Principals Report

Term 3 is nearly done and the final term will be started and our next group of Year 12 graduates will be ready to transition into life after school. I have been very impressed with the application of the Senior students towards their completion of assessments in this important Term. I also want to recognise the outstanding efforts of the staff in setting the expectations high to challenge each student to reach that little bit higher. Mrs Barnard was very pleased to report that over 90% of our Year 12’s have successfully completed the Cert 2 in Workplace Practices.

As we move towards Term 4 planning is well in place for the 2013 Year 11 Leadership Camp. The Year 11 students are encouraged to attend this outstanding experience convened at the Magnetic Island Sports & Recreation Centre. Information is being distributed to Year 11 students this week for the experience to be held in their final week 25th – 28th November 2013. The students who have attended this activity in the past, have always found it to be an important catapult into their final year of High School. Students who choose not to attend, are expected to be at school in this final week.

It was really pleasing to receive the results from the 2013 RACI Chemistry Challenge where several students received High Distinctions and Distinctions, competing against the best students across Australia. Ms Anthes-Cole and Mrs Barker were very excited when the results for our students were released. Tye Routh was also recently advised as being successful with his application to the 2013-14 UQ Young Scholars Program. A highlight will be a Residential Camp in November 2013.

The newest member of the Mackay State High Agriculture team arrived last week. The stud Brahman heifer calf was born on Tuesday 10th September and is progressing well.

Our School NAPLAN results for 2013 have been released and I’m pleased to report that our 2013 Year 9 class have performed well again especially in Writing and Numeracy which were focus areas. In these areas our students performed comparably with the State and also like Schools. Student Individual Reports have been delayed across the State, but should be distributed early in Term 4.

All students are reminded to submit their Subject Selection Forms for 2014. These should be in to the office by 20th Sep, but will be accepted early in Term 4, however some class options may be unavailable.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing vacation before we recommence Term 4 on Tues 8th October.

Consideration • Respect • Dedication • Pride
**SCAR Program**

Headspace Mackay and Community Solutions (Youth Connections) collaboratively delivered a 6 week SCAR program in Term 3 at Mackay State High School. The SCAR (Stress, Coping and Resilience) program is for adolescent males and females in Year 8 and 9. It is a values forming, life equipping course based on life principles. The goal of SCAR is to remind students of whom they are and where they have been. It also makes them aware of past decisions that might impact on their future. It will primarily focus on providing students with the “right tools” to succeed in school and life.

A young men’s group and a young women’s group was formed over the 6 week program, which was held over 1 period a week with many activities aimed to educate, inform, assist and empower young people to make better decisions relating to their anger and self control.

Participants learned about the four T’s (Triggers, Thoughts, Tantrums, Trouble) and strategies for coping with stress in their lives. Outside team building activities and reflection based activities helped to engage the young people and hold their interest.

Some other topics covered over the sessions were peer pressure, bullying, friendships, relationships, acceptable behaviour, perspective, depression/anxiety and self esteem.

A follow up session was also held a few weeks after program completion to monitor the participants and assess if further support was required.

All participants provided positive feedback after the program and it was great to see new friendships formed over the course of the program and some really positive changes being made by the young people who attended.

Frank Brunetto

Deputy Principal
AGRICULTURE NEWS

MACKAY STATE HIGH HAS A NEW MEMBER OF FAMILY!!

The Agriculture Department are very excited to announce the new arrival and addition to our Brahman Stud.

Our stud heifer ‘Ruby’ gave birth to a little girl on 10/9/13. We were lucky for the birth to occur during the day so some were lucky to witness it. The rest of the herd were there to help out Ruby with her birth and all went really well.

Ruby will be able to show off her calf next year in cattle shows – very exciting.

