Mackay State High School has been preparing for over 18 months now for the transition of the Year 7 group of students into Secondary School in 2015. This week the direct meetings with these Yr 6 students in several of our Primary partnership schools in South Mackay and our drawing area commenced and from Tues 20th to Thurs 22nd May, we hope to complete enrolment interviews with the majority of parents and their student during the afternoons. We also encourage students in Yr 6 from other schools across Mackay, who are seeking to enrol here in 2015, to contact the office and arrange an interview also. 2015 Year 8 students and parents will have interviews as usual in Term 3.

We also launch the Scholarship applications for students in Yr 7 and Yr 8 in 2015. Our P & C Association are supporting the new students with a total of 16 scholarships to commence High School in 2015 (8 for Yr 7, 8 for Yr 8) in the areas of Academic, Arts/Cultural, Sporting Scholarships each valued at $500 and free access to ICAS Competitions during 2015. These forms can be downloaded from our school website and close in early June 2014, so that we can inform the successful students early in Term 3.

Joel Pattinson-Cashman, School Captain in 2011, was honoured for his commitment to community service and the Leo Club of Mackay, by being recognised as the Australian Leo of the Year for 2014. Joel joined the club, established by several of the students from Mackay State High School to give these young people their first formal Community Service Club, making up the majority of the original membership for this Leo Club. Joel has always given generously of his time and expertise even when he was in Primary school and continued throughout High School and continuing even now. He was again active at the Anzac Ceremony recently assisting Col Benson. This is a huge honour for this young man and his model for those who follow, is one that he, his family, friends and Mackay State High School, is very proud. You can hear further information at http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2014/05/05/3998258.htm#.U2ird8Joy4I.facebook

As we approach the mid point in this term, it is vital that all students are focussed on their studies and assignment commitments, especially regarding attendance to all classes. It is very important that students, whether in Yr 8 or Yr 12, attend school every day for all lessons, and any absences are explained by a contact to the Form Teacher or phone call to the office by parents. Thank you to the large number of parents who came to the Parent Teacher interviews to discuss their student’s progress and where they might improve prior to the Semester Reports are finalised. Check with your student for their Assessment Planner for Sem 1 to plan when key assessments are coming up and assist them in their preparation/planning.

Mackay State High has again shown that our students can excel when compared with those across the State. Four of our Year 10 Science students were successful in qualifying for the 2nd round of the Australian Scientific Brainee Bee Competition. Natasha Westcott, Chloe Healion, Shannen Donnelly and Kayla Walz are the four students who were selected from over 5300 students from 350 school from Australia and New Zealand. They plan to attend the State Finals to be held in July at University of Queensland with our students invited for the Individual Challenge as well as the Team Challenge divisions. As well as the competitions, the students will be taken on tours of the scientific research laboratories and hear several guest speakers.
DATE REMINDERS TERM 2 2014

MAY
19 May ................. Mackay District Cross Country
19 May - 30 May ............. MEC Work Placement
20 May - 22 May .......... Year 7 2015 Enrolment Int
21 May ...................... Year 8 Immunisations
24 May - 25 May ............... Relay for Life
26 May - 30 May ............. Year 11 & 12 Work Exp
26 May ........................ Year 10 English Grin & Tonic
26 May ............ Drama Workshop Yr 11 & Select Yr 12
04 June ........................ ICAS Science
04 June ........................ Year 10 Immunisations
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

Mackay State High School
Year 7 2015
Parent/Student Enrolment Interviews
20th, 21st & 22nd May
Interviews must be booked through the General Office
Any queries please phone
49 579 179

Interact Club

Congratulations to Nicky Hansen mother of Montana Suga who brought the winning ticket for the Mother’s Day Raffle. Thankyou to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Hi All! This year is speeding along and I just wanted to let you know we will be sending out financial statements commencing next week - to remind you what fees are still outstanding.

Student Resource Fees owing for 2014 have passed the discount period now and will therefore return to the full rate of $225.00.

Please ensure you contact the office if you wish to discuss payment plans to assist clearing these accounts. You can forward an email to the office with your request.

Should you need to contact a teacher you are welcome, attention your email to the specific teacher and we will forward it on your behalf.

Has your address changed?
Has your contact phone number changed?
Do you need to provide some emergency contacts?

General office email admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au
General Office Phone: 49579 179

A Message from the Office
Term 2 has started at lightning pace! It’s hard to believe we are already a month down. Our Netball and Rugby League teams have been putting in some excellent performances over the past 4 weeks and the effort is not going unnoticed. All coaching staff have been immensely proud of the way in which the Mackay SHS students have been going out and representing their school. A special mention must go to both teams in the Open Boys Rugby League competition. Both teams were victorious over arch rivals St. Patricks College last week. Mr Monaghan’s Mackay High 1 produced an incredible come from behind victory to finish 28-18 winners, and Mr Gercken’s Mackay High 2 proved too strong with a 22-10 victory. Well done to all Mackay SHS teams, all teams are in the hunt for a finals berth.

