be staged during Term 3 but the date and venue are currently being finalised. Watch this space for regular updates and sneak previews of the cast and crew at work!

Glenda Hobdell  
*Producer – HSM*  
*HOD Arts (A)*
The Visual Art Department will run an extension program for Years 10, 11, and 12 students beginning in Term 2. The program is being initiated to offer our students the opportunity to engage in a broad range of traditional and new media art techniques. It is designed to extend and enhance students’ artistic talents and skills, building on the Visual Art curriculum with a focus on media and technique, equipment, problem solving, analytical skills and their application within the creative industries.

Excelling art students will soon be invited to submit applications for weekly participation in the after school extension group. The program will offer opportunities to work on real art and design tasks such as T-Shirt design and printing, logo design, and the painting of wall panels for community groups.

Early expressions of interest can be given directly to any of the art teachers, Mrs Hobdell, Ms Hodby and Mr Berrigan.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Mackay State High School would like to welcome our new Youth Support Coordinator Jenny Hocking. Jenny will be providing individual support, case management and group support to students to maximise their engagement with education and training. Jenny is situated in P Block Staffroom and is available on Tues, Wed and Thurs.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRaineESHIPS AVAILABLE

Skills Training Mackay combined with CQ TAFE and Novaskill are offering School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for Indigenous Students Currently in Year 11.

Nationally Accredited Hospitality Traineeships! Sizzler Mackay is looking for enthusiastic, fun-loving students to work & train in hospitality. If you are interested you are invited to attend a Speed Recruitment night to be held on Monday 17th of March commencing at 4.30pm. Bring your resume, parent and dress to impress.

Reece Plumbing in North Mackay has a School Based Traineeship available. The successful student will undertake a Certificate II in Warehousing Operations. The position would suit students interested in the Plumbing Trade as well as those looking for Retail or Business opportunities.

Knukela Binbi Beerkou 2014

The Knukela Binbi Beerkou Program 2014 will be conducted at CQ TAFE starting in March 2014. Indigenous and Australian born South Sea Islander Year 10 Students are invited to participate. Students attend CQ TAFE one day per week where they will complete a Certificate II Skills for Work and training and Your Future. These qualifications will incorporate cultural studies, life skills, cultural field trips and literacy and numeracy components.

For details on how to apply for these positions see Mrs Dearden in P09 or Call 4957 9152

Andrea Dearden
Senior Phase Officer
49579152
adear20@eq.edu.au
Thanks to all those people who provided great discussion at February P&C meeting. Unfortunately were unable to hold the AGM due to a minor holdup. The AGM will now be at the early starting time of 7pm followed by a general meeting. Most meetings during the year are over by 9pm unless there is a particular issue requiring longer discussion. The main business of the AGM is the presentation of reports from the previous year and the election of office bearers for the year. All positions are declared vacant but some of these positions already have willing volunteers.

I encourage everyone to become part of our P&C. It is a place to discuss issues, share ideas, airing your grievances and find solutions, as well as make decisions about enhancing the educational opportunities and environment of our students. At our last meeting it was exciting to be able to contribute $17000 towards a laser/cutter/engraver that will be used by many different students across several subjects of the school. It was great to hear that the P&C Qld Treasury loan for air-conditioning was paid out as of November 2013. This loan that was taken out many years ago for air-conditioning the school. I remember the lively conversation about this at a P&C meeting when this was discussed when my son was in year one 17 years ago!

Tuckshop

The tuckshop is running well thanks to Judy and Sharyn and their staff and volunteers. The tuckshop is the main source of funding for the P&C. Volunteering in the tuckshop is very rewarding. It is air-conditioned and pleasant to work in. Due to our convenors and existing helpers our tuckshop is currently running smoothly and profitably within the healthy school guidelines, but more volunteers are required. You may be able to assist once a month or perhaps fortnightly or weekly.

School Uniforms

The school uniform shop is near the tuckshop. Thanks to Andrea and Jo and any helpers for the work involved in the busy start to the school year.

We invite all parents and the school community to come along to the AGM even if you are new to P&Cs. We look forward to a great year ahead and welcome your input.

I hope to see you there!

Helen McCullagh
President 2013

P&C Annual General Meeting 7pm Monday 24th March

All welcome.

THANK YOU….to Alison at Yamaha Music for the fantastic donation of a donation of a Jordan Bass Guitar! Our Music staff and students are very grateful and our program richer for your generosity.
ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF TEENAGERS/THOSE WHO WORK WITH TEENAGERS

THIS IS CRUCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE PHYSICAL AND LEGAL SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

An invitation for parents/workers to learn about safe partying, legal risks, safety risks and collaboration in the care and safety of young people

**headspace Mackay & Mackay Youth Support Services**

Personally invite you to a FREE evening with Paul Stanley from the Matthew Stanley Foundation (One Punch Can Kill).

Listen to Paul recount the personal and tragic story of what happened to his son Matthew, this story is a truly motivating, inspirational, powerful and moving story and should be heard by everyone. Come and see, hear why so many people are touched by Paul’s story and take this message with them into the real world.

The second half of the session will look at a DVD presented by Paul Stanley and a member of the QLD Police Service. We look at a clip of a 16 year old's party and the issues that can arise for the young people and the parents (based on actual events very eye opening to any parent)

**When-** Wednesday 19th March

**Where:-** Mackay Masonic Hall, Wood Street (across road from Coffee Club)

**Time:-** 6:15pm-8:00pm

RSVP Essential:- Phone Shane Sturdy on 48982200 or email Tuesday 18th March 2014

**Anyone working, caring, parenting of young people should see this free presentation**

[Image of a group of people standing together]
Core Values: Respect, Consideration, Dedication and Pride

Mackay State High School has four Core Values: Respect, Consideration, Dedication and Pride. Core values are the personal values that we all use each day to guide our thoughts and behaviours, valuing others and being valued by others in life. These values work together to allow us to function effectively on a daily basis.

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Mackay State High School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

Mr Steve Paulger
Principal

2014 Next Step survey

Suggested Newsletter Text

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or telephone toll free on 1800 068 537.
Year 8 Disco
Referral Form

Thank you for your interest in our programs at Fruition Tuition. For more information about our services please fill in your details below, and our friendly team will be in contact with you shortly.

I am interested in:
- [ ] Early Childhood Program (Ages 3 – Year 3)
- [ ] Numeracy & Literacy (All Ages through to Adult)

My contact details:

Name: __________________________
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Do your children identify as:
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Torres Strait Islander
- [ ] English 2nd Language

Further Information/ Questions: _______________________________________________________

Please send your information to the details below so our team can be in contact with you as soon as possible:

Mail: Fruition Tuition Mackay, PO Box 1163, MACKAY QLD 4740

Email: mackaycentral@fruition.com.au OR mackayrb@fruition.com.au

Or you can visit our centres at:
- Mackay Central: Corner of Shakespeare & Peel Street, Mackay City
- Northern Beaches: Shop 1A, Northern Beaches Central Shopping Centre

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