Congratulations Ruby!
QUT STEM Presentation and Workshops

On Wednesday 28th August, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were invited to attend a presentation by QUT STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) representatives Catherine and Genevieve. This 80 minute presentation highlighted the diversity and quality of the programs offered at QUT, as well as the logistics and preparation on the attendance of tertiary education for future school leavers. This presentation also had a Q and A section, in which students were able to ask specific questions on the transition from high school to university, with questions ranging from prerequisite courses to the notorious Quiddich team. Presentations were also made by two of our own Year 11 QUT ambassadors (Tye Routh and Aaron Glanville). Their presentations focussed on their attendance of the QUT STEM camp, recounting their experiences at this prestigious university. We would like to thank both Catherine and Genevieve for taking the time to come down and answer our burning questions on QUT and university life.

On Wednesday and Thursday a number of year eight and nine science classes were fortunate enough to have Genevieve and Katherine, QUT Student ambassadors, come to their classes and run workshops. Genevieve and Katherine ran the workshops in a bio-mimicry theme with the assistance of our very own STEM scholars, Tye Routh and Aaron Glanville. The students were assigned with the task of creating a trap from small robotic parts that simulated the way in which an animal or plant would lure and then capture their prey. The students worked in groups and all represented impressive traps. With the use of Little Bits kits, a little bit of luck and a whole lot of imagination the students pulled it off and justified their traps confidently. It was truly a great opportunity for the students to partake in. Genevieve and Katherine had high hopes that these students would be the STEM scholars of 2016.

RACI CHEMISTRY QUIZ ACHIEVEMENTS

On the 25th July this year all senior chemistry students participated in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute’s National Chemistry Quiz. Over 114 216 students from 1 726 schools from 17 countries took part in this year’s Quiz - a truly international event in chemistry education.

There was 1641 year 12 students and 2012 year 11 students across Qld who participated.

A High Distinction was awarded to the top 10% of students in the state. A Distinction to the next 15% of students in the state (10% - 25%) and a Credit to the next 15% of students in the state (25% - 40%).

It is a pleasure to announce the following results:

**Year 12**
- **High Distinction**: Samantha Plath
- **Distinction**: Darcie Beckmann
- **Credit**: Mark Bico, Bart Van Zuilen

**Year 11**
- **High Distinction**: Aaron Glanville, Tye Routh
- **Credit**: Phillip MacNaughton

Congratulations on a magnificent achievement!
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEE-SHIPS AVAILABLE

- **HUNGRY JACKS** are now accepting job applications from students interested in casual after-school/weekend work and school based traineeships. Apply now at www.hungryjacks.com.au.

- Brodon Mye from Novaskill would like to meet with indigenous students in Year 10 who are interested in doing a School Based Traineeship in **Certificate III in Media** at MY 105. Brodon can be contacted on 0423 375 257 or see Mrs Dearden in P09 for more information.

FULL TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

- **2014 Ergon Energy Apprentice Campaign** – a bright future for apprentices; Ergon have great opportunities for young people to start their career in a dynamic and ever-changing industry. Ergon Energy has an award winning apprentice program. Visit the Ergon Energy website www.ergon.com.au site for more information and to apply online.

- **Aim Aluminium** is looking to employ at the end of this school year an apprentice interested in a career in the **fabrication trade**. Please drop your Resume to Andrea Dearden in P09, work experience will be organised as a trial for interested applicants.

- **Michael DePinto Air Conditioning & Refrigeration** requires the services of a **Junior Office Administrator** with previous office experience or willing to undertake a Traineeship in **Certificate III – Business Administration**. A flyer is available to view on the notice board at P09. Please drop your Resume to Andrea Dearden in P09, the successful applicant will be signed into a school based traineeship and rolled into full time at the completion of Year 12.

- A local **Brick/block Layer** is looking to take on a school leaver for a full-time apprenticeship. The applicant needs to be someone who is keen and looking to enter the building & construction industry and is willing to commit to an apprenticeship.

2014 CQ TAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Students in Year 10 who are interested in attending TAFE one day per week in 2014 as part of the school program. A copy of the Schools Program Guide listing the courses being offered in 2014 is available, please see Mrs Dearden in P09

MACKAY ENGINEERING COLLEGE 2014

Students in Year 10 who are interested in being involved in the MEC program in 2014 can now apply. Applications are available online at www.mec.eq.edu.au please complete the forms and return to Mr Puddicombe in H Block staffroom.

