20 March 2014

Principal’s Report

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESULTS

Congratulations Maryborough State High!

This week we congratulated our students by issuing ice blocks. We are proud of our students and the way they have been applying themselves to their schoolwork, their behaviour and their pride in their uniform. On many occasions this term I have heard lots of positive comments from community members about the way in which Maryborough State High School students conduct themselves.

Two events happening soon, first the Music Trivia night. If you haven’t yet done so, book a table.

The Chaplain’s dinner is being held on Monday evening at the town hall. Each year this event gets bigger and better with many performances and a great meal.

Students have been fundraising for the drought relief on Tuesday with crazy sock day.

We are currently taking enrolments for both Year 7 and Year 8 for 2015. Times are flexible and if you are interested in enrolling, just call the office. We have already had a number of interviews and enrolments. It is important that enrolments come in as soon as possible for the purpose of: organising classes, the refurbishment of classrooms, purchasing ipads and the finalisation of the Year 7 foundation classes school shirt.

Welcome back to school to Bray Bulmer who broke his arm in a football game last week.

Year 8 and year 9 students have now completed their individual learning plans. This is just one of the ways we are working on ensuring our students are successful. These learning plans enable the students to set goals and targets and to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

Reports will be sent home in the last week of term. These reports are important as they give parents an indication of how students are progressing. Parent teacher interviews have been scheduled for the Wednesday 23rd, April.

Kind regards

Karen McKinnon
Principal

Senior Art and Drama

On Wednesday March 5 Senior Art and Drama students went to Brisbane to view “Love Song Circus,” a collaboration between Katie Noonan and Circa’s captivating and powerful
ode to the strength and endurance of the first female convicts in Australia at the Cremorne Theatre. After the theatre and lunch the seniors went to the Queensland Art Gallery to view the permanent collection of traditional art. Next they attended the Gallery of Modern Art to see one of the most dramatic exhibitions held at GOMA, ‘Cai Guo-Qiang: Falling Back to Earth’ which presents major new works by a truly global artist, whose large-scale installations and explosion events have made him one of the most innovative figures in contemporary art. The exhibition contained several incredible installations which are well worth seeing.

Year 10 Home Economics students from MSHS help hem new curtains for Sunbury State School

Sunbury is recaturing their classrooms and Maryborough State High School is helping out. Volunteers from our senior Home Economics classes worked on the project to hem up all of the curtains which will certainly make the primary school classrooms a more pleasant environment for those students to work in.

It was a great opportunity for our students to develop new sewing skills while helping out a neighbouring school. Good effort, Home Economics students.

Denise Pommeranz
Teacher

Junior Secondary Update

This week is a very busy week for our Junior Secondary Department. Tuesday saw students wearing their best crazy socks to raise much-needed funds for drought relief. This coincided with a rewards day for our students as good behaviour and engagement within the school has ensured a great start to 2014. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday has been a time of fun and bonding for our Year 8’s as they embarked on their camp to Hervey Bay. More details on camp with photos will be in our next newsletter issue. A big thank-you to Mrs Alexia Taylor for her ongoing commitment to our year 8’s and spending many hours organising a fantastic camp. Thank you also to staff that attended and spent valuable time building important relationships with students. Finally this week, Friday 21st March is the National Day of Action against Bullying.

Bullying occurs at every school, but at MSHS we have a no-tolerance approach. We have an expectation that students, staff and the community are treated with dignity and respect. Everyone should feel safe and valued at Maryborough State High School, and it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure this happens. Bullying can be physical, verbal or textual, social or cyber. We actively promote regularly with students actions that they can take to make bullying an unacceptable behaviour at MSHS. Students are asked not to be bystanders, and if they see bullying occurring to stand up and report it. In our Junior Secondary Department, students are asked to report bullying in Year 8 to Mrs Taylor (Year 8 Coordinator) and in Year 9 to their individual HOD Case Managers (see Ms Morris if unsure).

Facebook is another place where bullying happens. This, while occurring outside of school hours, often has flow on consequences that bring these issues into our school. Some recommendations are:

Students should review their security settings and their appropriate use of Facebook including:

• Never giving out their username and password (if you do this and someone uses your account to bully or intimidate, you can be held responsible);
• Ensure that your password is secure by making it at least 6-8 characters, including : letters, numbers and non-alpha numerical (eg !, @, $) and changed regularly;
• Ensure that your settings allow posts and photos to only be shown to friends and not be set to be publically viewable;
• NEVER “friend” someone you don’t know;
• Do not allow people to tag you in photos – as they might tag you in a picture which makes fun of or bullies someone;
• If you are offended by someone, exercise your right to BLOCK them – when you do this to a bully you are taking the power in the relationship back;
• Report offensive behaviour to Facebook – look for the Help Center link, then go to the Report Abuse section.

Parents can:

• Ensure that they are friends with their student on Facebook to assist in monitoring;
• Discuss appropriate and safe online behaviour with your children;
• Find further information at www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents and www.cybersmart.gov.au/
• Ensure that your teen isn’t spending hours on end in the middle of the night on their devices. Not only does this make them too tired to effectively learn the following day, it also makes them accessible to others who may harass for longer periods than previously thought. It is a great idea to have a charging station in your home – a cupboard or bookcase in a general part of the house where devices are switched off for the night and plugged in to charge at a certain time each night. Sometimes a lockable cabinet can be used. For more details and ideas see - mjraatz.com/?s=online+at+night

**Sharyn Morris**
**Dean**
**Junior Secondary**

**Maryborough Chaplaincy Dinner**

Mayor Gerard O’Connell is please to invite you along to support our High School Chaplains on Monday 24th March at the City Hall from 6:15pm. The Chaplaincy Fundraiser is presented by the Maryborough Minister’s Fellowship.

**Guest Speaker:** Tim Mander – M.P.Everton, QLD and Former CEO, Scripture Union

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**Tickets:**
- Cash Cheque: Kristen 0421 279 912
- Online: http://g.suqld.org.au/LNexV1
- Cash The Light Christian Bookshop.

**Enquiries:** Paster Stephen Jobe – 0418 150 895

Entertainment and Catering provided by Aldridge and Maryborough State High Schools.

**High School Exchange Scholarship**

**HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE - APPLY BY 31ST MARCH**

Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.

Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount.

The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between October 2014 – March 2015 is **Monday 31st March 2014.**

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

**QATSIF**

On March 12 Maryborough State High School held a breakfast for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) new recipients. The Year 11 students and their families enjoyed a breakfast with Principal Karen McKinnon, Deputy Principal Tom Bates, Heads of Departments and members of the Local Hervey Bay and Maryborough Community Elders.

Words of encouragement and support were given to Casey Ferguson, Shanice Ivey, Katrina Baker and Jessica Lea Morrissey and their families for their achievement in securing the QATSIF Scholarship.

Thanks to all involved

**Harriet Vea Vea**
**Community Education Counsellor**

**Duke of Edinburgh**

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2014 is happening! I will be visiting the year 8 classes during Connect time shortly to explain the Dukes scheme and recruit interested students. There are a number of year 9s who are currently working on Level 2 of their Bridge award after successfully completing Bridge 1 last year and more year 9s are welcome to join. I would also particularly like to see some year 10’s sign up for the Bronze Award.

Dukes involve students volunteering for a short period of time (5 hours and 10 hours) engaging in some physical recreation (6 hours over 2 weeks and 12 hours over 4 weeks) and developing a skill or following a hobby. Bronze follows a similar pattern except one activity must be over 6 months and the other two activities must be over 3 months. Students can use their own out-of-school activities (which are preferable) or we can arrange activities through the school.

The last section (and the one with the greatest fun) is an Adventurous Journey. Bridge 1 is a Journey of one day minimum (although we often go out for two for the fun of an overnight camp). Bridge 2 requires two days and Bronze requires two days with an overnight stay. In the Bridge Awards school trips and camps are often perfectly fine as an Adventurous Journey- check with me first.
Unfortunately our one day journey on Saturday March 22 has had to be cancelled. However we are planning an overnight cycling camp May 17-18. Watch this space for further details soon.

Saturday March 22 is a one day Dukes journey mountain biking through Wongi State Forest with a BBQ lunch. We will start from Boundary Rd Woocoo (SES depot) and finish at the Aldershot Scout camp. We will be using maps and compasses and GPS’s to navigate our way around. It won’t be a hard ride but it will be a fun day.

All Dukes students PLEASE check your school email addresses every week or so for Dukes updates. I know this email address isn’t first choice for many students but this is good training for entering the workforce later where you are expected to use a work email address every day.

All students interested in signing up please collect forms from Student Services or see me or Mr Townsend up in the LEC staffroom.

Dave McLeod
Music Specialist
Duke of Edinburgh Award

Angus Montague-Elliott, Rohan Dwyer-Vary, Matt Hatch and Mitchell Beattie

Arts Update

This term has been very busy for the Arts Faculty with many activities occurring including the Music Trivia Night March 21, commencement of Robin The Hood Theatre Restaurant Auditions and Dance Troup rehearsal at lunch times. Year 6 and 7 students have been taking part in Thursday after school Art lessons with Ms Liz Clout, Head of Department for The Arts. They are each creating a portrait that will be later displayed at the Maryborough SHS MADD Concert. Thursday afternoon Art lessons will continue next term and permission notes will be distributed within primary schools.

