Leaders Investiture was held this week with our School Captains, Prefects, Music Captains, Sports & House Captains being presented to the Mackay State High School assembly and leaders taking their oath of office. Mrs Atkins compered the event as Year 12 Coordinator and we were fortunate to be addressed by former student Hannah Ridland, who reflected on her memories of her time at Mackay State High and also her time and pathway since leaving the school. I am very confident that the Student Leaders that we have for 2013, will again provide high standards and be outstanding model to our younger students and our school community.

It is very pleasing to see the students outfitted very consistently with school uniform. A small number of students have returned to school with incorrect footwear. Guidelines are: predominantly white vinyl or leather uppers with white laces or predominantly black vinyl or leather uppers with black laces. If students have incorrect uniform, they are required to present to the Year Masters room on that day to collect a Uniform Slip on the day.

Student Photos were taken this week by Master School Photography. As part of the service that MSP provide, they supply all student’s present on the day with a Student Card which should be available in a couple of weeks. These are used by students as personal ID, and to borrow materials from our Library Resource Centre.

A very important group within our Mackay State High School organisation is our School Parents & Citizens Association. Our Annual General Meeting is being held at the School Conference Room on Monday 25th February at 7.30pm. As well as our regular participants, I encourage all parents who can offer 90 minutes once a month, to come along and be an active and positive influence in our school community. This year we farewell Jeff and Leisa Shaw, who have made an outstanding contribution to the P&C and our school for several years now.

Lions Youth of the Year is being convened next weekend with speeches presented on Monday week. Our two contestants for 2013 are Chelsea Mather and Anastasia Marsters-Henry. Good luck ladies.

Our House and Sports Captains were announced last week, with the students getting straight into the role with the Inter-house Swimming Carnival on 8th February. Congratulations to

**Sports Captains**

Stephanie McBride  
Thomas Bugeja

**House Captains**

Chataway  
Loloma Tamwoy & Liam Mumford  
Dennis  
Beth Fuller & Rian Sainsbury

Mackay  
Tahlia Stevenson & James Lavelle  
Forgan  
Rachael Meyers & Tyler Heading

**Continued over**
Principals Report cont.

Chataway House were successful on the day however there was a large number of students at Memorial pool and most swam. Lachlan Bunting set a new record in the 15 Years Backstroke event.

Age Championships were announced for the day long event.
13 Yrs Kia Rogers_Homoki, Kate Brown
14 Yrs Conrad Green, Shannyn Flynn
15 Yrs Lachlan Bunting, Katrice Barnes
16 Yrs John O’Brien, Claudine Conway
18 Yrs Zac Schill, Sophie Arnold

Hi my name is Mr Jim Wilson and I have been appointed as the Acting Deputy Principal. When Mr Paulger rang me last year I was excited for the chance to work at Mackay High in 2013 - I have heard great things about the school, the students and the staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who have made me feel welcome in the first 3 weeks of the year. I look forward to meeting as many students and parents as possible – please say “Hello” when you have the chance.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting will be held at 7.30pm at the School Admin Block on Monday 25th Feb. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which generally are finished by 9 – 9.30pm. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month. Hopefully we will see a number of new parents, keen to contribute to their children’s education and that of all students.

MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
POSITION VACANT
CASUAL TUCKSHOP ATTENDANT

Hours vary from 5 to 20 hours per week
Days vary depending on number of volunteers each day
Must be available to be on call
Tuckshop experience preferred.
Sound knowledge of food preparation, customer service, money handling, excellent teamwork and communication skills.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5PM FRIDAY 22nd February
Please address written applications to
The Secretary, Mackay State High School P&C
PO Box 5665, Mackay Mail Centre, 4741

Newsletters by email
Our fortnightly Newsletters will be emailed to you personally if you send your email address to the school office requesting to be included in the “silent” mail list for Newsletters. Email to admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au to receive the newsletters. Alternatively, simply logon to our school
School Based Apprenticeships
Traineeships Available

- **City Beach** at Caneland Shopping Centre has a school based traineeship available Certificate II in Retail. This traineeship is available for students in years 10 and 11. Drop Resume to Mrs Dearden in P09. Applications close Friday 22nd February 2013.

- **Australia Post** is offering a school based traineeship to indigenous students in year 11.

- **Blue Care Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre Mackay** has an opportunity for students in years 10 and 11 to apply for a school-based traineeship in Business Administration (Cert II in Business Administration).

**WORK EXPERIENCE 2013**

Work experience forms for students in year 11 and 12 are to be collected and returned to Mrs Barnard in P08 or Mrs Dearden in P09 no later than **Wednesday 20th February 2013**.

**TAFE PROGRAM 2013**

There are two vacancies available in the Certificate II in Automotive Mechanical Course at CQ TAFE.

