Principal’s Report

As Term 1 draws to a close most students are busy completing exams and assignments, while staff are busy marking, providing feedback to students and preparing Mid Semester Reports. These reports will be distributed to parents, through their students in the first week of Term 2. Make sure that early next term you are asking for their report and the information on the Parent Teacher Interviews. These will be scheduled on Tuesday 23rd April between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

This year our school will trial a system for parents to book their interview times with their student’s teachers, using an on-line booking system. Further information is available on the process later in this newsletter.

Ryan Cole one of our Year 12 Instrumental Music Percussion Team has been recognised for his quality skills by being selected to attend the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Music for 2013. 77 musically outstanding students have been selected from across Queensland to attend the 10-day residential program run by highly regarded professional conductors, tutors and musicians. The residential program will be held from Monday 17 June to Thursday 27 June 2013 in Brisbane at the Queensland Conference and Camping Centre (QCCC) Brookfield. The program culminates with the MOST Gala Concert to be held in the Great Hall of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 26 June.

On very busy afternoons, there are at times serious inconveniences to residents who live in the houses opposite the school entrance, in Milton St. Please ensure that the driveways on these homes are always open to allow these people to enter and leave their homes at all time.

On Sunday, four of our students attended an Interschool Equestrian Challenge held at the Mackay Showgrounds. These students gather with other young riders, to test their skills with jumping their mounts over a range of courses to qualify for Regional representation if successful. Congratulations to Ashleigh and Samantha Plath, Jasmin Davidson and Bree Wiblin. Several photos of the girls are on our school Facebook site.

Student Scholarship

Congratulations to Rhana Gelens Year 11, who was awarded a bursary of over $1000 towards her continued education from the Western Cape Communities Trust. This will certainly support Rhana to achieve the goals in her ongoing education here at Mackay State High.

I would like to wish all students, staff and their families a Happy Easter and a safe and relaxing vacation, and look forward to seeing everyone back after the holiday on Monday 15th April.

Mr Steve Paulger
Principal
Mid Semester Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be 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.

You will be provided with a School event code

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

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

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.
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

Constitutional Convention

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying 6 Year 12 students to the Mackay Constitutional Convention. These students were Anastasia Masters-Henry, Nardya Pearson, Edie Ferrazza, Ylvina Evia, Sarrah Clark and Maureen Dela Gracia. At the convention each school that was represented, presented a paper on the importance of the recognition in the Constitution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People as the first inhabitants of Australia. Anastasia Marsters-Henry argued this case for Mackay SHS. She stressed that we need to recognise and value the culture of our first inhabitants if Australia is to continue to grow and prosper and these sentiments are linked to Harmony week which we celebrated last week. All Australians are asked to recognise and value the many diverse cultures and nationalities that make up Australia, including the culture of Australia’s first inhabitants the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

Mrs Ann Wall

Young Chefs Competition

The Port of Mackay Rotary Club’s “Young Chefs Competition” will be held on Tuesday 23rd April, periods 1&2 in J8 kitchen. This is the second week back after the holidays so students will have time to practice during the holidays.

Participants will work in pairs to plan, prepare and present a main course for 2 people over 1 ½ hours for a cost of around $20.

Winners of the junior (Yrs. 8-9) and seniors (Yrs. 10, 11, 12) progress to the interschool competition at TAFE on the 25th May where they will cook a main course and dessert over 2 hours. The prize is the chance to work in restaurant kitchens, a theatre show, overnight accommodation and meals at Ocean International in Mackay for juniors and a Brisbane experience for seniors.

Diane Cunningham B3 staffroom
Over 30 Mackay State High students are currently employed as school based apprentice or trainees through our well established program. We proudly support our students across a wide range of industries including Business, Hospitality, Hairdressing, Retail, Banking and Trade Industries. This successful program is supported by:

- Established partnerships with Mackay Engineering College (MEC), CQ TAFE, Construction Skills Qld (CSQ), The MRAEL Group and Central Queensland University (CQU).
- Structured Work Placement for students in years 10, 11 and 12.
- Flexible timetabling for school based apprentices and trainees to suit the needs of employers and students.
- Assistance with recruitment process for school based apprenticeships and traineeships
- Full time VET Coordinator providing support to students, parents and employers.

For information regarding these programs, please contact:
Andrea Dearden  VET Coordinator  4957 9152
Sharon Barnard   HOD Senior Schooling  4957 9134

Message from the office

How quickly this term has flown, it is amazing to think we are nearly a quarter of the way through the year.

Statements for students’ outstanding accounts have recently been sent to parents and carers. If you yours has not been received, please contact the office. Should you wish to query anything please either drop in, phone (4957 9179) or email admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au.

The discount period for the Student Resource Scheme is due to finish on 15 April 2013 which is the beginning of Term 2. There will be an additional $20 due if accounts remain unpaid.

Please contact the office if you wish to discuss your payments.

In conclusion we wish you all a safe and happy Easter vacation…

Regards
Marg Brown
**Camp Eagle “What’s It All About”**

The 2012 Primary Camp Eagle for Year 7 was a great success last year with many students attending. Some of the highlights were, Messy Obstacle course, Tribal Home building, Craft, Scavenger hunt and a trip to the Blue water lagoon were all key features of this camp. Primary Camp Eagle was set up as a transition camp to introduce students to other chaplains and students and to give them an opportunity to meet someone new, who may be going up to the same high school. Friendships made on this camp can be continued on to the high school camps. This helps build resilience throughout high school.

Many of the students on the high school camps started out on the primary camp. Camp Eagle has four major goals it uses to impact the students in a positive way. Fun activities to engage them, Relationships building with Leaders and peers, Chilling out the students using natural father & son type activities, and Introduce the Christian faith in a natural and non threatening way. Some students have not only found who they are, but it has helped them through the tough times.

