Principals Report

The positive direction of an organisation is fostered by the leadership. Student Leadership is certainly a major influence at Mackay State High School and this week our Leaders Investiture was held and our Senior leaders were presented to the School Assembly and they delivered their Service Pledge. School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Music Captains were presented their Badge of office and it was so pleasing to see so many of their parents and family members in attendance. Congratulations to all of these students and I certainly look forward to working with them in their varied roles. Our Captains Brianna Nixon and Brendan Barnard made a confident start with their speeches and special presentation to Mr Bob Westrup, who has given outstanding service to our school and at the Yr 7, 9, 11 Leadership Camps each year. George Hassanakas, School Captain in 1991 was the guest speaker, sharing some of the achievements that trace back to his education and experience from Mackay State High School.

Later in the Term, our school also elects and recognises the leaders in our Junior Secondary sector. These representatives also play a vital role in our school while also developing their individual leadership capabilities.

Our new leaders had their first opportunity to show their skills with the Inter-house Swimming Carnival on Friday 7th Feb, with House Captains and Vice Captains encouraging their teams’ performances. The involvement of all students was very pleasing to experience, with many students who are not good swimmers, participating in some novelty events in the shallow end. For the first time since 1997, Mackay House were victorious on the day, while Chattaway were awarded the House Spirit Trophy. Congratulations to Lachlan Bunting who broke 3 records on the day. Age Championships were won by

13 Years  James Basset, Hannah Morgan
14 Years  Kai Rogers-Homoki, Kate Brown
15 Years  Conrad Green, Shannyn Flynn
16 Years  Lachlan Bunting, Katrice Barnes
17 Years  Kellen Jenner, Claudine Conway

Project 600, a literacy extension program that involves about 90 of our high performing Yr 9 students commenced this week. The aim of this program which runs for 18 weeks is to extend the capability of these students with structured writing, problem solving and high level comprehension. The program is presented on-line with students engaging with the teacher and activities digitally. We look forward to the positive impact with these students across all subjects.

On Monday 24th February at 7.30pm the AGM for our P&C Association will be held in the Common Room at Mackay SHS. This is a very important group in our school and all parents are invited and encouraged to attend and become involved in the large contribution made by P&C. Our meetings are held on 4th Monday of the month and generally run from 7.30 – 9.15pm.
School Captains: Brianna Nixon, Brendan Barnard
School Vice Captains: Jessica McGair, Mosese Uluiviti

School Sports Captains: Ashleigh Plath, Zachary Thorpe

Sports House Captains: Vice Captains

Chattaway: Bianca Do Nascimento, Riley Godwin
Nardia Pinyon, Tasma Patterson

Denniss: Makayla Beckham, Krystall Patterson
David Gadsden, Ashten Windsor

Forgan: Justin Blackmur, Jaydon Munchow
Alexandra Pullom, Brooke Wallace

Mackay: Teresa Denney, Kyra Brownsey
Georgia Robke, Jordan Cunington

Prefects: Brendan Barnard, Pagan–Leigh Camilleri, Danielle Fair, Aaron Glanville
Baylee Griffiths, Jessica McGair, Hannah McCullagh, Brianna Nixon
John O’Brien, Ashleigh Plath, Zac Thorpe, Mosese Uluiviti

Music Captains: Hannah McCullagh (Concert Band), Brittney Janke (Stage Band),
## DATE REMINDERS TERM 1 2014

### February
- **Tues 18** ........................................ One Punch Can Kill
- **Tues 18** ........................................ MDSS Basketball
- **Tues 18** ........................................ MDSS Hockey
- **Tues 18** ........................................ MDSS Soccer
- **Wed 19** ........................................ School Photo Day
- **Thur 20** ........................................ Leadership Day
- **Fri 21** ........................................ Leadership Day
- **Wed 26** ........................................ Yr 8 Success Parent Evening
- **Thur 27** ........................................ MDSS Cap Volleyball
- **Thur 27** ........................................ MDSS Cap Touch
- **Fri 28** ........................................ MDSS Squash

### March
- **Mon 3** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Tue 4** ........................................ Yr 8 Leadership Camp
- **Tue 4** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Wed 5** ........................................ Yr 8 Leadership Camp
- **Wed 5** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Thur 6** ........................................ Yr 8 Leadership Camp
- **Thur 6** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Thur 6** ........................................ Cap Volleyball
- **Thur 6** ........................................ Cap Hockey
- **Thur 6** ........................................ Cap Soccer
- **Fri 7** ........................................ Yr 8 Leadership Camp
- **Fri 7** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Mon 10** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Tue 11** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Tue 11** ........................................ Yr 8 Dance
- **Wed 12** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Thur 13** ........................................ MEC Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience
- **Thur 13** ........................................ Cap Squash
- **Wed 19** ........................................ Yr 8 Immunisations
- **Wed 19** ........................................ National Ride2school Day
- **Wed 26** ........................................ Super 8 Rugby League
- **Thur 27** ........................................ Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
- **Fri 28** ........................................ Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams
- **Mon 31** ........................................ Year 11 & 12 Block Exams

### New Staff
- **L to R:** Michelle Ribot (The Arts), Marguerite van der Klashorst (Science), Vanessa Wright (Science), Jenny Hocking (Youth Support Coord), Michael Durie (Manual Arts), Lydia Burns (Science)
- **L to R:** Rebecca Denney (Phys Ed), Craig Monaghan (Phys Ed), Michelle McKenzie (English)
- **L to R:** Joshua Hood (SEU), Glenda Hobdel (The Arts), Catherine Hodby (The Arts)
JUNIOR SECONDARY NEWS

Hi and welcome to the 2014 school year. An extra big welcome to all parents of our new Year 8’s.

