Principals Report

Welcome to the 2014 School Year. Over the past couple of weeks our staff have been very busy with many new students enrolled at Mackay State High School in Year 8 right through to Year 12, seeking to take advantage of the outstanding opportunities and broad range of curriculum offerings available.

Our school also welcomes several new members of staff and during this term I have asked the new appointments to give a brief background so that we can publish in our Newsletter. The new staff are Mrs Jenny Hocking (Youth Support Coord.), Michelle McKenzie (Eng), Michelle Ribot (Media), Craig Monaghan and Rebecca Denney (HPE), Cathy Hodby (Art), Glenda Hobdell (Art HoD) and Joe Slack (ITD HoD). Scott Siddell received a transfer just prior to school commencement and we are awaiting his replacement. All have started the year positively with our new Year 8 classes settling in very quickly supported by staff and Class Buddies.

Our new Year 8 classes have commenced their First year of High School with great enthusiasm and confidence and their Form Teacher and Mrs Dell (Year 8 Coordinator) are very excited about their positive start. The Class Buddies, many of whom attended on Tuesday although their class did not start until Wednesday, are enjoying getting to know the students in their class and assisting with the settling-in process. The students are very excited to be undertaking such a range of learning areas. Some comments include “We really had to train hard in our first Academy class.” “I know lots of new kids in my class as well as mates from last year.” “I have been lost a few times, but we just ask and find our rooms together, it’s much easier now.” In Week 5 on Wed 26th Feb there will be a meeting for parents of Year 8 for Setting up for Success, where a number of the staff will present and answer questions. Keep an eye out for the info on this.

During the Student Free Days, our teachers and support staff reviewed the school and student results over the past year, and then set about identifying the areas that we can focus on to improve our students’ performance. Inside the newsletter is the 2014 Improvement Agenda and the students’ Level of Achievement performances in Semester 2. Our Year 8 and Year 12 drafts in 2013, performed very well reaching just below 90% for Rating C or better.

All schools are resources primarily on our enrolments and it is very important that all of the students who intend to work at Mackay State High School have returned and enrolled for 2014. If students intend to enrol, but have not returned to Mackay, their parents should contact the school office before 5th Feb 2014.

On Australia Day, one of Mackay SHS’s younger students Makhaya Quakawoot was awarded the prestigious Young Citizen of the Year for the Mackay Region. Makhaya was a Year 8 Sports Scholarship winner in 2013 and continues to perform at a high level as a positive model to his peers. Congratulations to Makhaya.
Assessment Results Overall Summary *   End Semester 2, 2013

Number of students: 971

Achievement Breakdown

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Achievement

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
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SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS
Jessica Gibbins
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MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT AGENDA  2014

QUALITY TEACHING + HIGH EXPECTATIONS + CORE VALUES  =  IMPROVED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  - 85% C or better / Literacy & Numeracy Plan
  - Attendance target 90% / Improved ESL & ATSI achievement

- VET and SENIOR TARGETS  - 95% of Yr 12s achieve QCE or VET qual.

- QUALITY TEACHING & EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION
  - Collegial coaching / Use of Class Dashboard / Differentiate

- JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION – Positive partnerships
  - Forge links with transitioning students, parents and staff
I would like to welcome back the returning students for the 2014 school year and also a big hello to our new students at Mackay State High School. We have an action packed year planned in our department that will allow our students to participate in a wide range of sports throughout the school year. We also welcome two new PE teachers to our department for the 2014 school year. Miss Rebecca Denney has joined us from Mackay North State High after travelling around the world in 2013. She joins us as our new Sports Co-Ordinator and is looking forward to the challenge. Mr Craig Monaghan has also joined us from Bracken Ridge State High and has come with some good Rugby League credentials and will be coaching our open side this year. Mrs Jody Dell and Mr Andrew Gercken from the Physical Education Department have also stepped up into the roles of Year 8 and Year 10 Co-ordinators respectively for the 2014 school year. Here’s to a productive and exciting school sporting year. We would also like to make mention of Mrs Dell who is now the coordinator of the Netball Academy after the departure of the long serving Miss Robinson who was with us for 6 years.

The first of our Interschool Sporting Carnivals will be held on Friday 7th February at the Memorial Pool. All students are to be at the pool by 8.45am for marking of Rolls prior to the events commencing. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and participate in the events. As well as the various stroke events, there will be a number of novelty events for less confident swimmers to have a go and gain house points. Students will be dismissed from the Pool about 2.30pm and those catching buses will be accompanied back to school. Entry fee of $2 needs to be paid to Year Co-Ordinators on entry to pool. House colours are:

- CHATTAWAY
- DENUSS
- FORGAN
- MACKAY

Any families who may have unwanted Mackay State High School uniforms please consider donating them to the Year Coordinators. From time to time we need to supply students with the correct uniform and we would really appreciate any second hand uniforms that are no longer needed. We have a particular need for school shorts so if you have any to spare please drop them into the general office.

Mackay State High School Year Coordinators
Mackay State High School has a set uniform endorsed by the school Parents and Citizens Association. We have worked hard to ensure that the uniform is functional and affordable. When purchasing uniform items we would like to advise parents that uniform shirts or shorts are only available at the Uniform Shop, located near School Tuckshop. Parents may choose to purchase shorts that are plain navy blue and suitable style.