Registered Nurses! Want a job that suits your child’s school hours?

**Acting Regional Clinical Nurse - 0.4FTE**
(29 hours per fortnight) for Term 4

The role is to provide nursing services that build the capacity of school staff to safely administer and manage the health needs of students with a verified disability and/or specialised health need, enabling their participation in an educational program.

Applicants are required to:

- Provide a written Expression of Interest (maximum 2 x A4 pages) responding to the selection criteria outlining your suitability and experience. Provide current Curriculum Vitae and 2 referees.
- Email to: Kim Bennett Kim.BENNETT1@dete.qld.gov.au

For more information: please collect a job description from Beaconsfield State School

Enquiries: contact Helen McCullagh 4969 2222 or

Kim Bennett 3280 1775 / 0488 426 188

Mrs Andrea Dearden’s office is in P09
4957 9152
adear20@eq.edu.au
Vocational Education Training Co-ordinator

Mrs Sharon Barnard’s office is in P08
4957 9134
sbn53@eq.edu.au
HOD Senior Schooling
Mackay SHS offers students a dynamic and exciting learning program, provides a safe, supportive and happy environment and a responsive transition program for students and families. Recent student outcomes include OP 1s, Australian Sporting selections, Gold Awards for Bands and outstanding results for Cattle Show team.

### Mackay State High offers a safe and supportive school

- Year Coordinators and Form Teachers providing daily personal support
- Senior buddies who visit Year 7 & 8 classes weekly and act as mentors and older friends
- Guidance Officer, Chaplain and School-Based Health Nurse
- Head of Department for Junior Secondary
- Junior Secondary Leaders who play a vital role in communication with our younger classes
- Junior Secondary teachers
- Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
- High behaviour expectations including promotion of positive behaviours and student leadership
- Valuing a wide diversity of cultures

### An engaging and comprehensive curriculum

- Our staff team focus on high expectations, applying our quality teaching model, with strong relationships with students.
- A strong core curriculum in English, Math, Science and History
- Modern resources
- Great team of friendly and dedicated teachers
- Scholarship program from our P&G
- Large range of electives for all interests e.g. Agriculture, Manual Arts, Arts, Technology, Home Economics and programs to support those with Special Needs
- We cater for students of all abilities and individual needs, and promote ‘Pride in doing your best’

### A fantastic range of extra-curricular opportunities

- There is something for everyone!
- High quality Instrumental Music programs
- Sporting Academies
- Cattle Show team
- Year 7 and Year 8 Leadership camps
- Competitions such as Optimals, Rock Pop Mix, Debating, ICAS, Eisteddfod
- Community engagement

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### It starts at Primary School

Our transition program starts with visits and talks to State Schools, making close links with your child's teachers to share feedback on progress, strengths and needs. Our staff host an Information Evening, Open Day and, along with junior and senior students, actually visit schools and work with students and teachers in their classrooms.

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Mackay SHS has a strong reputation for high academic standards and support of the wider community. We hope you will be part of this. Come along and enjoy our school!

mackayshs.eq.edu.au
Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay

(School Dental Service)

Victoria Park School Dental Clinic (Goldsmith St) is still offering dental services to students enrolled in year 8, 9 and 10, who have not yet been treated this year.

Parents can contact the clinic on 49514745 to arrange an appointment.

If the phone is unattended please leave details including your student’s name, DOB, and contact number.

For further information on this service, refer to website:

Raymont Lodge Residential College

Raymont Lodge is currently offering accommodation options for tertiary students for 2014.

The college provides comfortable & safe services within a supportive Christian environment.

Raymont Lodge is centrally located in Auchenflower just 4kms from the heart of Brisbane City.

More information is available at www.raymont.com.au or call 07 33779903

WIN $1600
for the charity of your choice

The 2013 Rotary Club of Mackay
BRAIN STRAIN
TRIVIA NIGHT

Get together a team of eight trivia buffs and book a table for the biggest charity trivia night of the year. Win big prizemoney for the charity of your choice. PLUS, lucky door and other prizes to be won, including best dressed table!