Principals Report

At the recent Parent Teacher Interviews I looked at the student performance as compared to the Improvement Agenda for Student Achievement - 85% of all students achieving Sound or better. Overall across all grades we achieved 79.2%. This is an improvement from 77.5% at the same time last year and has been growing steadily each year. See the full table inside. The achievement % for each year level is given below...

Overall 79.2%  Year 8 – 82.4%  Year 9 – 80.4%  Year 10 – 70.5%  Year 11 – 77.5%  Year 12 – 85%

The Year 12 performance is very pleasing as these results always grow as the final semester is rated with often 4 – 5% improvement. I also note the correlation between the drop in performance of some of our Year 10 students and this class is also the poorest performer with Attendance. There are quite a few students who need to change their respect for the opportunity available to them at Mackay SHS.

Assessment Planners for all students have now been distributed and I remind parents that it is a very good practice to make a copy and post this on the fridge for reference the next time your child say they do not have any homework, they can check the planner for upcoming commitments.

Year 7 > 8 Transition Information evening will be held on Wednesday 12th August in our School Hall, following our school visits this week to our Primary Partner schools for 2014. Parents will be addressed to advise of the location of the subject teams and the process to book in an interview. Students from Year 8 will be able to book individual times for your enrolment interview which can be booked on the information evening, for the 19 – 21st August. On our visits and talks to Year 8 students this week, we have announced and presented 8 scholarships of value $500 each to Year 7 and also Year 8. The excited recipients are listed below.

Scholarship Winners  (A Academic, C Cultural, S Sporting)

Year 7
Taine Hona  S  Dundula
Gabrielle Dhu  A  Walkerston
Abby Crawley  S  Andergrove
Lara Beveridge  S  Mackay West

Thanh Huynh  A  Mackay Central
Dana Del Rosario  A  Mackay Central
Lachlan Keates  A  Vic Park
Kara Boys  S  Vic Park

Year 8
Caitlyn Ebner  S  Chelona
Destinee Whirsky  A  Vic Park
Mayson Armstrong  A  Vic Park
Alec Scott  C  Vic Park

Devyn Austin  S  Alligator Creek
Lauren Anderson  A  West Mackay
Gabrielle Wotherspoon  A  West Mackay
Nicole Frew  C  West Mackay

Our Year 11 cohort travelled to the PCYC Area for the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program. The students participated in braking displays in vehicles, presentations from technical experts and Emergency Services specialists. After speaking to several students, their feedback was that the activities were very informative and worthwhile.
Mackay State High School
Encourage learning for Life

Breakfast Club
Menu

Monday: Toast, spreads, cereal, milk each day
Tuesday: Eggs, French Toast or scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Smoothies
### DATE REMINDERS TERM 3 2014

**AUGUST**

14 August  
Yr 10 Science Olympiad

15 August  
SEU Boating Trip

18 August  
Yr 12 Aquatics Day Trip

19 August  
Yr 12 Boating Trip

19 - 21 August  
Year 8 2015 Enrolment Inter

19 August  
SEU Transition Session Yr 8

21 August  
Titration Competition

21 August  
Cap Trials Track & Field

21 August  
Yr 11 & 12 Ag Excursion

25 August  
P & C Meeting

26 August  
SEU Transition Session Yr 8

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### CHAPSTICKS FOR SALE

**$4**

Assorted flavours to choose from

All money towards supporting our School Chaplains in the Mackay Region

Available at the Student Counter

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### Inspiration

*If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way!!*

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**Mackay State High School**

**Year 8 2015**

Student Enrolment Interviews

19th, 20th & 21st August 2014

3.00pm to 6.30pm

Bookings **must** be made at the General Office

Any queries please phone

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**Math Quiz**

Kim uses this rule to work out the next number in a pattern:

*Multiply by 7 and then add 1.*

The first three numbers of his pattern are: 8, 57, 400, ...

What is the fifth number in his pattern?

**No Calculators**

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**THANKS TO BRUMBY'S SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY**
Junior Secondary News

The Junior Secondary team is very busy in leading the preparations for two new groups of students in 2015; new group of Year 8 students and the first ever group of Year 7 students. Some of the recent developments include: a peer review including a visit to Pioneer High School to review their Junior Secondary processes, 2015 Timetable design (incorporating key curriculum decisions to support the learning of all students), progress review by visiting Deputy Principal, Mrs Anna Reeves, a number of teachers as part of a peer review two participating in classroom visits at Mackay State High School.

The final plans are being made for the next Parent Information Night which is being held on Wednesday 13th August 5.30 pm for students in Year 8 2015. This Information Night promises to be another important opportunity for parents and students to meet members of staff and other parents and to receive the latest information from the Junior Secondary planning team. We hope to see you there. **Year 8 Enrolment Interviews are on 19th, 20th, 21st.** Please ring the office on 49579 175 make a booking from 14th August onwards and bookings can be made at the parent information night or alternatively discussed on the night.

We continue to seek the support from our parents and local community to ensure that **students attending school every day is an absolute priority.** If students are unable to attend due to being very unwell or unavoidable family matters, I ask that you inform the Office Staff on the day of the student’s absence. It is important that if students are late to school that they sign in with school attendance officer.

**Attendance Goals**

For the remainder of the term, attendance will be a key focus for Year 8 & 9 students. Currently, the attendance goal for the both cohorts is set at 92%. Since the beginning of Term Two, our attendance rate has declined considerably and we are no longer at our target for the cohort. If the Year 8 & 9’s reach the target by the end of the term, we intend to offer a pizza party for the form class that reach the attendance goal. This is an incentive for students, however; it is essential that students understand that every day at school counts.

**Year 8 & 9 Activities**

Every term as a school we offer activities for our Junior students, this term Mr West (Year 9 Coordinator) will be running a Futsal competition for Year 8 and 9’s starting in week 5. Mrs Dell (Year 8 Coordinator) will be organising the inaugural food competition with Mr Doyle as a guest appearance. With the help of our senior buddies these events are always fun and fulfilling for staff and students.

Mr Brunetto—Deputy with scholarship winners from West Mackay State School

Scholarship winners from Victoria Park School Destinee Whirisky, Lachlan Keates, Alex Scott, Mayson Armstrong, Kara Boys and Mr Steve Paulger
Marine and Aquatics boating Report

This is an exciting term for our Year 12 students as they complete requirements that can allow them to get their Recreational Marine Drivers Licence (RMDL). All these students get the opportunity to spend 2 days boating on the Pioneer River to hone up their driving skills. The Marine group has already had their 2 days on the water and each of the 2 Aquatics groups will have their 2nd boating days on the 18th or the 19th of August. It has been satisfying to see the confidence of each student increase as each day progresses. While many have boating experiences with their families quite a few have never driven a powerboat or may not have ever been in one.

To qualify for their licence each students needs to successfully complete two boating days including a skills course, and in class complete their power boating workbooks and pass a theory test set by Maritime Safety Queensland. Then if they see me with photo ID such as a drivers licence, I can fill in the forms for them to take to the Department of Transport, with $93, to become a licenced RMDL.

Mr Rankine, Marine Teacher

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!!

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
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
State of Origin 1 - #157500 – HOME 2, AWAY 2
Round 12 - #158398 – HOME 2, AWAY 12 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 13 - #158093 – HOME 10, AWAY 10 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 14 - #158099 – HOME 2, AWAY 9
State of Origin 2 - #158080 – HOME 7, AWAY 7
Round 15 - #157495 – HOME 3, AWAY 5 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 16 - #156294 – HOME 2, AWAY 5 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 17 - #155995 – HOME 10, AWAY 13 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 18 - #156293 – HOME 5, AWAY 3
Round 19 - #155992 – HOME 3, AWAY 11
Round 20 - #837335 – HOME 3, AWAY 5 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 21 - #837334 – HOME 1, AWAY 6 (Yet to be claimed
Welcome back to Term 3! Hard to believe where the year has gone. Since the last edition of ‘Sports Wrap’ the school is bursting at the seams with sport. To begin the Term, the Mackay SHS Athletics Carnival was held over the first Thursday and Friday of the term. It was an outstanding carnival, with the largest amount of students in attendance in quite some years. The carnival would not have been possible without the extremely hard work of our wonderful Sports Coordinator, Ms Rebecca Denney. Her countless hours put in before and after school definitely paid off with an outstanding carnival. Keep an eye out for the next newsletter that will have all the Age Champions, record breakers and of course the House champions! Included also will be the results of our students who went and represented the school at the Mackay District Athletics that were held at Mackay North SHS on the 6th and 7th of August.

The successful end to Term 2 on the Rugby League field flowed straight into Term 3. On Wednesday 6th August our Year 8 and Under 15 Rugby League boys took on Mercy College in the Mackay District Division 1 Grand Final, the biggest day on the rugby league calendar. The Year 8 team, coached by Mr Nathan Doyle were successful 24-10 in the first game of the evening. The Under 15 team, coached by Mr Andrew Gercken, fought off a spirited Mercy College team to clinch an 18-14 victory. It was sweet revenge for many of the boys who were on the other side of the score-line this time last year. Both teams put in an amazing effort to walk away as premiers for their age division. A massive thank you to all students, parents and teachers who came to support, run water or assist in any way throughout the season, the boys are extremely grateful for the amount of time that is given up to allow them these opportunities.

Our Netballers faced a do-or-die clash with Mackay North SHS last Friday in the Vicki Wilson Cup Mackay Final. After defeating St Patrick’s College by 1 point the week before, they earned the right to face off against North. The girls played tremendously in a very back and forth battle but unfortunately fell short by just 1 goal. The girls fought right to the very end and did both themselves and the school proud. Of course the girls would not have made it this far without the assistance of the coaches Mr Gercken, Mr Monaghan and of course the backbone of the Mackay SHS Netball Academy, Mrs Dell. With a squad featuring mostly Year 10 and 11 (and even one Year 8 Student!!) students, the girls should be extremely confident heading into next year.

Although we have seen Grand Finals played of late, the sporting calendar for Mackay SHS students is not quite finished. With soccer and athletics getting underway, as well as the local Rugby Union competition, followed by Rugby 7s, there is plenty more action to come. Thank you to all members of the Mackay SHS community for your continued support of all students and their sporting ambitions. Be sure to read the next edition of Sports Wrap for all the Athletics results!!
ARTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS... to our Instrumental Music groups once again for some outstanding performances over the past weeks.

During the Festival of Arts, the String Ensemble performed under the guidance of Ms Kristen Boyd at Caneland as part of the Jack Sturgeon Lunchbox Concert series.

Soloists, Marcus Dhü on trombone, Mikayla Sagar on guitar and vocals, and Tristan Ware on piano also wowed the audiences.

The busy music rehearsal and performance schedules continue as students and staff work towards Eisteddfod performances early in Term 4. We wish them well.

STOP PRESS!!!!

DRAMA NEWS...

The Year 11 Drama group has been invited to attend a workshop with the Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company on Wednesday 3 September. They will also be viewing the company’s performance of Henry V on the 1st of October at the MECC.

Our MECC Youth Ambassador, Pagan-Leigh Camilleri and teacher, Mr Sam Neill, applied for a ‘Class on Stage’ award for our Senior Drama class. The prize is to use the stage at the MECC for a day. If successful, the class is hoping to spend the day participating in Drama workshops related to performing, becoming the actor and some emphasis of Brechtian Theatre. **Exciting late news Mr Neill & Yr 11 students won the competition.**

Visual Art Excellence...

Congratulations to three of our Year 12 Visual Art students, Krystall Patterson, Jessica Heitman and Jessica McGair on their selection to represent Mackay SHS at a regional level in the Creative Generation Excellence in Art Awards.

Submitted works must show a standard of work that demonstrates:

- highly developed imagery and/or iconography with effective and deliberate communication of meaning
- expressive and/or innovative aesthetic choices through the control of visual language
- purposeful and considered manipulation and exploitation of media, techniques and processes
- application of knowledge and critical understanding of media, techniques and processes that allows a thorough degree of visual and expressive resolution
- a sustained engagement, which invites further inquiry from the onlooker.
Visual Art Excellence...