Please check with the school administration if you have any questions or concerns relating to the uniform requirements.

**GENERAL UNIFORM**
The uniform is to be worn to school daily. Students are not permitted to wear bicycle pants or coloured shorts under their uniform.

**Shirt** All students are to wear the tri-coloured polo shirt with the school badge. Students are not permitted to wear t-shirts under the polo shirt. Sporting Academics and Key Groups have an extra curricula activities shirt. Only students currently enrolled in these activities may wear these shirts as part of the set uniform.

*Training shirts, Tour shirts etc. are not to be worn as part of the uniform.*

**Shorts** Unisex Navy Mackay SHS Sports shorts. Boys navy boxer cut style with elastic top. Girls navy tailored style shorts, skorts or culottes or skirt.

*Fashionable variations and basketball shorts are not acceptable.*

**Formal Uniform** The school has a formal uniform which students may wear to school as a complete unit – details are in Prospectus. It is not acceptable to wear items of General uniform in combination with formal uniform.

**Winter Wear** The school tracksuit or a plain navy or maroon tracksuit may be worn with the school uniform during winter. This is not to be worn under the summer uniform.

Year 11 & 12 students only may wear the nominated senior jersey. Hooded sweatshirts are not acceptable. Plain flesh coloured stockings only may be worn.

**Hat** A school hat/cap is available and students are strongly encouraged to practice sun safe practices.

**Socks** White ankle length. A range of socks are available at Uniform Shop.

*Football socks and multi coloured socks are not permitted*

**Shoes** Predominantly white or predominantly black joggers with solid soles and enclosed upper, preferably leather or leather-like not nylon mesh, are to be worn. White shoes must have white laces, black shoes with black laces; coloured laces are not acceptable. For safety reasons, students will be refused entry to all workshop, laboratory and kitchen areas if wearing incorrect footwear.

*Skate type shoes, volleys basketball or high top shoes are not acceptable.*

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### ACCEPTED EXAMPLES

![Accepted Examples](image)

### NOT ACCEPTED EXAMPLES

![Not Accepted Examples](image)

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**Save the Date**

06 February 2014  Needle Vaccination Packs handed out for Yrs 8 & 10
07 February 2014  Interschool house swimming carnival
13 February 2014  Needle Vaccination Packs due in for Yrs 8 & 10
17 February 2014  MEC (Mackay Engineering) Work Placement
19 February 2014  School Photo Day
THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Wanderers Junior Rugby League Football Club
2014 Sign On Day
Saturday 8th February 2014, 10am – 12.00pm
@ Walkerston State School, McColl Street, Walkerston.
New players are required to bring along a copy of Birth Certificate.
Registration fees to be paid with Cash or Cheque.
Returning players can register & pay online at www.wanderersjrl.leaguenet.com.au
For further information please contact
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SOUTHS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

SIGN-ON DAY – 2014 SEASON
Grades - Under 6 to Under 16

SUNDAY – 9th FEBRUARY 2014
10:00am to 2:00pm
SOUTHS LEAGUES CLUB Milton Street, Mackay

RE-REGISTERING PLAYERS and NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
(Please Bring Proof of Age – Birth Cert/Passport etc)

Registration Fee - $150.00 Per Player (U7 – U16)
$110.00 Per Player (U6)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Club Registrar - Kellie Dalins
0427 526 301
Email: southsrl@bigpond.com

Midgets
Walkerston State School undercover area
7th February 2014 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Season bounces off on 19th February
Midget fees for the whole 2014 season are
1 player $35.00 2 players $65.00 3 players $90.00 4 players $110.00
This year we will have club shorts for the first time, shorts are $30 a pair.
Club fees and fees for short must be paid on sign on day.

Liza Kay (President) – mobile 0409790066
Kylie Robinson (Vice President) - mobile 0402348152
Kym Galea (Treasurer) - mobile 0411292272

Mackay Army Cadets
Vacancies for New Members
The Mackay Army Cadet Unit is conducting Public Information Sessions for new members and their parents on Monday 03, 10 and 17 February 2014.
The sessions are to be held at the Army Cadet Barracks, 400 Shakespeare Street, West Mackay,
commencing at 6pm.
Persons wishing to join must attend one of the sessions, which are designed to give an overview of what Army Cadets is all about.
Minimum Age: must turn 13 in the year of joining.
Maximum Age: must not have turned 17 prior to joining.
ENQUIRIES WELCOME - PHONE 040 767 9432
(after 5pm daily or anytime on weekends)
Enrolments close on Tuesday 18 February 2014.

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Mackay Artistic Skating OPEN DAY
Date: Saturday 15th February 2014
Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Location: Mackay Leisure Centre
95 Broadsound Road, Mackay

Have you ever wondered what artistic skating is? Come and see for yourself at our OPEN DAY!
We will be showing off our best skills and tricks! There will also be opportunities to talk to our coaches and skaters.

ALL AGES WELCOME - BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
For further information, contact Karina Martin on 0400786117 or
mkyartskatingclub@gmail.com
or check out our website:
https://sites.google.com/site/mackayartisticrollerskating/

COME AND SEE US AT THE SPORTS EXPO (FEB 9)