4 April 2014

Principal’s Report

Maryborough State High students can hold their heads up high and congratulate themselves on a great start to the year.

Our school has the expectation that students who attend Maryborough State High adopt the values of the school community. These values are Respect, Responsibility and Results. This year we are very proud of the fact that the vast majority of our students are upholding our values.

Our Discipline policy identifies three key elements to ensure that students at Maryborough State High School are able to learn in every lesson, every day, and achieve success within a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment.

1. Clear consistent expectations for behaviour:

We have set clear expectations on what is appropriate behaviour, and have identified three positive behaviour expectations: Respect, Responsibility, Results.

Student behaviour that does not comply with the expected standard is not acceptable. The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students sets out the range and level of responses and consequences for student behaviour that is not consistent with these expectations.

2. Consequences for unacceptable behaviour

Consequences for unacceptable behaviour are applied to ensure that all students have an opportunity to learn and that all staff and students are safe.

In applying consequences for unacceptable student behaviour, the individual circumstances and actions of the student and the needs and rights of school community members will be considered at all times.

Maryborough State High School uses a range of consequences that are authorised by Education Queensland which include:

- Detentions- in and out of school hours
- Suspensions – Internal and External
- Exclusions
- Cancellations of enrolment.

3. Parents as partners:

The third and very important element of our Discipline Policy is our partnership with parents. Parents support of our Discipline Policy ensures that we maintain a safe and respectful learning environment for all. At Maryborough State High we believe by working together we are going to give the best opportunities for students to experience student success.

During the past two weeks our facilities upgraded with the internal painting of our Administration block and the three story classroom block in J Block. Over the holidays the dance studio will be painted, new seamless flooring in toilet blocks and some removal of asbestos sheeting will occur. Q Block, on the Sussex Street campus will also be getting an internal paint which is going to make a big difference to the Boys Grammar School building.

Thank you to all parents for your support of our great school and I wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter holiday.

Sadly our pine tree on the Sussex street side has been hit by lightning and must be removed for safety reasons. This will be happening during the holidays.

Gabrielle’s open every Thursday.

Gabrielle’s Training Restaurant is a training initiative for MSHS students as part of their Certificate III in Hospitality. The restaurant will be open every Thursday from 9:00am until 2:00pm for morning teas and light lunches.

Bring your friends to celebrate your special event or just get a group together or catch up with some friends. Please phone or email us to book your event to ensure the best service.

Come in and enjoy a beautiful cup of coffee, mocktails, milkshakes or smoothies, Morning Tea menu consists of; cakes, cheesecakes, muffins, scones, biscuits and savoury platters. Light lunches will include; salads (with or without meat), wraps, open breads such as Panini and Turkish or French with grilled or fresh toppings. We also cater for special dietary requirements.

Gabrielle’s Training Restaurant

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Million Paws Walk

This event is a family, friendly and PAWsome day out for people and their pets and will be held at 26 locations throughout Queensland. Nearly 100% of RSPCA Qld’s work is funded by caring people in the community and the cost to our community for these animals in need is in the millions. All funds raised from our Million Paws Walk event helps provide for the care and treatment of homeless and neglected dogs, which simply deserve a second chance.

If you have any questions at all regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me on 3426 9943 or visit www.millionpawswalk.com.au

Kind Regards,

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Road safety is everyone’s future

During the past week the Central Police Region including Maryborough and Hervey Bay and surrounds has focused on Road Safety. There were various events held across the area with the emphasis on the FATAL FIVE. As part of Road Safety, Police would like to remind Mums, Dads and Guardians that children need reminding about the rules when travelling to and from school. It doesn’t matter if you walk, get a lift, catch a bus or ride a scooter or pushbike, when children are travelling to school it’s important they remember the road rules. This includes crossing at pedestrian or traffic light crossings correctly, keeping to the correct side of the road when riding a pushbike, always wear your helmet – even if on a scooter it’s better to be safe than sorry, wearing your seatbelt whilst in the car and staying in your seats whilst travelling by bus, and most importantly if you are travelling with friends or family keep a look out to ensure you all get there and home safely. If you would like more information on road safety visit the Department of Transport website at www.tmtr.qld.gov.au/Safety/School-road-safety.aspx or www.tmtr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-road-rules/Bicycle-rules.aspx

MSHS quilt a huge hit at the Chaplaincy Dinner

Year 10 Home Economics students in 2013 developed and honed their sewing skills by producing quilts for charity. School Chaplaincy was chosen to be the beneficiary of their first quilt.

As an innovation, for the Chaplaincy Dinner program, the single bed quilt was auctioned amongst the diners. Bidding was brisk and finally the students’ work was sold to Jerry and Helen for $250.

The students and their teacher, Mrs Pommeranz, are very excited to have contributed to chaplaincy at MSHS, particularly supporting the wonderful efforts of Big M, our school chaplain.

Jessie, Helen and their son proudly display their new quilt.

Year 8 Healthy Options

Our Year 8 Home Economics class prepared and presented a range of very healthy options for a teenage lunches. The students also seemed to enjoy their very yummy and healthy fruit drinks and smoothies. Top effort, girls!

