Princeps Report

Welcome back for Term 2 and I hope that families had a relaxing vacation. Our school suffered a great loss during the holidays with the sudden death of Mrs Di Cunningham, who has been a highly valued teacher at Mackay State High since the late 1970s in the Home Economics, Hospitality and Early Childhood areas. Her professional and caring approach to her role in assisting students to achieve the high expectations that she encouraged for students made her a highly regarded member of our staff over so many years. She took a number of years off to raise her own children, but continued her contact with school and students, always championing the achievements and opportunities that are available to students and staff at Mackay State High. The contribution that Mrs Cunningham made to the students and colleagues at our school will remain for many years.

On Tuesday afternoon 23rd April, the first round of Parent – Teacher Interviews will take place in our Hall. This year we are using a new on-line booking system for parents to arrange times in this period. Over 100 parents had made bookings within 24 hours of the opening of the booking tool. Students who have still to collect their Mid Semester Reports need to urgently call at the office to collect these and take them home.

ANZAC Day will be commemorated at a school ceremony on Wednesday morning next week with Mrs Wall arranging the program for this important event. On the following day, students, staff and families are invited to be a part of the Mackay Community ANZAC Day March and ceremony. Students are to assemble in full school uniform at the Sydney St Coles carpark at 8.15am. The March will commence at 8.40am to the cenotaph in Jubilee Park and students may depart after arrival at the Park.

Mackay State High plays a very important role in the training and development of Pre-service teachers from Regional Universities. Currently we have several student teachers working alongside our own experienced staff to develop their skills. I look forward to seeing these people “grow” as highly effective secondary teachers for the future in secondary education.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 22nd April commencing at 7.30pm in the school Common Room. The P&C Scholarships to support Year 8 students in 2014 have opened and forms are available on our school website. A total of 8 scholarships in areas including Academic, Cultural and Sporting are offered and all serious students are encouraged to submit an application through their State school before Friday 10th May 2013.

Mr Steve Poulger
Principal
Mid Semester Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards were issued to students on Monday 15 April.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 23 April from 3.30 – 6.30 pm in the school hall.

This year we will be using a new online booking service for parents to make appointments. Parents will need their students report card (or know their students class teacher) to be able to book an interview appointment.

An Icon has been placed in the Quicklinks section of the school webpage and a link will be placed on the school Facebook page. Click on the link and follow the instructions provided.

This booking service will be opened at 3pm on Monday 15 April 2013. You will not be able to make bookings before this time. The online booking process will be closed at 10.00am on Tuesday 23 April 2013.

When you have finished making your bookings an email will be sent to you with your booking time.

A detailed letter outlining the process for making a Parent/Teacher Interview appointment online will be sent home with your child’s report card on Monday 15 April 2013.

Donna Drinkwater
Deputy Principal

You will be provided with a School event code

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

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### OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday 8.00 am - 3.45 pm

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.00 am - 10.00 am

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### 2013 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test – Nomination of chief community representatives and community representatives.

To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the QCS test, the Queensland Studies Authority appoints members of the community to carry out duties on behalf of the QSA.

I would like to invite members of the community to apply for the positions of chief community representative or community representative at Mackay SHS. This role requires the representative to observe the administration of the QCS test and report to the QSA on the conduct of the administration of the test – you do not supervise the students sitting the test. This will require your availability on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September from approx. 8.10 am to 3.10 pm.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions or have any queries please contact Mr Jim Wilson on 49579110 or drop into the school to pick up a nomination form.

Jim Wilson  
Acting Deputy Principal

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### Good Luck Girls!

Aleesha Barba Yr 8 and Syann Baggow Yr 9 have both been chosen as part of a 7 girl Hip Hop squad who will represent Australia in the “Worlds Dance Competition”, which will take place at Florida - Disneyworld next week. Aleesha is the captain of this team, and says “We can’t wait for this experience”.

The girls leave for America on Monday and will be gone for 10 days, and although it will be a very tough competition as they are up against 22 other countries around the world they are hoping with their hard work and dedication, they will show the other countries how talented Australia is.

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### UP COMING EVENTS

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Welcome to Term 2 everyone. We hope you had an enjoyable break.

- The discount period for 2013 Student Resource Scheme Fees has expired on 15 April. Thank you to the majority of students who have paid their fees. For those with Student Resource Scheme fees unpaid - an additional $20 will now be due.

- Should you Direct Debit any funds to the Mackay SHS bank account please include the STUDENT’s name in the reference.

- Statements for students’ outstanding accounts will be sent to parents and carers within the next couple of weeks. Should you wish to query anything please either drop in, phone (4957 9179) or email admin@mackayhs.eq.edu.au.

- Please be aware all 2013 fees must be paid before a student is permitted to attend any excursion or non-curricular activities.

Until next time

Marg Brown | Business Services Manager
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school (Special Education Unit).

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school (Mrs Johnson, F Block Staff).

Alyssa Dick(yr8) displaying the items we received from the 2012 Earn & Learn Points.

A reminder for all students to return any English novels to their English teacher or A Block Staffroom once you have finished with them.

Thankyou

MSHS has been successful in an application for funding made available under the BMC Pathways to Performance Grant > a joint initiative of the MECC and BHP Mitsui Coal. MSHS students have received funding to cover tickets to a performance and workshop for Animal Farm on Saturday 27th April 2013.

Congratulations
MATER HOSPITAL HEALTHCARE CAREERS EXPO
Reward yourself with a career in Healthcare

WHERE: Mater Hospital Mackay
WHEN: Tuesday 7th May 2013
TIME: Anytime between 5.30pm and 8pm.

Registration is in Front foyer

Light Refreshments Provided

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS – Private Hospitals will help you achieve it with support and education.

Allied Health
Professionals –
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Radiology
Psychology
Social Work
and Dietetics

Healthcare Professionals will answer your questions

RSVP ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES – Phone 4965415 by 30th April 2013.

another fabulous education opportunity from the MECC

Read on to see how you can involve your students in an extraordinary opportunity to learn about North Queensland, to discover more about 'love' in the Pioneer days. To see a Film Australia documentary complete with curriculum studies based on the documentary. And have the total education experience culminate in a visit to the MECC to see one of the descendants of this historical drama tell her story through song.

Singer songwriter Megan Samardin was born and raised in Mt Isa. Her performance of Little Birung tells the stories of six generations of her family – particularly the very strong, sometimes tough, but always loving women in her family.

Megan had a great love of music and started singing when she was six. Over the last seven years, Megan has been working on a show about her family history, Little Birung. Little Birung is about Megan’s family history and the relationship she has with her Great-Grandmother, Phra Hector. Hector has both Aboriginal and Russian ancestry. Her father Leandro Forlenz came from Russia and settled on the Atherton Tablelands. He married a Ngadju lady called Kitty Clarke. At that time, it was against the law for non-Indigenous people to marry Indigenous people. The police were going to take Kitty and her children to Palm Island, but Leandro did everything he could to keep his family together.

The story of Megan Samardin’s great grandparents is being made into a documentary film called Pioneers of Love (June Nimmo, 2005).

Through a powerful personal story, Pioneers of Love gives us insight into the complex social and historical realities of the lives of Indigenous people in the early days of white settlement.


If you would like your students to be exposed to this fabulous opportunity, please contact meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au

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