Cross Country was run on Thursday 1st May with an excellent turnout by students across all grades. After tallying up the points the results were as follows;

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Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Champion. We wish them, as well as all runners luck at the Mackay District Cross Country to be held at Mirani.

13 Girls – Hannah Morgan
14 Girls – Lauren Morgan
15 Girls – Caitlin Cortis
16 Girls – Allysha Grant
Open Girls – Kyra Brownsey

13 Boys – Rhys Neale
14 Boys – Arama Busby
15 Boys – Jaewon Yasserie
16 Boys – Ryan Mumford
Open Boys – Jake Barnett

The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy ‘Footy Doubles’ fundraiser is well under way, with some exciting Rugby League being played throughout the NRL. The results for the first 9 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 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 9 - #157494 – HOME 8, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)

If you are holding onto the winning double, be sure to get in contact with the school office to collect your prize. This Friday we see the Rabbitohs take on the Storm in our game of the week. Good Luck!
Year 10 extension science classes recently participated in the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge which involved 5,700 students from 310 different schools. Round 1 consisted on an online multiple choice test on the Brain and Nervous System.

Four students successfully made it through to round 2 of the competition and are able to participate in an individual and team challenge at the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland in Brisbane in the state finals. Congratulations to Natasha Wescott, Shannen Donnelly, Kayla Walz and Chloe Healion. The students will get to tour research facilities at the Queensland Brain Institute, listen to various guest speakers on the day and have the chance to compete for great prizes for themselves and their school. Extremely well done girls and good luck!

LOTE

ARE YOU READY TO GO?

Term 2 LOTE assignment is a **PowerPoint Presentation** on Chinese Culture. It is due in **Week 5**.

Email it to [lstit8@eq.edu.au](mailto:lstit8@eq.edu.au) as soon as you finish to get feedback.
This week is National Volunteer Week. Where would we be without our Library Monitors?

Our Library Monitors are back on deck for the year, helping out in the library in all sorts of ways. We have many Year 8s as new recruits and lots of old friends have signed up again this year. Thank you to you all for invaluable help.

**Books made into films**

Which do you prefer the film or the book? That is the topic of many a social gathering. Throughout the last year a number of books have been adapted to film, and you may want to catch up with the books. Two of note are:

**The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins**

Book 2 “Catching Fire” is the most recent to be released as a film, and proved to be a disappointment to many lovers of the “Hunger Games” franchise. Maybe things will get back on track with film of book three “Mockingjay”. The third and final novel in the series will be adapted into two feature-length parts. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 will be released in November this year and The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 will be released in November 2015.

**Divergent by Veronica Roth**

Divergent is the title of the first book and film in this trilogy. Again it has attracted some unfavourable reviews. Hopefully they may get on track with the other two in the series Insurgent and Allegiant due for release in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

**Website and app reviews** (From SCIS Connections Issue No. 89)

**Australian children’s books**


An accessible account of the rise of both Australian children’s books and publishing is available on this authoritative site. Links are provided to the early works of Ethel Turner, Norman Lindsay, Dorothy Wall, Ruth Park and Ivan Southall, and to more contemporary authors including Simon French, John Marsden and Shaun Tan. Additional information includes videos, awards and references.

**Duolingo**

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

Learning another language is much easier with apps such as Duolingo. Judged as an Apple App of the Year and a Google Play’s Best of the Best, this free resource has been independently tested and currently features five languages, with several more being trialed.
Due date for applications is Friday 23 May 2014

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from community members to nominate for the position of chief community representative or community representative at Mackay SHS for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to complete duties on behalf of the QSA.

The role requires the representatives to observe the administration of the QCS test and report to the QSA on the conduct of the administration of the test.

This year the QCS test will be held on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September.

How to apply

Members of the community interested in applying for these positions should contact the school to collect the below listed documents.

Position description — (Chief) community representative

Application — (Chief) community representative

Declaration of undertaking — (Chief) community representative.

Completed applications should be returned to the school by Friday 23 May 2014.

For further questions please talk to Mr Frank Brunetto - Deputy Principal.

STEM CAMP AT QUT

Sunday 28 September - Friday 3 October 2014

QUT’s Vice-Chancellor’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) camp, provides high-achieving Year 11 students with an exciting opportunity to attend an interactive six day camp, and engage in solving some of the major challenges facing our society and planet today. Students will take advantage of QUT’s unique learning environment and have an opportunity to experience ground-breaking research as it happens, inside our world-class research facilities.

To be accepted into this program, regional students must:

• be a current Queensland Year 11 student
• be studying a science (Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental or Biology), Mathematics B or C, Engineering Technology or Computer Science
• be 15 as of Monday 1 September 2014
• obtain parental/guardian permission.

