I would like to welcome all our new students and their families to Maryborough State High and welcome back to our returning students and families. To those of you who are new, we thank you for joining our wonderful school. Here at Maryborough State High, we work together with students and parents to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to succeed.

One of our new initiatives is our new look newsletter. The aim is to be informative, easy to read and full of student activities and events. Please contact me should you have any feedback regarding our new publication.

During the last two years, Maryborough State High, have been getting ready to welcome Year 7 students. So far we have participated in two peer reviews. This has involved principals from Tinana and Granville State Schools and two secondary school principals, one from Hervey Bay State High and the other from Maroochydore State High School. These peer reviews involved a rigorous process where we were “rated” on our readiness for 2015 for the first year 7 students to enter high school. Maryborough State High was highly commended on our readiness in the final peer review at the end of 2013. We are very well prepared to welcome our Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2015.

This year saw the introduction of a number of new programs, the junior secondary technology program with the addition of the iPad mini devices, the Sporting Excellence Soccer program, the Year Ten preparation for senior programs and the continuation of our flexible senior pathways. During this year we will keep you updated about the progress of these programs.

This year the new polo shirt for senior students was launched. The added touch of blue has refreshed the shirt and blends in well with our existing school uniform. We are proud of the way Maryborough State High School students wear their uniform and thank you for your support of our uniform policy.

This year we welcome a number of new staff:

Ms Elizabeth Clout who is the Head of Department: “Arts” Faculty. Ms Clout comes to us from Isis State High where she has been Head of Department for a number of years.

Mrs Debra Talbot - Head of Department - Science and Maths - Mrs Talbot is a very experienced Head of Department and has come to us from Southport State High School

Mrs Ann Faint - Business Services Manager - Ann has come to us from West State School

Mr Cameron Hanrahan - Mr Hanrahan is a junior secondary teacher and is leading the Sports Excellence program

Mrs Rebecca Walker - Home Economics and English

Mrs Val Doyle - Maths and Science

Ms Lena Platsman - support teacher of Literacy and Numeracy

Ms Mirinda Campbell - English and Dance

Mr Dwain McNamara - Maths and Science

Mrs Louise Heinreich - English and History

We also welcome back from leave - Mr Paul Marshall, Mr Dan Yates, Mr Greg Souvan and Mr Peter Murphy.

Finally, congratulations to our 2013 senior graduates who achieved very good results with 94% achieving a qualification and to our OP eligible students, many of whom are beginning university or other tertiary courses this year.

Year 8

In our Junior Secondary Precinct we have been busy welcoming to MSHS a new cohort of year 8 students. It’s been an excellent start to 2014, with all our students in year 8 displaying Respect, Responsibility and Results in class. At Maryborough SHS, all students new to the school have individual needs catered for to ensure that they don’t get lost in a crowd. Some of our newest students in year 8 this year are:
Barrel Racer
I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Daina Neilsen and I am an aspiring barrel racer. What is a barrel racer I hear you ask? The sport of barrel racing is not widely known but it is the discipline of completing a course of three barrels set out in a clover leaf formation as fast as possible. The training of a barrel horse takes plenty of patience and a lot of dedication. These animals love to compete just as much as the riders. Over the years this sport has been growing in size and building a reputation. It is now possible for Australian competitors who are members of the National Barrel Horse Association to compete within American competitions. This year I have the honour of representing Australia in the National Barrel Horse Associations Junior World Championships.

By Daina Neilsen

Year 8 students enjoying Science

Payments
BPAY is no longer a preferred payment method for school fees.
We do accept cash, cheques, Direct Deposits and have EFT facilities for Credit and Debit card payments.
CenterPay is also available to families who receive payments from Centerlink and would like to make regular direct payments to the school.

Immunisation
Year 8 and year 10 students have been issued with vaccination forms to be completed. Please read through the information and discuss with your child, complete all forms and return to school by the 8th of February. All forms are to be returned with either YES area or No area completed.

History has shown that some students don’t take forms home or don’t return them, to avoid the vaccinations. Only students with RETURNED forms indicating YES will be vaccinated at school.

Please note forms are to be signed by parent / legal care giver; students in care need the relevant professional to sign the form.

Replacement forms can be obtained from the school office.

If there are any questions contact the School Based Youth Health Nurse via the school office or Council on 1300 79 49 29. http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/immunisation

e-Diary
We are introducing an e-diary this year in addition to the hard copy your student has received on their first day of school.

