Principals Report

Last week our Instrumental Music students joined with students from Pioneer SHS and travelled to Brisbane to perform in the City as a part of the Jazz in the Mall festival. The students also attended several practice and workshop activities as well as sightseeing. The Combined Bands performance was so highly regarded in the City Mall on Tuesday, that they won the “Upcoming Jazz Band” division. The children were very excited with this result, especially after gaining a GOLD performance ranking at Rockhampton’s Jazz Festival on the weekend.

Once again these outstanding students who are highly skilled from the training from their IM teachers, have represented Mackay and Pioneer State Highs, showing the very high standards of the IM Music program here at Mackay State High.

The PCYC was the venue this week for our Year 11 students to participate in the RYDA program. Our sincere thanks to Mackay’s Rotary Clubs which convene this huge event offered to all Year 11 students in Mackay. Each student in groups of about 25 students move along through 6 or 7 stations where they had some excellent presentations. The students were particularly impressed with the shared story by a quadriplegic who discussed the range of challenges that his road accident has caused. His talk had a noticeable impact on the students. There was also a demonstration in a small van showing the braking distances at different speeds. There were also talks on effects of tiredness and alcohol on driving performance and decision making. Sincere thanks to Mr Little and supervising staff, who also made the day possible.

Denniss were the winning team at the 2013 Interhouse Athletics Carnival with many outstanding individual performances across the day. I was particularly impressed by the large number of students who attended and participated in a large number of events. Age Champion Trophies will be announced and presented at the Sports Awards night in September. Ms Henwood was very pleased with the success of the first major carnival and she should be congratulated for this excellent event. I thank all staff for the huge effort with official duties and supervision at the carnival.

Rock Pop Mime is being held this Saturday evening. Our school has one performance group which will show their skill and practice, under the overseeing of Ms De Brueys and Mrs Radunz. Good luck for Saturday evening.

Recently a pensioner who lives near the school called in to thank one of our Yr 11 students. He had been at an ATM and left it frustrated as he could not get the withdrawal he was seeking. The student, who was next in line noticed after the man left that his money was issued at the ATM. He quickly completed his own transaction and then caught up to the old gentleman and returned to him his very large cash withdrawal. Needless to say, he was very appreciative of this Mackay High lad’s honesty. Great work.

Mr Steve Poulger
Principal
School Opinion Survey - Parent/Caregiver 2013

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes the School Opinion Survey to obtain opinion information with important aspects of schooling from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. This year 40 families have been randomly selected to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey, and these surveys have been mailed home. The survey will take a few minutes to complete and will assist our organisation to help make this school a better place for your child/children.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report.

Please complete the survey online or seal your completed paper form in the provided envelope and return it to the school by Friday 26 July 2013.

Please inform the school if you choose to complete the survey online, or return the completed paper survey to Mr. Brunetto Deputy Principal so we know that we don’t need to follow up with your family to return the completed survey.

I strongly encourage you to complete the survey to help make this school a better place. If you are unable, or choose not to complete the survey, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please inform the school as soon as possible and return all of the survey materials. This will enable the school to provide the survey materials to another family to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Mr. Brunetto Deputy Principal at Mackay SHS on (07) 49579179.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

Sincerely,

Frank Brunetto-Deputy Principal

THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET
FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

31 July ICAS - English
13 August ICAS - Mathematics
14 August Mackay & District Careers Expo—MECC

5 - 8 August Primary Roadshow Visits
13 August Year 8 Information Evening
Junior Secondary School

Please enjoy a snapshot of some recent news from years 8 and 9.

Rugby League

It has been a busy few weeks in the Rugby League Academy. We have seen approximately 60 English students travel to Australia and onto Mackay to play a friendly game against our Mackay High School boys. All games were played to a high standard and fun was had by all. The English boys they were thrilled to play our teams and do well against us as we have different interpretations of the rules.

Band Tour

Just last week, selected students from Mackay State High Schools Concert Band joined forces with some selected students from Pioneer State High Schools Band to make a 50 student Combined Band Tour. This tour began Monday morning at 5am when they began their journey down to Brisbane, by bus. The tour throughout the week comprised of a few workshops to build-up the Concert Band and Stage Band’s ability.

On their last day in Brisbane the Combined Bands Tour took an exciting trip to Gold Coast’s Dreamworld for the day which left them walking away with windswept faces from some of the rides and pockets full of lollies from Dreamworld’s lolly stores. On Friday the tour got back on the bus to drive to Rockhampton for the CQ University Schools Jazz Festival. While in Rockhampton the students stayed in the gym at Glenmore High School.

The “Stage Band” attended a workshop with Jeff Jarvis and then performed for adjudication the next day, Sunday, receiving one of the only two gold awards handed out to the competing schools. We are very proud of our band and all of its achievements.

When they finally arrived home Sunday night, students said goodbye to new friends they had met this week. It has been a long week but every student had something to enjoy during the trip.

Drama

The Hysterical History of the Trojan War.