If you are interested in applying for these positions or would like more information see Mrs Dearden in P09 or call 4957 9152.

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Library News

My name is Geraldine Moylan and I am fortunate to have been appointed the new Teacher Librarian at Mackay State High School. We have many exciting things planned for the coming year, and I look forward to sharing them with you as the year progresses. Most of the Year 8 English classes have already started to come to the Library, something they will be doing on a regular basis. As well as borrowing and reading the students undertake activities which develop their information literacy and research skills. The establishment of a Library Monitors Program is a new initiative for Mackay High this year and we want to recruit students from all year levels. Library Monitors will be involved in a variety of day to day Library tasks as well as one off initiatives and special programs.

Library Monitors
Tayla Ward, Jade O’Dwyer and Jacob Glanville
The Mackay SHS Health and Physical Education Department have developed an Ed Studio page designed to assist Year 9 students with their theoretical work this term. The units studied in Year 9 HPE are important for a student to discover more about themselves and provides them with information on various subjects so they can make sensible decisions.

By developing the following studio through the Learning Place, students have the ability to control the speed of their learning and catch up on any work missed. The following information can be found on the site:

**The Unit Plan** - This enables students to remain up to date with the class if any absences occur and also keeps them informed of the topics which will be covered each week.

**Classwork** – In this section students can download the “Class Booklet” and work through it. Resources have also been included in this section to assist students in completing the work booklet.

**Extension Activities** – Throughout the term students are able to further their knowledge on the content through completing the various activities.

**Health Support Services** – This gives students access to Mackay SHS’s Guidance Officer, School Based Youth Health Nurse, School Chaplain and Community Education Counsellor. Students and Parents are able to access the site by completing the following steps;

**Step 1:** Go to the following site - [https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au](https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au)

**Step 2:** In the search bar type in the following: **MSHS 9HPE**. You can also search for this site by typing in “MSHS”, “HPE”.

Our purpose in providing this information to the students and parents of MSHS is to develop a positive learning environment, enabling us all to achieve our goals. If you have any questions we are more than happy to help you.

Mr Scott Siddell  
HPE Teacher

Mr Nathan Doyle  
HPE Head of Department

Mr Steve Paulger  
Principal

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Hi my name is Jennifer Gorman after ten years teaching at North Mackay SHS, I have ‘crossed the river’ to join the team here at Mackay SHS. My subject areas are Visual Art and History. I undertook training at the Queensland College of Art/Griffith University and am originally from Brisbane. I am looking forward to building new partnerships with the staff, students and school community here at the school frontage on Milton St. Several families collect their children from the Penn St / Milton St area so they miss the traffic jam. Similarly some parents collect students in English and Kenilworth Streets. If you use these alternatives, the time waiting may be much shorter. Thanks
7 must knows about boys

Lindsay Hains
Guidance Officer

Raising and educating boys is still a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. It appears to me that those adults who do best raising and teaching boys have a significant understanding and appreciation of what makes boys tick.

Here are seven keys to successfully raising well-adjusted boys, regardless of whether you are a mother of father, sole parent or in a dual parent relationship:

1: You must like them

Approval is at the heart of working successfully with boys. They will walk over broken glass or hot coals if they sense you like them. In a sense this notion holds many of them back as many boys will only work for a teacher if they like them and close down on learning if they sense the teacher doesn’t like them.

Take the time to nurture a relationship with your sons or the boys that you interact with. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; some like you as an adult to do something for them; others are very kinaesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged; while some just love gifts and mementoes. Work out the relational preferences of the males in your life and make sure you match these.

2: Most boys just want to blend in

Boys are group-oriented by nature. They want to fit in. They tend to play group games and form themselves into structured friendship groups. Boys generally don’t want to stand out from their crowd.

Don’t put them down in front of their friends and understand that they may make poor friendship choices rather than be in a group of one – by themselves. They prefer the ‘wrong friends’ rather than no friends at all.

3: They are hierarchical and they like to know who is in charge.

Boys like limits and boundaries as they make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that someone is going to enforce those rules so don’t be afraid to be ‘in charge’, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as perhaps your own parents used.

To be concluded next issue

There is no doubt that raising boys can be a challenge for many parents. It appears to me that those adults who do best raising boys have a significant understanding and appreciation of what makes boys tick. They also adjust their methods to suit boys’ thinking, behaviour and learning styles.

From Michael Grose Presentations Pty Ltd Parenting Ideas

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.

