20 February 2014

Principal’s Report

As you know, getting ready for year 7 in 2015 has been on the agenda since 2012. Maryborough State High has been working make sure we are ready. Last year we launched our new Junior Secondary program addressing the 6 principles of Junior Secondary which are: Distinct Identity, Leadership, Quality Teaching, Student Well-Being, Local Decision Making and Parent and Community Involvement.

In 2012 we participated in a review of Junior Secondary. This review was a regional one, and involved Principals from Primary and Secondary schools coming and looking at our preparation and giving us feedback about our readiness for Year 7 at high school. This feedback was based on each of the six principles. Maryborough State High School was highly commended on our Junior Secondary preparation.

This year we have continued with our preparations and will be refurbishing “E” block for Year 7 students. The Year 7 classrooms will all have new furniture and the area under “E” block will become an outdoor learning area. A flexible learning area is available for art and other practical activities.

Junior Secondary students have their own space, which is a shaded, grassy area in which Junior Secondary students can eat lunch and use as a play area. The new Junior Secondary uniform, launched in 2013 is a bright navy and sky blue shirt with grey shorts which are comfortable to wear. Students also have access to a range of sporting equipment that they can borrow each lunch time and there are organised lunchtime activities available.

Junior assemblies, junior sport, end of semester awards evening and reward activities all assist in the development of this distinct identity. Junior Secondary students at Maryborough State High have a sense of belonging; feel connected, safe and confident at school.

Preparation for our foundation year 7 students is in place for 2015. Year 7 students will have a commemorative shirt which is currently being designed. Should you wish to be involved in this process please contact me to register your interest.

Coming to secondary school is an exciting and anxious time for both parents and students. We want to ensure all parents that year 7 and 8 students who come to Maryborough State High School will be well looked after. We have carefully selected a team of committed teachers and support staff to ensure your students are given the very best opportunities to succeed.

I would like to invite you and your family to attend our open day at Maryborough State High School on Saturday 1st March from 9 am until 1:00 pm. On this day we will have a range of interactive activities students and parents can participate in, there will also be activities for younger children. The open day is to provide you with an opportunity to come and see what Maryborough State High School is all about.

Enrolments for 2015 open from the beginning of March. Enclosed is the Maryborough State High School prospectus and enrolment form. Please feel free to contact me should you have any inquiry, or questions. I can be contacted on the following email address or phone number. the.principal@maryboroshs.eq.edu.au or 07 41209333

Kind regards
Karen McKinnon
Principal

Junior Secondary Update

Last Monday was our whole school swimming carnival, and it was great to see so many students from years 8 and 9 attend, either participating or cheering on their classmates. Some of the best memories made at high school come from these days, so it’s wonderful to see high numbers of Junior Secondary students being involved.

Year 8 parents please be aware that a letter informing you of year 8 camp will be coming home this week. The camp will be held in Week 8 on the 19 – 21 March. This year we will be heading to the beach to participate in a number of activities aimed at team building, leadership and having fun. We’d love for as many students as possible to join us, as it’s a great time for students to get to know each other and their teachers outside of the classroom. Many thanks to Mrs Alexia Taylor (Year 8 Coordinator) for her efforts in pulling this camp together.

Attendance at school is vitally important to your child’s academic success. Currently, our Junior Secondary students have been excelling with their attendance rate, particularly our Year 8 students who are meeting the 95% attendance target. Keep up the great work! Every day, every minute in class counts.

Every day away from school counts – no more than 10 days away per year should be your goal!
Ms Morris
Dean - Junior Secondary.

Year 11 Biology News
The effect of Maryborough’s unseasonably dry summer on the health of Ululah Lagoon was under the spotlight recently when year 11 biology students participated in a field trip as part of their first assessment task.

Students carried out a variety of water tests as well as counting animal species at several sites around the lagoon. The data collected will be analysed back at school and used to prepare a report on this local environmental issue.

Danni Macklin, Keely Nicholls and Tamika Clayton using a data logger to determine dissolved oxygen levels in the water at Ululah.

Year 12 Biology News
As part of a ‘Lifestyle Diseases’ unit, year 12 biology students are learning about how poor diet and lack of exercise are contributing to the rise of diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

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Megan Kaufman and Tiegan Wary are pictured participating in a heart dissection.

Free Red Dress Day
To support Australian Red Cross on February 27 we are conducting in a free dress day. Students will need to donate a gold coin and wear black shoes, white socks, and are permitted to wear RED shirts and/or shorts.

Tuesday February 27 Free Red Dress Day.

Hats embroidered
The school can organise student hats to be embroidered with their names. Cost is $5 paid to student services office. Hats will be collected from student services on a Friday afternoon and delivered back on a Monday afternoon.

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.

Office Hours
The school administration office hours are Monday to Friday 8am -3.30pm.