Year 8 camp is looming on the horizon. This is an opportunity for 90 of our year 8’s to attend camp at Emerald. This camp is designed to help student develop leadership and teamwork skills. It is a great opportunity for students to interact with others they don’t get to mingle with on a daily or weekly basis.

Camp promises to fun for all, as part of the development program includes activities such as raft building, kayaking, ropes courses, and a “Mad Olympics”. They will get to work with some very “cool” teachers!!

Year 8 students have also received a letter to take home regarding an information evening on Wednesday 26th February titled “Super Steps to High School Success” to help parents and students gain a better understanding of how to make the most of high school. There is a lot of information in the letter.

Year 8 and 9 also have the opportunity of nominating as Junior Secondary leaders for this year. This role gives students an opportunity to build upon and use their leadership skills to help improve our offerings for Junior Secondary. They are a forum for students to voice ideas, and also to encourage their peers to make the most of their opportunities. There are many talented students in Year 8 and 9, and I encourage them to be bold, nominate, and if elected, enjoy a productive year as a leader. I also encourage all students to take up all and any opportunities for leadership and participation possible. Year 9 nominations will commence from Monday 17th Feb, and year 8’s after Camp.

I was impressed to see the high turnout and keen attitude of our year 8 and 9’s at the recent swimming carnival, reminding everyone that participation is the key to enjoying school.

Regards,
Matt Skinner, Jody Dell and Simon West

ARTS NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The MSHS Instrumental Music performance groups have now started rehearsing. The three groups - string ensemble, concert band and stage band - are supported by their dedicated Instrumental Music teachers, Ms Kristen Boyd, Ms Yvonne Bell and Mr Matt Johnston. All groups are preparing for an immersive Music Camp in May as well as various Fanfare performances throughout term 2.

Instrumental lessons are now underway. A reminder that fees for hire of instruments are due by the end of Semester 1 and loan agreement forms need to be returned to Mrs DeBrueys in L05. Until this form is signed and returned, instruments cannot be taken home.

State Honours Program

Griffith University’s Conservatorium of Music is asking for nominations for their Middle School State Honours Ensemble Program to be held in Mackay from May 9 to 11. The workshop brings students together with lecturers, musicians and students from the Brisbane Conservatorium. This program is offered to students in years 8 and 9 and would be a valuable experience for students as an extension of the Music Camp. Nominations close on Friday February 21. Forms can be collected from the Music Notice Board in L Block.

MUSICAL

Preparations are well underway for the revival of the MSHS Musical. High School Musical is to be staged in our Hall on August 1 and 2. We would love to have involvement from students across the school as well as interested teachers and parents. Auditions are set to commence next week so students should keep eyes peeled and ears listening for daily updates.
MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MECC YOUTH AMBASSORS 2014

The Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre is pleased to announce the successful nominees for the 2014 MECC Youth Ambassador Program. After receiving numerous nominations from schools throughout the Mackay region, the MECC has chosen the finest culturally-minded students that our district has to offer.

A student from Mackay State High School has been selected as a MECC Youth Ambassador in 2014 – Pagan Camilleri. This student’s nomination demonstrated a keen interest in the Arts and a passion and desire to share this enthusiasm with her peers and the wider community. Pagan will now undertake some training early in Term 1 to prepare her for ambassador duties and she is looking forward to the Ambassador Program’s first official event, shake&stir’s presentation of *1984 by George Orwell*.

The MECC Youth Ambassador Program is designed to open a direct link from this facility and its opportunities to the students of Mackay region. As a MECC Youth Ambassador, students will help create bridges between the MECC, our district schools and a future-filled with young people who have developed a love for live theatre.

Many congratulations to Pagan, her family and the teachers who supported her nomination. Well done!

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Our students visited the MECC thanks to the BMC Pathways to Performance Program.

Thank you BHP Billiton and MECC!
SUPER STEPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

Parents and Guardians of Year 8 students are cordially invited to attend our SUPER STEPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS evening to be held in our school Auditorium on Wednesday 26th February from 6pm. Our staff will share valuable information and strategies for supporting your student’s achievement in CORE subjects (in particular, English, Maths, Science, SOSE) from home. Light Refreshments will be provided by our Senior Hospitality students and teachers of Year 8 classes will be on hand to meet and greet. A letter has been distributed to all students with more detailed information. Please return the attached slip to form teachers ASAP if you wish to attend. All welcome! For further information, please contact either the school office or Tracy Camilleri (organising teacher) – 49579144. Spare letters can be collected from Mr Skinner (Junior Secondary HOD).