Liz Clout
The Arts HOD

Sorts news

WB Winter Trials – Monday March 24

Congratulations to the following students who made the FD team for their chosen sport! It was fantastic to see so many Maryborough SHS students make teams.

U15 Boys Soccer – George Brown
Open Soccer – Ebony Keene and Coriel Betz
Open Hockey – Rodney Wall and Lilly McCabe
U15 Girls Basketball – Jade Psaila
Open Girls Basketball – Tamika Peterson
Open Rugby Union – Kailan Harris, Cameron MacDonald and Ryan McPhail
U15 Boys Rugby League – Ryan Gauld, Jack Gauld and Zack Charteris
Open Boys Rugby League – Cody James, Jack Horder, Brian Lappin, Dwight Wessling, Corey Hellmuth and Korey Forster.

Best of luck to all of our students on the day!

Golden Glove Softball Challenge

Due to no other teams nominating in the region, there will be no one-day carnival held for Gold Glove Softball. We do have the opportunity to go to the final series in June if we choose. More information will be given out later to the students involved.

Futsal

There were five teams that travelled to Brisbane for the Southeast Queensland Futsal Titles on March 5. It was very early start for all involved and a late arrival back at school! The students had a great time at the titles and it was good for players to experience the on-field competition from a carnival of this size. Teams had great matches and played with great sportsmanship and pride for the school. The U19 Girls won their division on the day but unfortunately were unable to attend the following week due to other commitments. Well done to all those students who participated.

Broncos Challenge Rugby League

With only one week to go in the competition, the teams have all played brilliantly so far. The Year 8’s have won one and lost one with a great win over Aldridge High last week. The U15’s have lost 2 and won 2, with a big win over Urangan the week before and a close loss to Aldridge last week. The Opens have won 1 and lost 3, with two tough losses the last two weeks. This week all three teams were to play Hervey Bay SHS at Eskdale Park, however Hervey Bay forfeited.

School Cross Country

The Cross Country will be held on Thursday 3 April in Week 10. The event will run very similarly to last year with the whole school being involved. Students will attend normal classes in the morning and have their lunch break as normal too. They will all meet in the gym after Lunch 1 for a brief information session and then walk down to Ululah assisted by teachers. Races will start around 12:15pm and finish around 2:30pm so there is
enough time to walk students back to school. All students will walk back with teachers unless parents are there to pick them up before we leave or a note is given to me before the actual day. Those students who finish in the top 10 of their age group will attend the FD Cross Country in Hervey Bay on Wednesday 7 May.

**Sports Co-ordinator**

**Mrs C Taylor**

**Year 12 News and Information**

**Shave for a Cure**

On Friday 28 March a group of our Prefects, Tenielle Wilk, Rakel Stewart and Sophie Noble, will be raising money for this fantastic organisation by having a colour for a cure for a gold coin donation. This will be held in the Fairy Ring at first break. Any students or staff who wishes to have their hair coloured are welcome to come and help raise money for cancer.

**Purple Day for Epilepsy**

On Wednesday 26 March, one of our Prefects, Jacquelyn Jolly, will be having a Free Purple Dress Day for a gold coin donation to help raise money for Epilepsy. Students are allowed to wear a purple shirt or shorts that are sun safe and appropriate. School hat and regular shoes must still be worn. Only one piece of clothing is to be purple, for example if you wear a purple shirt, you must have school shorts on and visa versa.

**Roadcraft Driver Education**

Once again Roadcraft will be offering their driver education program to students. This is a great course for all students who are already driving or close to it. Roadcraft Driver Education’s mission is “the prevention of road trauma by providing effective road safety education to road user of all ages”. The course is purposely designed and developed to maximise the participants learning experience and motivate them to use proven systems and techniques to minimise the level of risk on the road. Maryborough SHS has been booked in for the course on Saturday 22 July and Sunday 23 July. There is more information on the website maryboroshs.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/Driver-Education-.aspx and the students were also given information on parade. If your student is interested, please let me know and I can provide additional information about the day.

**Air Force Flight Camp for Girls**

The Air Force is very excited to offer girls aged between 16-18 years the opportunity to experience Air Force Aviation careers. The dates are 10-13 June 2014 at the RAAF Base Amberley. If interested please apply at www.defence.gov.au/workexperience

**Year 12 Prefects**

A huge thank you to those Prefects who went to the Year 8 camp in Hervey Bay to assist with activities and who demonstrated great leadership qualities to the Year 8 cohort! The Prefects are also running lunchtime activities for students during the week in second break in the multipurpose gym.

**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.

**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 major functions.

The cost for Formal will be approximately $110. This will be confirmed closer to the date. All student resource fees must be paid for the students to attend the formal.

**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.

**Carrie Taylor**

**Year 12 Co-ordinator**