Semester 1 has now completed and students will receive Report Cards at the start of Term 3, with parents having the opportunity for Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 22nd July. These will give a very clear picture of the progress and effort of your child and in discussion with teachers, can identify how this can be further enhanced. Another item reported is the Attendance information. Some students can attribute some of their performance concerns to their participation in class time. Our goal is 90% attendance, that is less than 10% unexplained absences, and a small number of students have too many unexplained absences – “Unexplained absences” should be zero on all Reports.

The teachers at Mackay State High School provide so many opportunities, as well as the excellent work done in the classrooms. In the past 2 weeks our Cattle Show team have performed very successfully at three local Shows, taking away many prizes and great learnings also. This is the result of many weeks of training before and after school with over 20 students.

Our Year 8 & 9 students and parents were invited to a Junior Secondary Disco, that was well attended. Large numbers of staff and the Year 8/9 Buddies also attended the evening. Several Year 11 & 12 Geography and History students are currently in Melbourne visiting sites of interest including Museums, featured exhibitions and places of significance in their studies across Senior level.

Earlier this week our Year 12s were invited to a presentation of “Dream Job 21” to assist them in their Career choices. Our Instrumental Musicians will tour our local State Primary Schools to perform and show students the talented team, that they will have the chance to join next year. Added to this after the success at Netball, 5 of our 6 Rugby League teams will represent in the Finals next term. Congratulations to the outstanding students involved in these activities and also to the many committed staff who contribute so much of their time to ensure students have these extra-curricula opportunities.

A key part of the staff team at Mackay State High is our Cleaner group, who we held a special celebration Breakfast on Cleaners Day on 13th June. These valued members of our staff start very early each school day and lock up after cleaning our facility at end of the day so that staff and students have quality work environments. Thank you.

Nearly 90 of our high performing Year 9 students were engaged in Project 600, aiming to develop their literacy skills in reading and comprehension. This work has now been completed and these students from the start of Term 3 will return to their previously selected subject options. Well done to these students and their teachers.

I wish all students, their family and our staff a relaxing and safe break over the vacation and look forward to seeing all back ready for the final semester on Monday 14th July. Thank you.
DATE REMINDERS TERM 2 2014

JUNE
- 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

JULY
- 14 July: Term 2 Begins
- 15 July: Online Booking P/Teacher open
- 17 - 18 July: Athletics Carnival
- 22 July: Report Cards issued to students
- 22 July: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 21 - 23 July: Yr 11 Marine Trip - Brampton Is

CHAPSTICKS FOR SALE

Assorted flavours to choose from
All money towards supporting our School Chaplains in the Mackay Region
Available at the Student Counter

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Teacher Profile

Name - Katherine Puckridge - Maths Department

What year did you start teaching? I have been teaching since 2012. I am currently in my third year and enjoying it.

What is your favourite TV Show? House Rules or My Kitchen Rules. I enjoy home renovation shows and am trying to develop my cooking skills.

What is your favourite holiday destination? Europe which I am visiting at the end of the year and am really excited about. A white Christmas in Germany and celebrating the new year in Italy.

What is your favourite food? Pasta, or any Italian food. When I can I enjoy making pasta, pizza and gnocchi from scratch.

What is your favourite movie of all time? Lord of the Rings (all of them). I love action, fantasy movies and anything with zombies in it.

If I won the lotto I would travel around the world and then probably buy some land and have lots of animals. I’ve always wanted a llama.

Quote............

Everyone should be respected as an individual, but no one idolized

Albert Einstein
Year 8 2015 at Mackay State High School

Roadshow
Our annual visit to each feeder primary school will begin the week starting August 4th. During the roadshow students will receive an enrolment package and will meet key staff including: Mr Paulger -Principal, Mr Brunetto - Deputy Principal, Ms Kate Leon-Mason - Year level Co-ordinator for Year 8 2015.

Parent Information Evening
The parent information evening for Year 7 students transitioning into Year 8 in 2015 will be held on the 13th August. This night will provide our new school community members an opportunity to discover the excellent learning opportunities that Mackay State High School provides for its students. It will also provide parents an opportunity to meet staff and have questions answered. At the end of the night parents will be able to make bookings for the upcoming Enrolment Interviews.

Year 7 into 8 Enrolment Interviews
Interviews will be held from Tuesday 19th August to Thursday 21st August. These meetings enable parents to ask any further questions and for our new students to get to know our administration team and staff on a more personal level.
Frank Brunetto

News from the Nurse

Wednesday 18 June was Aussie Red Apple Day, a part of Bowel Cancer Awareness Month. Red apples were given to students and staff to raise awareness about preventing bowel cancer.

Bowel cancer is a growth anywhere in the bowel. 14,860 Australians develop bowel cancer each year with bowel cancer being the second largest cause of death in Australia.

Look out for the following warning signs and see a GP if concerned:

♦ A persistant change in bowel habits
♦ Bowel motions narrower than usual
♦ Diarrhoea, constipation, or feeling of the bowel not fully empty
♦ Unexplained weight loss, or fatigue
♦ Gas, bloating, cramps, or blood in the bowel motion.
♦ To reduce the risk of bowel cancer, eat a healthy diet, drink plenty of water, exercise daily and if over 50yrs see your GP for a bowel cancer screening test

Trixie Mills
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Cattle Show Team

Mackay SHS Cattle Show Team has just survived an exhausting but very successful week of showing cattle at three local shows.