The Secondary Camp Eagle happens twice a year (Winter and Summer) and has been running at MSHS since the year 2000. It is open to all high school students through the Chaplains. We camp in tents at the campsites (Camp Eagle Mountain Retreat), which is at Rowallan Park. Some of the highlights are Survivor Day, Day trip to Cape Hillsborough, Saturday Night Challenge, Meet new friends, Cooking and eating, Camping in tents, Scenic drive, Bush walking, Small Groups, Campfire, Relaxing, Fishing, Games.

The next camp is **Winter Camp Eagle: 30th May – 2nd June. Cost is $40.**

Registration Forms will be available Term 2 at the Chaplains Office E5

Camp Eagle is a community program run on Christian values and is a joint venture of the Iona West Uniting Church, Mackay Schools Chaplaincy, and supported by the Churches of Mackay, Scouts, Rotary and community sponsors.

For enquiries about Camp Eagle and registrations contact

**Chaplain Philip Hall, Mackay State High**  
School E: phall43@eq.edu.au Office :49579107 Mobile: 0488573276

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**P&C News**

The P&C Executive for 2013 is

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At recent meetings support was offered to Camp Eagle which supports students at risk and to some students and staff, on an upcoming Instrumental Music Camp involving students from Mackay SHS and Pioneer SHS. It is very pleasing to see quite a number of new faces at our meetings this year and look forward to another successful year.
Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8.00am - 3.45 pm
Uniform Shop Hours
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.00 am - 10.00 am

First MSHS Equestrian Team Wins

Four very capable young women represented our school last Sunday March 24, at the Interschool Showjumping Competition, held at the Mackay Showgrounds. Sam Plath Yr 12 riding ‘Lotzatow’, Jasmine Davidson Yr 11 riding ‘Harry’ & ‘Paint My World’, Ashleigh Plath Yr 11 on ‘Sadler’ and Bree Wiblen Yr 8 on ‘Georgie’, competed jumping heights from 70 to 110cm to take out the competition against other schools in the district. The girls, as usual were supported by their wonderful parents, Horseland, teacher Roxanne Aprile, photographer Ms Drinkwater and Mr Paulger. The next step is competing in Rockhampton in April, before going on to the Qld School Championships later in the year. This was the first event of its kind in Mackay and it was wonderful opportunity to be able to have our students showing their skills and being involved in their own sports on behalf of the school. In addition, all of the girls are competing in the Qld Championships over the Easter break in Beaudesert. We wish you all the best for your travels to Beaudesert and success in this competition ladies. A BIG Thankyou also must go to their parents. Way to Go.

Ashleigh Plath, Sam Plath, Jasmin Davidson & Bree Wiblen

Samantha Plath & Lotzatow executing a jump

Reminder:
Please do not message your child via mobile phone during school. In an urgent situation ring the school office on 49579179.

Please instruct your child that if they are sick they must come to the school office and the office staff will phone and make arrangements with you for your child to be collected.

Should a family emergency arise, do not hesitate to contact the school, our office staff will help you in any way possible.

Upcoming Events
15 April Term 2 Starts
22 April P & C Meeting
25 April Anzac Day
Have you changed your details recently?

Parents/Guardians who have changed their address, phone numbers, etc, please fill in form and return to the school office.

Student’s Name:………………………………………………………………...Email:……………………………………………………………………….
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Medical Information

Has your child’s medical details changed?
Please fill in this section and return to the school office.

Student’s Name:………………………………………………………………………………………………….
Doctor’s Name:………………………………………..Doctor’s Phone Number:…………………………….
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Do you have a Tax File Number?

Secondary school students have the opportunity to obtain a tax file number through the school. Students complete an application, which includes their name, address and date of birth. Once the Taxation Office receives the application form, it will be processed, and the number will be mailed to the student’s postal address.

By applying through the school, original proof of identity documents do not need to be sent to the Taxation Office. You may wish to consider this service if your child does not have a tax file number and is interested in applying for a job in the near future.

For further information please contact the school or phone the Tax Office on 132 861. Students can obtain an application form from the School Office.

Newsletters by email

Our fortnightly Newsletters will be emailed to you personally if you send your email address to the school office requesting to be included in the "silent" mail list for Newsletters. Email to admin@mackayshs.eq.edu.au to receive the newsletters. Alternatively, simply logon to our school website and review the collection of Newsletters.
“An insightful and moving documentary.” - USA Today
“Moving and touching...Bully forces you to confront...the extent to which cruelty is embedded in our schools and therefore in our society as a whole”. - New York Times, Critics’ Pick

BULLYING AFFECTS EVERYONE!

‘MACKAY YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES’ INVITES YOU TO THE FREE SCREENING OF

‘BULLY’

EVERYTHING CHANGES WHEN IT’S YOUR CHILD.

HARROWING SHOCKING TRUE COMPULSORY VIEWING

WHEN: FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL.
WHERE: TAFE THEATRETTE, SYDNEY ST., MACKAY
TIME: 9.45am – 12.00 noon
RSVP: 4953 2299 Thurs 11th April

Specialist services will be available to address concerns relating to bullying.

MACKAY YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION

2013 WINTER CAMP EAGLE
CAPE HILLSBOROUGH
MAY 30 - JUNE 2

CAMP EAGLE

GET FORMS OFF CHAPLAIN
GET A FRIEND, GET A TENT
GET REGISTERED

COST PER CAMPER $40
Register Term 2
Forms and Money to Chaplain

MACKAY’S GOT TALENT

APRIL 07 2013
1.30PM DOORS OPEN
2PM START TIME
MECC HALL A
ALFRED STREET

For additional information contact Cheryl on 0400 131 867
or Community Solutions on 4841 8888