Year 7 – 12 Tutor
Verity Simpson is a University of Southern Queensland student studying a Bachelor of Education majoring in Modern history and minoring in English. Verity is available to tutor students in English, Modern History and Ancient History.

Verity Simpson phone 0413 144323 email veritiesimpson20@gmail.com
Year 10 School Dental Service

Year 10 students are eligible for School Dental Service located at Central State School. If you wish to take advantage of the offer, please obtain a dental form from student services and return the completed form as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that on completion of year 10, your student is no longer eligible to be seen by the School Dental Service.

If you have any enquiries please contact the Central School Dental Clinic 4123 4441

Bidwill – Magnolia – Little Tinana School Bus Run

All parents/carers of children who use the Bidwill – Magnolia – Little Tinana Primary School Bus and High School bus are invited to attend the annual meeting, on Tuesday 25th February at 7:00pm, Bidwill Hall, Bidwill Road. Enquiries please ring 4129 7402. All are welcome.

Say Cheese

MSP Photography School Photo Day is Tuesday 4th March 2014. MSP Photography payment envelopes have been issued home this week. Please take the time to read the relevant information.

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on the day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, credit cards, cheques and money orders only are all accepted.
- For enquiries, please feel free to call MPS (07) 5456 4288

Mr Hanrahan to go to Germany

HPE teacher Mr Hanrahan is travelling to Germany in June with a football (soccer) tour. The students he will be travelling with will be vying for selection and identification by Bundesliga clubs and footballing schools. The purpose of the visit is to look at new methods of preparing players for professional careers physically, mentally and technically. Mr Hanrahan is also looking at football schools for future reference. Mr Harahan will be travelling for 16 days based at St Eldersburg Football Club.

Sports News

Swimming Carnival

The 2014 sporting calendar started with a fantastic full school swimming carnival. Students got into the house spirit dressing up in some creative costumes and showing great enthusiasm to participate. It was a beautiful day and student attendance and participation was the highest in several years. The total points were very close throughout the day and it really came down to the last few races. All house captains worked hard during the day to motivate and encourage their fellow house members to participate in order for their house to win. When the points were tallied and double checked it 17 points were all that separated first and second place. Final results were as follows:

First place: Barton-Hyne on 1350
Second place: Morton-Harrington on 1331
Third place: Melville-Russell on 843
Fourth place: Glasgow-Horsburgh on 835

Swimming Age Champions

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It is very important that your student listens to the notices as to when the trainings for sports are. All trials for winter sports will be held in Maryborough.

The following website has been developed to improve the communication link between the school and parents regards Fraser District and Wide Bay Sport. Enter Fraser District secondary school sports into a search engine on the web or type the website exactly as shown below to receive updated information. This includes wet weather strategies for FD summer and winter trials.
https://maryboroshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Sports.aspx
http://fdsss.eq.edu.au/wcms/

Golden Glove Softball Challenge
Golden Glove Softball will be held in April. Information about this competition is available from Mrs C. Taylor. There is already a sign on sheet for Golden Glove Softball outside the PE staffroom.

Futsal
Maryborough State High School teams will once again be competing in all age groups in futsal this year. There has been a signup sheet outside the PE staffroom for students to sign up for their correct age group in both the girls and boys. Training will be starting very soon, therefore it is very important that your student listens to notices so they are aware of the times they are required.

Rugby League
The fantastic Rugby League Challenge between the schools in Fraser District starts this week on Wednesday night. Students have been given all required information are ready to hit the field. The Year 8 Boys and Year 8/9 Girls teams play at 4pm; U15 Boys play at 5pm and the U18 Boys play at 6pm. There will be games in both Maryborough and Hervey Bay. The students will travel to Hervey Bay by bus however those students playing in Maryborough will need to find their own transportation to Eskdale Park.

University showcase – Year 11

Fraser District Summer Trials
Congratulations to our Fraser District representatives. Good luck at the Wide Bay Trials.

Squash - Kailan Harris, Lockie Zeptner and Connor Andersen
Softball - Jackson Hoyes, Dylan Hard and Samantha Pincham
Volleyball - Dayna Muller
Tennis - Jake Braund

Fraser District Winter Trials Monday March 11 in Maryborough
The sign on sheets for FD Winter Trials have been up outside the PE staffroom for the past week. Venue information forms will become available soon and students will be able to seek this paperwork directly from the ‘teacher in charge’ of each sport.
Year 12 News and Information

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

This year the Prefects and some of the Year 12’s will not be attending the Leadership Forum as it is being offered to the Year 11 future leaders and now called the “Change Makers Program”, which is a course that will run over two years.

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

Host Families

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, and the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to ‘reignite your passion for your country’, whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures." Sharon, Host Mum

"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop..." Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator