Principals Report

Mackay State High provides all students with opportunities to excel with a wide range of curriculum options, another key area of personal growth includes Leadership. Our Junior Secondary Leaders for 2013 are Harrison Arnold, Kate Brown, John Hinks, Simone Muirhead, Praise Chabata, Monalisa Chokuda, Conrad Green and Shayla Walker. These outstanding students were presented with their badges at a special assembly with several members of their family attending.

On Friday our School Captains participated in the Qld Government forum, to commence the process to prepare the Queensland 30 Year Plan. The School Captains were representing Youth joining over 400 parliamentarians, Mayors and delegates and with their colleagues from the other State High Schools, made an invaluable contribution. Earlier in the morning, Hon Jean-Paul Langbroek met with about 20 representatives from P&C Associations across the Mackay district.

Road Safety Awareness Talks to Year 10 & 12 were presented by a member of the Mackay Traffic Branch. Students were exposed to the serious implications of their decisions whether they are a driver or a passenger in a vehicle. Several questions were answered for the students and staff, and as always, it was a good learning experience for all.

Students from Year 9 undertook NAPLAN testing this week. This “point in time” test informs students and staff how students are progressing in a range of fields, supported by the regular collection of assessments throughout the year in various subjects. Students receive individual Reports usually available just before end of Term 3.

One of our Improvement Agenda goals is to have Year 11/12 students complete a Cert 2 in Workplace Practices before they leave school. Students in Year 11/12 have an Exam Block on 11 – 14th June which will be distributed to students soon. Those students in Year 11 & 12 who are still to complete VWK will be required to attend and work with Mrs Barnard and Mr Blakey based in P Block rooms during Exam Block on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This only involves a relatively small number of students and will get most of their Cert 2 modules completed.
Year 10 students commence Work Experience on 20th May for a 2 week block. MRAEL is working hard to complete the 180 placements and as these come through even later this week and possibly early next week, we will pass them on to students to get started. This year there has been much more than usual difficulty in gaining host employers, especially in some fields. Students who are not on Work Experience will have classes at school based around their core subjects.

Next week is Chappy’s Week. Our students are very lucky to have Chappy Phil, with the passion and commitment to students and welfare. Phil is an extra person to share their concerns and to offer support as well as hosting targeted personal development programs like Strength. Keep an eye out for Chappy Activities and fundraisers.

P&C Meeting is Monday 27th May commencing at 7.30pm and is held in the Admin Block Common Room.

The 2013 QUT Vice-Chancellors STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) camp, is a camp which is held at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane is the first of such events and aims at providing opportunities for students who excel in any of the STEM programs/such classes and are attending Year 11. This wonderful program, with boarding students sponsored by the Rotary club will take place Monday 24th June until Friday 28th June and will encompass a variety of activities around the fields of Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering. It also allows the participants to engage and connect with professors and university officials, providing an invaluable opportunity to observe the university atmosphere as these students begin to decide their future in further education. Overall, this is a great opportunity for our students to attend and we wish them all the best.

To apply for the STEM camp, it was required students were to live between the south-most border of Queensland and central Queensland. To attend this event students must be high-achieving year 11 students in either science, mathematics, engineering or technology. Both Tye Routh and Aaron Glanville are attending the STEM Camp and have entered for science. The students where then required to write a thesis detailing why they consider the STEM camp a good opportunity and obtain a letter of recommendation from a science or mathematics teacher. After this was sent the spots available went to the best regional and students outside of the Brisbane region. There are 80 places available at the camp however only 40 were allocated to regional students. Having two students attend this is a great achievement to our school; as Mrs Anthes Cole, the Head of Department for science said “This is an extremely prestigious event, to have two students attend this is a great feat. The experience will open many doors in the future and give them an invaluable university experience.

The STEM Camp is an intellectually challenging four day event, run in the mid semester holiday break, June 2013.

All the Best Tye and Aaron we wish you well!
Applications are invited for the position of Administrative Officer AO2 (AAEP) at Mackay State High School, 10 hours per week plus ADO, working within Special Education Unit.

**Your Opportunity**
As the Administrative Officer (AAEP) you will:
- Contribute to the effective and efficient management and administration of the Special Education Unit within the school by providing a high level of administrative support to the Head of Special Education Services, the Principal and Business Services Manager.
- Develop and maintain the school’s financial/administrative systems and procedures to ensure their efficiency and effectiveness.

