Principals Report

Principals from the Central Queensland Region gathered in Gladstone this week to be addressed by the Director General of Education Dr Jim Watterston. He has been addressing school leaders across the State informing of some new initiatives and commitments within the Education context and reinforcing the key expectations that he and government have for all students in our schools from Kindergarten to Senior Secondary and pathways beyond.

The Scholarship applications for students in Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015 are now available on the school website. Our P & C Association are supporting the new students with a total of 16 scholarships to commence High School in 2015 (8 for Year 7, 8 for Year 8) in the areas of Academic, Arts/Cultural, Sporting Scholarships each valued at $500 and free access to ICAS Competitions during 2015. These forms can be downloaded from the website and close in early June 2014, so that we can inform the successful students early in Term 3. State School students need to complete the forms and hand these to their Year 7 teacher or their Principal.

A large number of Mackay SHS students participated in the Relay For Life activity on Saturday and Sunday at Harrup Park grounds. There were very large number of groups and as always Mackay State High School was well represented, with students from Years 9 to 12 doing countless laps of the large course. They were supported by several teachers and staff coordinated by Mrs Camilleri again this year. The students over the past 6 weeks have been raising funds with events and activities both in and out of school to be donated to the research into find a cure for cancer. Well done to all involved.

Last week Mackay hosted the State Secondary School 18 Yrs and under Rugby League Championships with 14 teams of the highest quality young players here to impress to gain selection for Queensland. Mackay State High School was well represented with eight of our Academy players involved and a couple more called in on Friday to support sides affected by injuries. Nathan Doyle did an excellent job as the carnival convenor, ably assisted by Scott McSherry from Mercy College. Our younger Academy boys were an important part of the smooth running of the event coordinated by Mr Monaghan, to assist the various teams over the 4 days including Saturday and Sunday. Special thanks must also go to the families who assisted in accepting billets from the visiting teams and the parents who assisted in the Canteen supporting fundraising for the next England Tour.

Our Year 9 students did an excellent effort in the NAPLAN testing recently giving their best efforts over the three days to show their skills in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. We look forward to receiving their results. The first group of Year 8 Literacy and Numeracy High Performers were recognised on assembly last week from the test completed late in Term 1. Well done to Alicia Fairbanks-Pounder, Kyle Hussie – Reading, Marnie Bugeja, Tahlia Heraclades – Language Conventions, Emma Watts – Writing and Jacob Thompson, Temika Brecknell - Numeracy who were the highest performers in each strand.
DATE REMINDERS TERM 2 2014

MAY
26 - 30 May Year 11 & 12 Work Exp
26 May Year 10 English Grin & Tonic
26 May Drama Workshop Yr 11 & Select Yr 12
04 June ICAS Science
04 June Year 10 Immunisations
17 - 18 June Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
19 June Mackay Show Holiday
20 June Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
23 June P & C Meeting
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

Hi my name is Trixie Mills and I’m the School Based Youth Health Nurse. I am a Registered Nurse with many years of experience working in the community. My aim is to help improve the health, safety & wellbeing of all students and staff at Mackay State High School.

We can talk about anything including sexual health, relationships, stress and life pressures, alcohol, drugs, smoking, nutrition, exercise, skin problems, growth and development and anger management.

I will be at the school every Monday and Tuesday and on alternating Wednesdays so call into my office for a confidential chat or just to say hello!!

Breakfast Club Menu

Monday: Toast, spreads, cereal, milk each day
Tuesday: Eggs, French Toast or scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Smoothies

THANKS TO BRUMBY'S SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB
Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening

The parent information evening for Year 6 students transitioning into Year 7 in 2015 was held on the 15th May. It was a successful evening with many new school community members attending the evening and discovering the excellent learning opportunities that Mackay State High School provides for its students. On the evening the P&C provided a $100 school uniform voucher for one lucky student who successfully visited all curriculum displays throughout the evening. The winner of this voucher was Bailey Davidson from Mackay West State School. Congratulations Bailey we hope this helps with your transition to Mackay State High School. I would like to extend a thank you to the P&C for providing the sausage sizzle as it allowed for our many new parents to mingle with staff for the first time.

Year 6 into 7 Enrolment Interviews

The interviews were held from Tuesday 20th May to Thursday 22nd May. It was an excellent opportunity for staff to gain an insight into the new students attending Mackay State High School in 2015. It enabled 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. There will be a second afternoon of interviews for those parents that were unable to attend these sessions, if you need to make an appointment please contact the school office for further details.
The school community are invited to attend MSHS student services Big BBQ Breakfast to be held on Wednesday 4 June 8am to 8.40am outside the hall. There will be a cutting of our Birthday Cake marking 7 years of Breakfast Club.

We would like to thank all those who have helped make the breakfast club a success over the last 7 years including students, volunteers, donors, P & C, bread pickup staff, Tuckshop ladies and our big sponsor Sydney Street, Brumby's for their daily bread donations.

See You There!!

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Thanks to the students and all the volunteers, the Secondary Camp Eagle was a great success. We had great weather, great students, great fun and made plenty of memories.