Asbestos Removal

Asbestos will be removed from Maryborough State High School buildings between Monday 14th April and Thursday 17th April during the second week of the school holidays.

The process will be undertaken by a company engaged by Building and Asset Services and will be performed under the strict guidelines for the safe removal of asbestos containing materials in schools.

For your safety you are asked not to be on school grounds while this is happening.
Should you have any queries regarding these issues please contact the school office on 4120 9333 prior to the school holidays.

Reports, Accounts and Parent Teacher Interviews

School reports and accounts will be posted home on the last day of school term, Friday April 4th. Please ensure you have completed the School Resource Scheme form and returned to school as soon as possible to enable your student to have access to library borrowings, class sets of books, printing, homework and study planner, student ID card and electronic devices.

The School Resource Scheme (SRS) Participation Agreement form will be included with your account if we do not have a completed form on file. The form is also available to print from the left hand documents section of this newsletter and to collect from student services.

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday April 23rd. To book an interview online visit www.maryboroughshs.sessionkeeper.com.au. Please go to the document section on the left side of this newsletter to view easy steps how to book an interview on line with SessionKeeper.

Head Lice

We have received a few phone calls from parents to advise their students have had head lice. If head lice are found on one family member it is important to check the whole family and treat all those with head lice or eggs.

The Treating Head Lice information sheet is available to print from the left hand document section of this newsletter.

For further details please visit http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp

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School wide positive behaviour support

Term One

Students this year have been fantastic. The uniform is looking great, classroom engagement and behaviour has been very good – and to reward all students for such a great start to the term, an ice block reward was issued to every student on Tuesday 18 March. Staff also wanted to especially acknowledge the good work of students, and on the same day, were out and about before school and during breaks, meeting and interacting with students.

Our school recognises the positive behaviour of students in a variety of different ways, including verbal and written acknowledgement, phone calls home, letters and postcards home, certificates, reward prizes, etc. This year we have introduced merit points. Each teacher allocates one point to students in their classes who demonstrate positive behaviour. These points are then tallied each fortnight and students’ names go into a reward draw which takes place on Thursday full school parade.

Our behaviour expectations all align with our 3Rs – Respect, Results, Responsibility. These are posted in every classroom, and staff refer to them regularly.

Leanne Muston
Deputy Principal

Sports News

WB Winter Trials – Monday March 24th

Congratulations to the following students who made the Wide Bay team for their chosen sport and a huge accomplishment for all of these students. Best of luck at your state championships later in the year! These students will also receive a half blue at the sports presentation night later in the year.

- Jack Gauld and Zackery Charteris – U15 Boys Rugby League
- Abbey-Leigh Kassulke – U15 Girls Netball
- Cameron McDonald – Open Boys Rugby League
- George Brown – U15 Boys Football
- Golden Glove Softball Challenge

Due to no other teams nominating in the region, there will be no one-day carnival held for Golden 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.

Broncos Challenge Rugby League

A huge congratulations to all those students who were involved in this competition. All students’ involved showed great sportsmanship and team work throughout the weeks played. I was very proud of all of the teams and look forward to next year. I also would like to thank all those parents who came out to support the teams along with the staff from MSHS. Thank you to Mr Hellmuth who came out and assisted with First Aid in the Open games and to the parents who helped run out the water during breaks.

School Cross Country

The Cross Country was held on Thursday 3rd April. The event ran very similar to last year with the whole school being involved. Students attend normal classes in the morning and had their lunch break as normal. They met in the gym after Lunch 1 for a brief information session and then walked down to Ululah assisted by teachers. Races started around 12:15pm and finished around 2:30pm so there was enough time to walk students back to school. The students who finished in the top 10 of their age group will attend the FD Cross Country in Hervey Bay.
Bay on Wednesday 7th May and will receive their permission letter on the day of our school carnival. These notes will need to be returned in the first week back at school after the holidays.

School Hockey

There will be a one day school carnival for Open Boys and Girls for the school team in June, which will involve teams from both Maryborough and Hervey Bay. More details will be given to students next term.

Carrie Taylor
Sports Co-ordinator

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, held a colour for cure day to help raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. There were a lot of students who came to get their hair coloured for a Gold Coin. The girls raised $70 on the day. Thank you to all those students and staff who donated money to this fantastic charity.

Purple Day for Epilepsy

On Wednesday 26 March, one of our Prefects, Jacquelyn Jolly, held a Free Dress Day to help raise money for this foundation. She raised $130 for the Epilepsy Foundation. Thank you to all those students and staff who donated a gold coin to this charity.

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 participant’s 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 22nd June and Sunday 23rd June. There is more information on the website 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. Money ($195) can be paid to the office to reserve your spot for this program. Also, a reminder that students will need to find their own way to and from the venue in Gympie.

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

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 15th November at the Brolga Theatre and Graduation Ceremony will be on Friday 21st November.

Students will receive 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. The cost for Formal will be approximately $110, but costs will be confirmed closer to the date.

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