THANKS TO BRUMBY’S SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB

Young Men’s Workshop
On Fri 22nd Feb, all young men from 16 – 28 years old are invited to a workshop with several key speakers including former Broncos and Australian Rugby League talent. See the MegaFest poster later in the newsletter. The organisers are seeking to attract young men from Year 11/12 as well as post-school men. Refer to flyer in newsletter.
This year the Mocktail will be held at Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre on Friday 8th March. This is the premier night for the senior students of Mackay to gather together and celebrate their final year of secondary schooling.

The cost of the ticket for the night is $20.00. This cost has been kept as low as possible to ensure the majority of seniors will be able to attend. Tickets will be available for purchase on Monday 18th February until Friday 25th February unless sold out. Students should pay their $20 to the school office and then bring their receipt to the Year Coordinators room during first break to receive their ticket.

The night will begin at 7:30pm at Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. Students will be required to bring money to purchase their soft drinks and to use the cloakroom. A photographer is also available on the night to take photos for a cost.

All students are expected to remain at Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre until the conclusion of the event. There is a lock out policy which means students who want to leave early will be signed out but WILL NOT be allowed back into the venue. This is a school-sanctioned event and the school rules related to behaviour, smoking and drinking apply.

The night will conclude at 11:30pm.
Mrs Atkins
Year 12 Coordinator

Year 8 Camp – Last Chance for Payments

Only 2 weeks to go until our Year 8 students venture out to Camp Fairbairn in Emerald for 4 days of team building and leadership opportunities. If your son / daughter is interested in attending, the cut-off date for payments is Monday 18th February.

Important details:
Date of Camp Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th March
Cost $185

Permission forms can be collected from Mrs Place or Mr Skinner.
**Do you have a Tax File Number?**

Secondary school students have the opportunity to obtain a tax file number through the school. Students complete an application, which includes their name, address and date of birth. Once the Taxation Office receives the application form, it will be processed, and the number will be mailed to the student’s postal address.

By applying through the school, original proof of identity documents do not need to be sent to the Taxation Office. You may wish to consider this service if your child does not have a tax file number and is interested in applying for a job in the near future.

For further information please contact the school or phone the Tax Office on 132 861. Students can obtain an application form from the School Office.
Schools have the authority to ban anything which is illegal, dangerous or is likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school and the education of students.

The use of mobile phones and other electronic equipment by students at school can be disruptive and is not permitted at Mackay State High School. This includes, but not limited to, games devices, PDAs, cameras, video recording devices, mobile phones, iPods and other media players or devices of a similar nature. School eLearning and Tablet laptops are exempt from this policy, but these have their own usage agreement.

Student use of mobile phones and other electronic devices is not permitted at Mackay State High School. The school acknowledges that there are circumstances in which it is necessary for students to have access to such devices before and after school. Any mobile phone brought to school must be turned off and kept away and out of sight at all times. Leaving mobile phones on silent, checking them during breaks, or using them for other functions such as a clock or calculator is not acceptable.

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are brought to school at their owners’ risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device. If students wish to book their phone in and collect at end of day at office, they may do so at the Year Masters Room.

All communications between students and parents, guardians or other outside personnel is to be conducted through the office. Messages, be they information or urgent, will be conveyed to students at the appropriate time, using the new system with phones to all classrooms. Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to contact home must arrange this through the office. Under no circumstances may students use mobile phones to make arrangements to leave the school. During break times, students can access a phone in the school office to contact parents if needed. Permission to make such calls will be at the discretion of school staff.

Students, who choose not to follow this policy, will be dealt with in the following manner. Offences refer to breach of the policy, and are not specific to one type of item.

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<td>The device will be confiscated by the teacher, who will pass it with student name on to the Office at next break to be booked in electronically. The device will be returned to the student via their Year Level Admin and parent/guardian will be contacted.</td>
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<td>The device will be confiscated by the teacher, who will pass it with student name on to the Office at next break to be booked in electronically. The device will only be returned to the student's parent or guardian. The student may be suspended.</td>
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<td>Failure to comply</td>
<td>Any failure to hand over an electronic device when asked will be treated as refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and will be dealt with in the normal manner through the school’s behaviour policy.</td>
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When the school becomes aware that any device has been used for cyber-bullying or to capture or distribute images of violence or malice, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the school’s anti-bullying and behaviour policies. Students will be required to remove any material deemed to be offensive from any device, website or social network. Failure to comply with such requests will result in serious disciplinary action. Devices believed to contain illegal material or evidence of illegal activity will be confiscated and, where appropriate, provided to Police.
COME ALONG, HANG OUT WITH MATES & BE EMPOWERED!

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013
MACKAY ENTERTAINMENT & CONVENTION CENTRE 9AM-2PM

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The Mackay Megafest is a drug and alcohol free event proudly brought to you by SAM (Suicide Awareness Mackay). It works to arm young male adults with the skills and information they need to make good decisions in life whilst providing a place for them to hang out and have some fun together.

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