Communication is an important part of our school culture as we work together towards the success of your student’s education. The e-diary has many exciting functions such as a dynamic timetable, calendar, homework alerts and parents and caregivers can access all details from any electronic device that has internet access.

Please ensure you have completed the consent form issued to students on 29/01/14 and return to the school to allow us to register the student details. The e-diary will not be at an additional charge as the diary is included in the school resource fees.

If you would also like to register your details, for access to the e-diary, this should have been completed on the consent letter issued.

Once registered, you will receive an email, follow the link to the website, set a user name – your email address supplied and set a password.
School Sports Captains

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Sports Co-ordinator

Maryborough State High School Student Dylan Hard has played softball for the Qld under 17 boys team over the school holidays. The team placed 2nd in the Australian National under 17 boys competition in Hawker ACT Canberra from January 4th - 11th. Dylan Batted well, he had 7 runs batted in and took 4 catches. When Dylan was asked about the experience he replied “I had a great time, great experience and I can’t wait to go again”.

Dylan started his training after the September holidays and was going to Brisbane, Toowoomba and Ipswich every Sunday for 9am to 3pm training as well as training and playing another 5 days a week in Maryborough and Hervey Bay.

Congratulations Dylan on being chosen to represent the state from the under 17 Representative side in September and named as an outfielder and as forth back-up pitcher.
Year 12 News and Information

2014 MSHS Prefects

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who have successfully been selected as a Prefect for school this year; Tristan Bachelor, Daniel Cronau, Brodie Egan, Melissa Emery, Lachlan Ferguson, Nick Gabriel, Tegan Hoyes, Chloe Johnson, Jacquelyn Jolly, Megan Kaufman, Jessica Merrison, Lachlan Moore, Sophie Noble, Stephanie Plummer, Cailyn Roberts, Lucy Skeels-Piggins, Rakel Stewart, James Tennant, Loran Ware, Tiegan Warry and Tenielle Wilk.

These students are our leaders for 2014. They will be inducted at the Prefect Investiture on Friday 7 February. The school captains will also be presented with their badges and blazers. School Captains for 2014 are James Tennant and Sophie Noble and Vice-Captains, Megan Kaufman and Tenielle Wilk. Congratulations to all of our student leaders!

Late Arrivals/Early Departures/Attendance

A reminder that if your student arrives late to school or has to leave early, they must sign in/out at Student Services. It is very important that your student attends school on a regular basis and if they do miss class, it is their responsibility to catch up with the teacher to get the work they missed.

USQ Leadership Day

All Prefects and any other Year 12 students interested will be attending the USQ Leadership Day in Hervey Bay on Friday 14 March. Students will receive more information closer to the date.

Formal and Graduation

Just to let all parents know so it can be marked on the calendar early, the Formal will be held on Saturday 15 November at the Brolga Theatre and Graduation Ceremony will be on Friday 21 November.

Students will get more information on both of these major events as the school year progresses. Committees made of Year 12 students will be established so that those interested can help assist with the planning for these two major functions.

Website

Just a reminder to parents and students of Year 12, that I will do my best to have information regularly updated on the school website so that you are kept informed of relevant issues and/or events.

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

The Hi-Ho Breakfast Club is back in action at Maryborough High.

Maryborough State High School Prefects Megan Kaufman, Tenielle Wilk, and Rakel Stewart

Each Wednesday, School Chaplain 'Big M,' Teacher Aide Jody Rosolen, and Community Education Counsellor Harriet Vea Vea, put on a breakfast for Maryborough High students. For the past 2 years, around 56 students each week come and help themselves to a free breakfast, mostly consisting of bread, cereal, milk, juice, yoghurt, and fruit.

Most of these supplies come courtesy of FoodBank in Brisbane. The FoodBasket - a local ministry of LifeChurch - distributes these supplies to a number of local schools, including Maryborough High. It’s doubtful that the program would run without the support of Foodbank and The FoodBasket, so we’re very thankful for their assistance.

The Hi Ho Breakfast Club is also an opportunity for students to grow in their leadership and public relations skills. School prefects are rostered on to help each week. This gives them the opportunity to serve others, build relationships with students in lower year levels, and do some public speaking - all good community minded stuff!

By
Mark Bryant Chaplin

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