With approximately 15000 students studying Visual Art in Queensland, and 500 students’ works submitted to the Awards, selection to participate is in itself a fantastic accolade. The regional exhibition including our students’ work will be presented at the Rockhampton Regional Gallery in early September.

Award winning students will participate in an artist workshop in October and their selected works will be exhibited at the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) in Brisbane in 2015. The central exhibition is the pinnacle of the program with students and families invited to attend the official opening of the exhibition. GoMA provides a world class facility in which to view the student exhibition, offering a once in a life time opportunity for these aspiring artists.

Good luck to all three of our talented students!

An arduous journey, Jessica Heitmann, 2014 (installation stills)

Connection, Jessica McGair, 2014 (digital photographs)

Façades (detail), Krystall Patterson, 2014 (mixed media drawing and printmaking on cotton)
Rocky’s Report

I now have a friend called Maple. Maple is also an Indian Runner duckling. Maple is a day younger than me. Maple enjoys cuddles and really loves food, just like me. Maple was also donated by the Mittelstadt family, a very big Thankyou. I will have a photo of Maple and myself next time, she is a little camera shy.

There are now some really young kids on the block (only a couple of days old)! Three Hamburg chicks have joined the agriculture department, they had been donated by the Pridmore family (a big thankyou to the Pridmores). They are fancy chickens and will be entered into the shows hopefully next year. There will be an open competition at school to name the chickens. Any name entries should be written and taken to the science staffroom and put into the naming box (with your name and form class) are also on the entry. Winners will be announced during science week (Week 6) this Term.

Aurecon Bridge Building Competition

Two teams of three Year 8 students have this week competed in the newly established Mackay Aurecon Bridge building competition.
Prior to the competition day both teams had planned and built bridges from the provided materials which adhered to set requirements.
One team opted for a balsa and string version of the Golden Gate bridge, while the other team created a strengthen railway bridge. The students researched and improved their designs as they worked.

Throughout the day our teams watched the various bridges collapse making sensible observations on their strengths and weaknesses.
A couple of the students were even interviewed for channel 7 news!
In a tough competition both teams faired very well finishing 7th and 8th from a field of 20 Bridges. They gained valuable information about engineering and careers in the industry while having fun.
KENICHI, MHI WANG

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SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS
FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

•  KFC Mt Pleasant Restaurant is looking for Team members.  You must 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 An opportunity exists for a trainee in Security Electronics to begin in 2015.

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEE SHIPS 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.

•  Mackay Regional Council is currently recruiting for its 2015 Trainee and Apprentice intake. There are a total of 21 positions available across various different fields of study. Melinda Saw will be at Mackay State High School on the 14/08/2014 to let Year 12 students know about these opportunities and provide information with regards to applying for these positions. This will be held in the Auditorium in Period 4 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm

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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Hungry for National Science Week?
It’s starting on 16 August

‘Food for our future: science feeding the world’ is this year’s theme for National Science Week. Science plays an important role in food production, preparing meals in the kitchen and many more steps in between.

National Science Week is also asking citizen scientists to help identify historical weather records from ships’ logs in order to better understand weather patterns and improve the models our weather forecasts are based on. It’s a great way for everyone to get involved.

http://www.scienceweek.net.au/
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

POSITION VACANT
Cleaning Position
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS
23 Hours per week
Contact: Mackay Northern Beaches SHS

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH SERVICES MACKAY
(School Dental Service)
Services are available to Students enrolled in Year 8, 9 & 10.
Parents can contact Victoria Park Dental Clinic on 49514745

MACKAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB OPEN DAY
August 31st 10am - 2 pm
Mackay Harbour Beach
Further info call 49555630 email mackayslsc@bigpond.com

KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB
King of the Hill Clim
In the Pioneer Valley 60km’s west of Mackay
Juniors Saturday 23rd August Nominations from 10.30am
Seniors Sunday 24th August
pre – nominate or on the day from 7am
Nomination details: Debbie—49590439
Pioneer Valley Enduro Club
Full Catering on Grounds

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