This term both Year 9 Drama classes will be conducting a play on The Hysterical History of the Trojan War. This ‘story’ is a comical recount of the actual Trojan War. This play is full of ancient (and very vain) Greek Gods, a self-obsessed prince and one that just won’t die. If you want to read or watch the play; you can expect a LOT of lame (but slightly funny), dad type jokes and a lot of singing. Good or bad singing; well that you can decide for yourself.

Past performances of this play from all around the world are available on YouTube.

Home Economics Food

Seems like just a few weeks ago when we bid farewell to an epic second term. We, the grade 9 Home Economic Food class, had an opportunity to cover a chapter on fast foods. We learnt that fast foods are not a healthy option as most of them contain too much fat. We are already in the third week of the 3rd term and it’s been off to a great start we started learning about carbohydrates this term, we get to know the good and bad sides of carbohydrates.
HPE

Each of the grade nine HPE classes are currently playing AFL (Australia Rules Football) for their Practical lessons in term three. Can you answer the AFL quiz?

Questions:
- What team does Gary Ablett Jnr. Play for?
- What team wears black and white stripes on their jersey?
- Who is the captain of the Brisbane Lions?
- Which team did Israel Folau play for when he played AFL?
- Who won the Brownlow medal (Best and Fairest player) in 2012?
- Where is the AFL Grand Final played?
- Which team won the premiership in 2012?
- What team does Lance Franklin play for?
- Who was the most recent NRL player to switch codes to play AFL?
- Who is the Gold Coast Suns captain?

ENGLISH

Recently the extension English class has been tested on spelling lists every morning before they start their lesson on Refugees. Can you turn these spelling words into plurals?

Hippopotamus  HPE Answers  Gold Coast Suns
Louse          Collingwood Magpies
Octopus        Jonathon Brown
Algebra        Greater Western Sydney
Formula        Jobe Watson
Phenomenon     MCG
Stratum        Sydney Swans
Person         Hawthorn Hawks
Tooth          Israel Folau
Focus          Gary Ablett

All girls in Year 7 and 9 are strongly encouraged to participate in the Self-Detection of Scoliosis, by accessing www.scoliosis-australia.org to download a brochure or see your school nurse to obtain a copy.

Scoliosis is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 girls per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve in their spine. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). Because in the early stages the condition is most often not causing any symptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. When school screening for scoliosis was abandoned, the Self-Detection Program was introduced as a practical alternative.

The website contains comprehensive information, from certified specialists, for girls and their parents/carers.
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRaineeships AVAILABLE

- Attention all current year 10 indigenous students: The ANZ Bank in Mackay is looking to employ in 2014 a year 11 indigenous student as a school based trainee. Application is to be done online and interviews will commence in August. The qualification will be a Certificate II in Business Administration. If you would like information regarding this traineeship or help with your Resume please see Mrs Dearden.

- City Beach at the Canelands Store has a NEW Retail School Based Traineeship vacancy available – Certificate II in Retail available to grade 10 and 11 students.

CASUAL POSITION AVAILABLE (AFTER SCHOOL HOURS)

Eagle Boys Pizza Discovery Lane North Mackay requires Delivery Drivers, must have licence and would prefer own car to ensure maximum shifts. There is the option to use the company vehicle for deliveries but this arrangement is shared with other employees therefore less shifts available. Excellent working conditions and flexible hours available to students. To apply call Chandresh on 0438 532 530.

Set Plan interviews have been held this week in Auditorium

MESSAGES: Parents are reminded that arrangements for social, work commitments or travel home from school should be made with your student before they leave home in the morning. We are a very large school and delivering non-urgent messages disrupts the smooth running of our school and the learning of students. If a more pressing situation arises in the school office your message may be delayed.

A reminder that students mobile phones are not to be used during School hours, it has become apparent that students are contacting parents this is not acceptable and not in accordance with our eDevice policy and could result in confiscation.

This weekend we have a team entered in the Lions Rock Pop Mime show. Our very talented year 11 student Pagan-Leigh Camilleri has choreographed the dance and designed the costumes. Come along and support our team on Saturday night 7:30pm at the new Botanic Gardens Amphitheatre. Bring along a picnic blanket or a fold up chair and support our school.
Show’s Over, Hard Work Begins!

What another eventful year the Cattle Show Team has had!

The first show we attended was the Finch Hatton Show on Sunday 16th of June. The day started at 5.30am. Looking after the cattle involves washing, brushing and feeding the cattle to make sure that they were ready to be presented. At the Finch Hatton Show the team were awarded many prizes, ranging from third to first. The cattle were loaded onto the truck and students into the bus to return to school to prepare for the week ahead. This show was the first for many of the members of the team who had been nervous and unsure of what to expect. Team members were tired but happy with their efforts.

The Mackay Show was held from Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th June. Team members all had to be at the show grounds around 6am each morning. Wednesday was a busy day with most of the events being held. These included the Junior Handlers and Paraders which took up most of the day. On Thursday we had both stud and commercial judging of the cattle. Each member of the show team was required to do a one hour duty twice a day. Throughout the three days we won many prizes which ranged from third prize to first prize and we won the best overall stud. When it came to 12 noon on Thursday the cattle were loaded on the truck to go to the Proserpine Show. This year we didn’t only show cattle but sugar cane as well. This received third place for the school. The sugar cane will be cut during the term for the senior agriculture assessment.