The position of Administrative Officer (AAEP) reports directly to the school Principal or in schools where a position of Business Services Manager exists, directly to the Business Services Manager.

**Your Role**
- Reception including attending to telephone and counter enquiries and messages, arranging appointments and liaison between school and wider community
- Maintaining student data and absences utilising Adjustment Information Management System
- General office duties including email, filing, photocopying and mail
- Accounts payable entering requisitions and receipting goods.
- Assisting to implement behaviour management strategies.
- Assisting students to follow procedures and processes within the school.

**How you will be assessed**
Within the context of the role described above, the ideal applicant will be someone who has:
1. Demonstrated administrative, keyboard and word processing skills and an ability to work independently and/or with limited supervision.
2. Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to work with all members of the school community both individually and as a member of a team.
3. Demonstrated knowledge or ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of Education Queensland administrative policies, practices and procedures used in schools, including OneSchool. Demonstrated problem solving skills.

**Your Application**
Applicants are required to submit 3 hard copies of your application which includes a brief one page resume; contact details for 2 referees (one of whom should be someone with current knowledge of your skills and abilities); and a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role with reference to the key attributes under “How you will be assessed”.

Enquiries should be directed to:
Marg Brown (Business Services Manager)
Mackay State High School - Phone 4957 9179

Applications can be posted to: or submitted at the school office:
Mackay State High School
PO Box 5665
Mackay MC 4741
or
Mackay State High School
123 Milton St
Mackay 4740
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEE SHIPS AVAILABLE

♦ City Beach at Canelands Shopping Centre has a school based traineeship available Certificate II in Retail. This traineeship is available for students in years 10 and 11.

♦ Hospitality Traineeships available. See flyer attached for details.

♦ Casual Kitchen Hand, Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre, has two Casual positions available as Kitchen Hand. An information package is available by contacting the Centre on 49541426. The successful applicant would be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings and offices. Applications close 14th June 2013.

WORK EXPERIENCE

♦ All forms for the year 10 work experience program have been outsourced to the MRAEL Group for processing; students should start to be notified of their placement details within the next 10 days

Work Experience

Mrs Andrea Dearden’s office is in P09
4957 9152
adear20@eq.edu.au

Andrea Dearden
Vocational Education
Training Co-ordinator

Mrs Sharon Barnard’s office is in P08
4957 9134
sbarn53@eq.edu.au

Sharon Barnard
HOD Senior
Schooling

Rugby League Academy in Safe Hands

Last week two Mackay State High School students made Queensland Schoolboys teams at the Queensland U15 State titles in Brisbane. After a number of demanding games Jacob Schill was successful in making the Queensland Maroons team while Sam Downs forced his way into the Queensland White team. Kalyn Ponga, a past student of Mackay State high school, was also successful in making the Maroon team. All the boys are extremely excited about making these prestigious teams and are looking forward to the National carnival later in the year.

Queensland Schools Chaplaincy Week 19-26 May 2013

Celebrate Chappy’s... Your friendly local School Chaplain is the extra listening ear to hear us, our friend that helps when needed, cares about our special concerns and keeps us busy when we need something else to think about. They help us when we are in crisis too and our worries get smoothed over and we feel better!...

Thank you Chappy Phil !!
Kick Start Your Career!

Come along to our region's biggest recruitment drive for school based hospitality!

We are looking for motivated students to work & train in hospitality

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!

1. Upload your resume to: www.clubtraining.com.au/hireme or email to: Heather@clubtraining.com.au

2. Attend Speed Recruitment
   Souths Mackay Leagues
   @ 6.30pm May 30th
   Bring your resume, parent and dress to impress!

3. Attend Sign up & Employment Induction:
   Souths Mackay Leagues
   @ 8.00am to 5.00pm June 6th

Positions Available:
Certificate III Hospitality
Certificate II Kitchen Operations

- Get a Nationally Recognised Traineeship
- Get paid to work in the exciting hospitality industry
- 1 day off from school per week to work/train
- Train with the leading hospitality industry experts
- Possibility to go on to part time or full time work

Nationally Accredited Hospitality Traineeships!
Are you a Year 9 or 10 student interested in science, engineering or technology?

Then this is YOUR INVITATION to The ConocoPhillips Science Experience!