The camp is fully funded by QUT and will include transportation to Brisbane, accommodation, all meals and program materials for all successful regional student applicants.

The online application portal opens Friday 7 March and closes Monday 12 May 2014.

Contact STEM Education
Phone: 3138 5348
Email: stem.schools@qut.edu.au
For more information, application and eligibility requirements for regional students visit: www.qut.edu.au/stem-for-schools
Mackay State High School P&C seeks your assistance!

The objectives of the Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School.

To achieve this objective we raise monies which we then expend within the school community.

We are currently reviewing our support priorities for the 2014 calendar year. We would like you to consider where the P&C can provide funding support to meet our objectives as above. Our past projects have included; air-conditioning units in all school rooms, Laser cutter for ITD, shade covers, Big Ass fans in the school hall, etc, etc. Projects of any size are able to be considered, some suggestions already are; Additional outside seating, Landscaping, Shade covers, Bus shelter, our own bus, etc.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how the P&C can support the school we would like to hear from you.

Send an email to: PandCProjects@mackayshs.eq.edu.au

The next P & C Meeting is
26th May at 7.30pm in Common
Band Camp 2014

This one time at band camp we made many memories that will stay with us for years to come. On Tuesday the 6th of May a majority of the instrumental students set out on a bus trip to Yeppoon. All 41 students and 4 teachers had a great time. From all the wonderful music that was made to the leisurely strolls on the beach at ridiculous times in the morning, each student came home with new friends, memories and a longing to go back. Mr J frightened the students by dressing up as a scary clown during the spotlight game. With jokes lasting the whole week and mysteries (Scream outfit) which were finally resolved when Mrs Boyd was found to be the culprit. All our bands and ensembles are now surely prepped for the upcoming Fanfare competition which is held on the 10th of June. We thank everyone for their efforts and their dedication to our wonderful music program here at MSHS.

Blue Card Rewards

Initiated in 2013 at Mackay State High School was the blue card awards, whose goal is to recognise students who are demonstrating core school values and positive behaviour. Each week one senior and junior winner are drawn from those who have receive a blue card in the previous week. At the end of each term there is a major draw for the students who received a number of blue cards throughout the term. Congratulations to Natasha Warry in year 8 and Kelly Lisle in year 12 who were the winners of the major draw for term 1. Both winners received a portable DVD player supplied by the P & C association. Keep up the great work MSHS students.
SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

FULL TIME AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **BMA Apprenticeship Program 2015** – To apply all applications must be submitted online via the BHP Billiton careers website [http://jobs.bhpbilliton.com](http://jobs.bhpbilliton.com). To be considered your application must be completed in full and submitted by 5pm on Tuesday 27th May. BMA are seeking Apprentices to obtain qualifications in the following trades: Automotive Electrical, Boilermakers, Diesel Fitting, Electrical, Mechanical Fitter and Fitter and Turner.

- **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/TRAINEE SHIPS 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 in 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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Zonta Women in Science Forum

On Tuesday 6th of May eight Mackay State High School students attended the Zonta Women in Sciences Forum breakfast held at Whitsunday Anglican School. This event allowed female students to hear from and ask questions of women who are currently working in fields of science. The students were inspired by the key note speaker Dr Cathy Foley, chief of the CSIRO’s Materials Sciences and Engineering division, who spoke about her life and career as a physicist. The audience were then invited to ask questions of a panel of women currently working in different areas of science. Topics that were of interest to the students included; the reasons each of the guests speakers chose science as the area they wished to work in, how they managed to enter the jobs that they currently have, what a typical work day of theirs includes and issues facing women in what has previously been considered a male dominated field.
School Anzac display a winner

The generosity and the level respect displayed of staff and students at this school never cease to amaze me. This time it came from our Ag assistant Eric Houghton and Year 12 student Ashley Vella who volunteered their time to put together a display of personal military items belonging to Eric. Eric very generously offered to display his memorabilia in the library before Anzac Day this year. Both he and Ashley Vella began setting it up at 5.30am that morning in three separate trips up to the school and again with the help of some Senior History students, they took it all down at the end of the school day. I also have to acknowledge the respect and amount of interest shown by the students who viewed it during the day. All year 9 and 10 students and all of the senior history were amazed at the collection. Eric had war time photographs, various escape compasses and devices, items of trench art, ration packs, first aid kits, military badges, hats, weaponry and uniforms dating back over 100 years. Thank you so much Eric for allowing our students to see part of your collection. Thankyou also to Ashley Vella who has always been there to help out in the school in any capacity he can.

Pictured with Eric Houghton are (L to R) Jessica McGair, Madeline Lang, Caitlin Cortis, Shauna Winkler, Kylie Watts.