The Proserpine show was from the 20th to the 21st of June. It was another early morning with us up at 6am, cleaning, washing, feeding and grooming so we would be ready to show. Team members became fatigued as the day went on. We won more prizes on the first day of the Proserpine show. We had two more events to participate in before coming home and these were the judging and the junior paraders. From the Proserpine show we received many prizes and had a lot of fun.

The cattle arrived home for a well-deserved rest, and have returned to the farms they are from. We now have new steers, bulls and heifers and the fun of breaking them in begins to prepare them for next year’s shows.

A very special thank you goes to John, Jenny and Jacob McBrown and Mrs Mary Muirhead for helping out. Also to Ms Fitzpatrick, Ms Wooding and Eric for getting the show team together and preparing the cattle, and a big thank you to the parents of team members for their support. A huge thank you must go to the owners who allow us to show their cattle.

Hoping that the team is as successful next year as well! Good Luck and enjoy yourself.

Annemarie Marchant-Galvin
What is this Palm Island trip students are talking about?

As an extension to Camp Eagle, this September holidays we are partnering with YWAM Townsville to take 12 Camp Eagle participants on a community development trip to Palm Island. The students will come from a mixture of Mackay High, Pioneer High, North Mackay High and Mirani High.

Every year YWAM Townsville sends dozens of teams to Palm Island to serve, build, care, and connect with the community. They believe that Aussie youth have the capacity to make a positive difference in someone else’s life and are excited to champion our students. This will be the first time Camp Eagle has sent a team to serve with YWAM!

The program consists of 4 days of training in Townsville, followed by 6 days of outreach on Palm Island.

The students we have picked for this trip are not necessarily the top of the school in any field. Yet they have all shown a commitment to help raise the money needed to go on the trip, and a dedication to helping those less fortunate then themselves.

We believe this will be a life changing experience for all of our students and will help develop their Leadership skills so please help them out in whatever way possible! Some ideas are:

- Buy a chocolate from the students after school (not sold during school hours)
- Help out at a BBQ, Woolworths Ooralea Saturday August 17 8am – 2pm
- Donate a box of chocolates - $30 buys a box, and the students will double your contribution!
- Sponsor a student some of their fees

We are also taking Personal Hygiene Packs to hand out to the community and any contributions will be gratefully appreciated (eg: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc)

For more information contact Chappy Phil : 07 49579107

Students who participated in the last Camp Eagle held at Cape Hillsborough
Winter Uniform

The cooler weather will soon be upon us. Students are required to wear the correct winter uniform as set out in the prospectus.

Winter Wear

The school tracksuit or a plain navy or maroon tracksuit may be worn over the school uniform during winter. A maroon, lined taslon jacket (with school emblem) is available through the uniform stockists. Year 11 & 12 students only may wear the nominated senior jersey. Hooded sweat shirts are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Students are able to wear their Capricornia Sports Jacket if they have made Capricornia Selection.

Jeans, designer tracksuits and jackets, hoodies, flannel shirts and non-uniform jackets are not acceptable.

We would ask for your assistance to ensure that your child has the correct uniform before it becomes cold.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

School Magazine 2013

We are in the midst of creating the school magazine for 2013. If you are interested in owning a copy, it is required that school fees be paid in full. If fees have not yet paid, methods of payment can be discussed with the office staff. A reminder that school fees must be paid in full by 13th September (Friday) in order to be eligible for a school magazine.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to receive a magazine and treasure the memories Mackay State High has accomplished throughout the school year.

Plenty of photos have been taken, so there is a high chance you could be in there! A student committee also established where students can assist in the organisation of the magazine. If any student is interested please inform Miss Schembri in D7 Staffroom.
**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.

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**105 SQUADRON AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS**

Do you enjoy everything about aircraft, going bush and challenging yourself? If you answered yes to any or all of that question then **105 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets** is the place for you. We are currently recruiting for new members so if you are turning 13 years old by 31/09/13 then come down to our facility next to the basketball courts on Bridge Road, Mackay Friday night at 6.45pm and find out all about us. **If you have any questions please call Fiona Andrews on 0413503031.**

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**Who will be *King of the Hill* at the 2013 Bullet Bikes KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB**

Where men & his two wheeled machines fight gravity on the steep terrain of Kungurri Hill in the Pioneer Valley, 60Km’s west of Mackay

- Juniors full throttle on Sat Aug 17th
- Nominations from 10:30 am
- Seniors full throttle on Sun Aug 18th
- Pre-nominate or nominate on the day from 7:00 am; Machinery 8:00 am **Sharp**

Nomination details: Debbie – 4959 0439
Pioneer Valley Enduro Club

Admission: Saturday - Free
Sunday: Adults $6
School Age $3
No Pets or Glass thank you.
Funds distributed between local community groups.
**Full Catering on Grounds**