This 3 or 4 day program conducted across 35 Australian universities and tertiary campuses will offer you hands-on laboratory activities, interactive lectures and information on future study and possible careers while meeting current University students.

The Townsville Experience is being held 2-4 October 2013.

ALL STUDENTS are welcome to attend!

The full cost for a student to participate in the Science Experience 3 day program is $115 and the 4 day program is $150. The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a Rotary supported project, and local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students.

If you are interested please see Miss Fox in G8 Science Staffroom to collect a brochure!

For more information please visit www.scienceexperience.com.au

The year's Annual Whitsunday Voice Youth Literature Festival is being held from Weds 17th to Sat 20th July and a couple of competitions are held in conjunction with the Festival. The Short Story Competition is divided into the following categories:

- Years 7 and 8: 400 – 600 words – 1st Prize - $100.00, 2nd Prize - $50.00 book voucher
- Years 9 and 10: 600 – 800 words – 1st Prize - $150.00, 2nd Prize - $70.00 book voucher
- Years 11 and 12: 800 –1200 words – 1st Prize - $200.00, 2nd Prize - $100.00 book voucher

The closing date for the competition is 3pm on Tuesday 11th June and the winners will be announced at the Festival Launch on Wednesday 17th July, 2013.

The other competition is the LITVIDS Book Trailer Competition. Book Trailer ?????? .......... a book trailer is the same thing as a movie trailer, but they just get people interested in reading a book rather than watching a movie. So they are a short piece of multimedia which brings a book to life – on screen!

If you are between 12 and 19 years of age, are interested in film-making or animation, or multimedia in general and would like to go in the running to win some cash then LITVIDS could be for you. Tristan Bancks is coming to Mackay to conduct two workshops on Wednesday, May 15. 5.00pm - 7.30pm) and on Saturday, May 18. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Bookings essential!

Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with over 2500 Queenslanders diagnosed with melanoma each year, of which almost 200 die from the disease. (Qld Cancer Fund)

Prevention - for your Personal Protection Please

Slip
Slip on a shirt. Longer sleeves and collars provide extra protection as do close weave fabrics and darker colours. Look for garments with a high Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF)

Slap
Slap on a broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat. A hat that covers the head, face, neck and ears will provide the most protection.

Wrap on Sunglasses
Make sure sunglasses meet the Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067:2003
Choose a close fitting, wrap around style to provide maximum protection for your eyes

Slop
Slop on sunscreen. SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant is best.
Apply according to manufacturers’ specifications to clean, dry skin at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every 2 hours or more frequently if swimming or perspiring.
Sunscreen should not be relied on as the sole form of protecting the skin.

This and much more helpful information is available at the Queensland Cancer Funds website; www.qldcancer.com.au

Mackay State High School invites Offers for the sale of a Mower

Mower is offered on an ‘as is’ basis; no warranties implied or given; and the condition of the mower as known is as follows:

- Model: Dixon Kodiak (purchased from JG Mowers in 2008)
- Engine in fair working order
- Body and tyres in fair condition

Has recorded 714 hours of use
Inspections may be arranged by calling the Business Services Manager of Mackay State High School office on 4957 9179.

Delivery and/or removal charges to be borne by buyer.

Department of Education, Training and Employment reserves the right not to accept the tender; and requires tendered submissions to disclose any interests or links with departmental employees.

Offers must be submitted in writing in an envelope marked:

‘CONFIDENTIAL – OFFER FOR ADVERTISED ITEM’.

Closing date and time is 4.00pm Friday 31 May 2013. The successful offerer will be notified by Friday 7 June and the mower will need to be removed from the school prior to Friday 21 June 2013.

Thanks for your interest
Marg Brown
Business Services Manager
Are you a Year 11 student?

Are you a permanent resident of Australia?

Are you planning to study science, engineering or technology at university?

If you answered, “YES” to all of the above questions then you should apply for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)!

This unique program will offer you the opportunity to form friendships, gain an insider’s perspective on campus life, and experience real science at a range of laboratories and workshops AND test drive careers in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

Applications Open NOW and close 31 May 2013!
Remember to keep collecting your earn and learn stickers so that we can redeem some awesome educational resources, you can either bring your completed sheet to the office or drop in the collections box outside Woolworths (Canelands)

Accredited Chainsaw Training

We have positions available for our next course which will be held in June school holidays, any persons interested please contact Phillip Morris Senior Instructor

Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC)

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