Tracy Camilleri (Organising teacher)  
Frank Brunetto (Deputy Principal)

P&C News

First meeting Monday 24th Feb

Mackay State High School has an active band of parents working with the staff and students towards providing the best possible environment for your student’s education. It is great to have parents from all walks of life to represent the diversity of the students at Mackay High.

I encourage everyone to become part of our P&C. Demands placed on families in this day and age are many, yet the rewards of being involved in your child’s school are great and any time you can give is really appreciated. Most meetings during the year are over by 9pm unless there is a particular issue requiring longer discussion. Benefits include getting to know other parents and staff, having influence on decisions made about our students, sharing ideas, airing your grievances and finding solutions, and of course deciding how to spend money!

The P&C AGM will be on Monday 24th February in the staffroom, which is accessed via the staff car park at the back of the Admin building. The meeting will start at 7.30 and you are invited to come along. The main business of the AGM is the presentation of reports from the previous year and the election of office bearers for the year. All positions are declared vacant but some of these positions already have willing volunteers. Thanks to the entire executive and all members involved in 2013.

We invite you to come along to the AGM even if you are new to P&Cs. We look forward to a great year ahead and welcome your input.

This is my 10th year on the P&C and I have been met wonderful people and made some great friendships. I hope to see you there!

Helen McCullagh
President 2014

P&C Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Monday 24th February

All welcome.
On Friday 7th February we held out 2014 Swimming Carnival at the Memorial Pool. The day was a great success with many students in attendance. It was fantastic to see the students participate in a variety of swimming events and represent their house with pride. Congratulations to Mackay house who were the Overall Champion House. This was a milestone considering Mackay had not won the swimming carnival since 1997. Congratulations also to Chattaway who won the House Spirit Award. Thank you to all students and teachers for their efforts on this day. Congratulations also to our Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains who lead the way for each of their houses and showed great organisation, sportsmanship and house spirit.

**Age Champions from Swimming Carnival:**

13 – Boys: James Basset / Girls: Hannah Morgan  
14 – Boys: Kai Rogers-Homoki / Girls: Kate Brown  
15 – Boys: Conrad Green / Girls: Shannyn Flynn  
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**Uniforms**

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 track suit or a plain navy or maroon track suit 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 workshops, laboratory and kitchen areas if wearing incorrect footwear.
Skate type shoes, volleys basketball or high top shoes are not acceptable.

ACCEPTED EXAMPLES

NOT ACCEPTED EXAMPLES

Change of Contact/Address Details

Student Name __________________________________________

Year Level ____________________________________________

New Address __________________________________________

New Phone Number _____________________________________

Please detach and return the Administration Office
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE HAS RECENTLY CHANGED

As from 1 January 2014 the Federal Government introduced the Child Dental Benefit Schedule. The Qld School Dental Service funding has now changed to accommodate this scheme. This will affect the way the School Dental Service operates.

2014 School Photos

Master School Portraits will be taking our school photos on Wednesday 19 February.

ALL students are required to have their photo taken as this will be used to produce their Student ID Card for 2014. This week students will have brought home an ordering envelope for photo day. This envelope and payment are to be handed to the photographer on photo day. Money and envelopes are not to be handed in to the general office.

Parents/Guardians may also like to have a sibling photograph taken if you have more than one student at the school. Special ordering envelopes are available from the general office.

All students must be in full uniform and are required to have neat and tidy hair (no hair accessories), correct jewellery, no makeup and students with facial piercings are required to remove these before their photo will be taken. Students who do not comply with these requirements will not have their photographs taken.

A message from the office

Statements

Welcome to 2014 it is great to see everyone again.

Statements for students’ outstanding accounts are being sent to parents and carers. If you have not received yours, please contact the office.

Are you aware you can have your Centrelink payments paid directly to the school to pay for your student’s fees?

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 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.

Regards
Marg Brown

THANKS TO BRUMBYS SYDNEY STREET FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BREKKY CLUB
Cowboys School Girl Challenge

In 2013, The NRL & the Toyota Cowboys successfully hosted a Rugby League School Girl Challenge, a first of its kind up in North QLD, Townsville with a total of 30 teams. This time, its Mackay’s turn!

The NRL & the Toyota Cowboys are again calling for girls of all ages & abilities to test their Rugby League Skills against other schools across North and Central QLD. It is TACKLE not tag or touch.

First Aid & referees are provided on the day & depending on your location we may be able to assist your team prepare for the carnival with coaching sessions by NRL staff.

Friday March 21st, 2014

Venue: JRL GROUNDS, Casey Ave, Mackay
Games: 9:30am-2pm
Age Groups: Under 13’s, Under 15’s & Opens
Numbers/Field: 9 a side (up to 15 in a team) on a slightly modified field.

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