Saturday 14th June saw Ms Fitzpatrick, Mr Eric Haughton and senior team members load up cattle and head to Finch Hatton to set up camp and begin preparing cattle for the following day’s show. The juniors left from school at 5.30am on the Sunday to arrive and begin their duties. Cattle all had to be washed and groomed before competing. Our cattle won many awards including Reserve Champion Female and our steers gained second and third placing in their category. Many of our students won individual awards for their judging and cattle handling skills with Jayne Glendinning winning the senior handlers prize.

Monday was a busy day for staff and senior students setting up our display and preparing cattle for the Mackay show. Over the three days the team had many successes, including winning the Herdmaster prize which was a team effort. Our cattle won a swag of ribbons and trophies and students were also very successful. The prizes are too many to mention but Megan Antcliff won the judging for her year level and was selected to compete at a regional level.

At lunch time on Thursday, the cattle and gear were all packed up and the seniors headed straight to Proserpine to set up for Show Whitsunday. The juniors left school once again at 5.30am on Friday morning to travel up to this show and take up their duties. Many awards were again won at this show including “Mackay High Topaz” winning the junior calf section and one of our heifers winning the champion prize for her category.

The week of the shows was extremely busy with very early morning starts each day. All students on the team participated with enthusiasm and carried out their duties very capably. The judge at Finch Hatton Show complimented our team on their presentation and how they conducted themselves. They were a credit to themselves and the school. Many thanks must go to the staff who put in such a huge effort to bring it all together – Ms Fitzpatrick, Mr Haughton, Ms Puckridge, Ms Wooding and other teachers who helped out and donated their time with supervision.
Welcome to the final edition of Sports Wrap for Term 2. It has been an extremely busy term, packed with school, district and state sport. From everyone in the Mackay SHS HPE Department, congratulations to all students who have represented Mackay State High, Mackay District, Capricornia or Queensland over the past 10 weeks. You have done your school, friends, family and yourself extremely proud.

Last week saw the finals of the local netball competition which saw two Mackay SHS teams victorious in the Grand Final. Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball team who defeated a very competitive Mercy team. Congratulations girls on a hard fought victory. Our other victorious team was the Open A ‘Roses’ team. The girls played an absolutely amazing game of netball against a previously undefeated St. Patrick’s team. There was a large and very vocal crowd down at the netball grounds and they witnessed an exceptional game of netball. The Roses lead from start to finish in a very clinical performance. Congratulations to these girls on their victory. Well done to Mr Gercken and Mr Monaghan for their help with these girls, and of course to Mrs Dell for her tireless efforts in getting all netball teams on the court each week. Thank you also to all other staff who assisted in coaching a netball team throughout the year. All the girls are very appreciative of the hard work you put in.

Last Wednesday six Mackay SHS Rugby League teams played their Semi-Final at JRL grounds. Both Year 8 teams were successful in their games and will meet each other in the Grand Final. In the Under 15 division, both Mackay SHS teams convincingly beat the Mercy College teams to also meet in the Grand Final. In the Open division, Mr Gercken’s team defeated a very strong Sarina SHS team to book their place in the Grand Final against St. Patrick’s, who defeated Mr Monaghan’s boys.

All Grand Finals will be played on the 1st Wednesday back in Term 3 (16th July) at Junior Rugby League Grounds, with matches kicking off at 4pm. This success is a reflection of the extremely hard work put in by the Rugby League students and the Academy staff. Having five teams out of six playing on Grand Final day is an excellent achievement. We wish all students involved, the best of luck!

From all the staff in the HPE department, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable School holidays. We hope you enjoy your break and rest up for what will be an extremely busy term of sport.

The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy Footy Doubles Fundraiser results 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
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                        Round 9 - #157494 – HOME 8, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 10 – #157192 – HOME 2, AWAY 1                  Round 11 – #155996 – HOME 2, AWAY 3
State of Origin 1 - #157500 – HOME 2, AWAY 2 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 12 - #158398 – HOME 2, AWAY 12 (Yet to be claimed)  Round 13 - #158093 – HOME 10, AWAY 10 (Yet to be claimed)
Round 14 - #158099 – HOME 2, AWAY 9 (Yet to be claimed)
State of Origin 2 - #158080 – HOME 7, AWAY 7 (Yet to be claimed)

If you are holding onto the winning double, get in contact with the school office to collect your prize.
Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Stephanie Ziser

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Please detach and return the Administration Office
Mackay State High School would like to invite parents to download the QSchools App which will allow parents the opportunity to see when news, events and newsletters are posted on our school website. Using this Free App is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about the school.

Alternatively you can access our school website which has detailed information on the school and links to the school Facebook page.

https://mackayshs.eq.edu.au

Breakfast Club Menu

Monday: Toast, spreads, cereal, milk each day

Tuesday: Eggs, French Toast or scrambled eggs

Wednesday: Pancakes

Thursday: Smoothies

SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM

Any Parent who’s Year 8 (girl or boy) & Year 10 (boys only) who didn’t receive their 2nd round of vaccination in the last month. Please call 49683975 to arrange an appointment for a catch up vaccination at Child Health in 12-14 Nelson Street Mackay

Mackay Sugar on behalf of Racecourse Mill, Farleigh Mill, Marian Mill and Mossman Mill urges all motorists and residents to be alert when approaching cane railway crossings. Please be prepared for the increased cane train activity during the 2014 season and stay safe!

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PARENTS CAN COLLECT A MONEY TIN AT MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL WHEN FULL OR CALL 49523845

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