With leaders from across Mackay, 26 students from different schools camped in tents at the campsite (Camp Eagle Mountain Retreat), which is at Rowallan Scout Park. Some of the highlights were Survivor Day, day trip to Finch Hatton Gorge, Saturday Night Challenge, meeting new friends, cooking and eating, scenic drive, bush walking, campfire, relaxing and games.

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 the next Camp Eagle and registrations contact Chaplain Phil Hall, 49579107 (W) phall43@eq.edu.au
Chappy Phil
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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**Breakaway Horse Riders Mackay - Junior Program 2014**

Got a horse or a Pony?

Want to learn new skills & keep having fun?

Join us for 1, 2 or all of our Junior Program events

Nominate before June 9, 2014

Co-ordinator: Mez Green  0459 343 995
mezagreen@yahoo.com.au or breakaway.sec@gmail.com

Free for all Junior (5–16) & adult riders/guardians new to the club. Normal ATHRA Day and There’s More….!!
Due date for applications is Friday 23 May 2014

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from community members to nominate for the position of chief community representative or community representative at Mackay SHS for the QCS Test. To maintain the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to complete duties on behalf of the QSA.

The role requires the representatives to observe the administration of the QCS test and report to the QSA on the conduct of the administration of the test.

This year the QCS test will be held on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September.

How to apply

Members of the community interested in applying for these positions should contact the school to collect the below listed documents.

Position description — (Chief) community representative
Application — (Chief) community representative
Declaration of undertaking — (Chief) community representative.
For further questions please talk to Mr Frank Brunetto - Deputy Principal.

SENior Schooling news

FULL TIME AND Part Time POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- KFC Mt Pleasant Restaurant is looking for Team members. You will be neatley presented, enthusiastic and be willing to work in a team based environment. KFC will provide full training and rostered hours to suit your individual needs. To apply, please call in person to KFC Mt Pleasant and speak with a Manager. Come ready for an interview with the following documentation – photo copies of your latest School Report, Birth Certificate and Student Card Photo ID.


SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEE SHIPS AVAILABLE

- South Leagues Club Mackay is looking to employ a school based trainee. The qualification being offered is a Certificate III in Hospitality. This position is available for students currently in year 10 or 11.

- Indigenous School Based Traineeship at ANZ Mackay, the qualification being offered is a Certificate II Business. This position is for current Year 10 students, the successful applicant will commence over the Christmas Holidays.

For more information and for details on how to apply for these positions see Mrs Dearden in P09 or Call 4957 9152

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We have hit Half-Time in Term 2 but unfortunately there is no time to rest! For all our students at Mackay SHS, everything from inside the classroom to out on the sporting field, is getting busy. Rugby League and Netball competitions are only 2 rounds away from Semi-Finals with all teams still in the hunt for a finals berth.

Last week, Mackay SHS had the opportunity to host the Queensland Secondary Schools Under 18 Rugby League competition, which brings the most talented 16, 17 and 18 year old Rugby League players from all over the state. A big mention must go to Mr Nathan Doyle for his hard work in convening such a large competition. The carnival was run with great success and this is also due to the hard work of Mr Craig Monaghan, The Years 8, 9 and 10 Rugby League Academies, and the countless number of parents who helped in the canteen, wash jerseys, take billets for the weekend and get the student helpers down to the grounds. The school showcased what an amazing school community we have here at Mackay SHS and all visiting players, officials and parents were extremely impressed in not only how the carnival was run, but how well our students represented their school.

There have been a number of outstanding performances by Mackay SHS students in a range of different sporting fields. Congratulations go to the following students;

Elvis Costello and Lachlan Tapp won the All Schools Lawn Bowls competition and will now play off for a spot in the State Finals to be held in Brisbane later this year. A big thankyou to Mr Clayton Campbell for coaching these young men.

Danielle Fair (Pictured) represented Capricornia at the recent State titles for Basketball in Cairns.

Kellen Jenner, Jye Del Simone, Jacob Schill, Jayden Con-Goo and Mosese Uluiviti represented Capricornia Under 18 in the Rugby League State titles held in Mackay.

Sam Downes and Ashten Windsor were selected in the President’s XIII side that also played at the recent State titles in Mackay for Rugby League.

Reece Winkler and Dylan Jack-Mcleod represented Peninsula in the Rugby League state titles last week in Mackay.

Jaewon Yasserie was selected in the Capricornia Under 15 Rugby Union side that will travel to Cairns in August.

Rhys Neale (1st), Lauren Morgan (2nd) and Kyra Brownsey (2nd) were our best finishers at the recent Mackay District Cross Country championships and will now trial for Capricornia in Rockhampton next week.

The Mackay SHS Rugby League Academy ‘Footy Doubles’ fundraiser results for the first 10 rounds 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 (Yet to be claimed) 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 (Yet to be claimed) 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 (Yet to be claimed)
State of Origin 1 - #157500 – HOME 2, AWAY 2 (Yet to be claimed)

If you are holding onto the winning double, get in contact with the school office to collect your prize.