5 May 2014

Principal’s Report

Even though the start of Term Two began with a short week, it was still very busy for students with key events for Year 12s with QCS Practice, Parent-Teacher Interviews and Anzac Day for the whole school. QCS Practice went very well, with Mrs Talbot our QCS Coordinator reporting that all students engaged with the practice tests over the two days in a responsible and mature manner. Well done.

On Wednesday 23 April, Parent-Teacher Interviews took place. This is always a busy afternoon/evening with parents meeting and discussing their child’s progress for the start of the year. As a follow up, all results for students have been reviewed across all year levels. In particular, Year 12 students are being closely monitored for successful completion of QCE at the end of the year. Year 12 students who are OP-eligible will soon receive an OP prediction which will help them with their future career planning.

On Thursday 24 April we held our annual Anzac Day Ceremony which was attended by a number of invited guests, including the Mayor Gerard O’Connell and our local state MLA Mrs Anne Maddern. Then, on Friday 25 April our students attended both the dawn service and the main parade. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who participated in these events. Our school has a long tradition with the military and this event is always a very important one on the school calendar.

Uniform – Just a reminder, with the start of the new term – all uniform expectations remain the same – Students are to wear the correct uniform each day, including fully closed in, lace up, fully black shoes; white socks and school hat. With winter approaching, students need a school jumper or jacket. These are available at local uniform suppliers.

Newborns in Science

Students were very excited in 12 Biology with the arrival of baby guinea pigs. Students are currently studying the topic of reproduction and have observed different offspring. They first viewed a praying mantis egg capsule which hatched to produce around 50 tiny babies. To their astonishment, the babies were very independent and were released within 2 days. The guinea pig gave birth last week to 4 ‘Rex’ babies which rely very heavily on the mother for care. Congratulations to Sam Barlow and Shanley Parker for being most accurate in predicting their phenotype (appearance). The guinea pigs will be looking for new homes in a months time and are free of charge – contact the science department if interested.

Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution Day at Maryborough State High

Our 2014 Year 8 Home Economics students will be participating this this healthy food initiative on Friday 16th May.

While Jamie conducts an on-line lesson all around Australia, our Year 8’s will prepare a Rainbow Wrap under his direction via a video linkup. This should be an exciting and rewarding event for the students of Maryborough State High to be involved in and will hopefully enhance their appreciation of the importance of incorporating healthy foods into their daily diets.

Nomination for QCS Community Representative

An application package is available from the school office for interested people. The QCS Test is conducted on two days – Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September. Community representatives are employed to assist with the supervision of the test, and the receipt and delivery of test materials.

Completed application packages are to be returned to the school office by 3.30pm on Friday 23 May.
Experience University of Sunshine Coast

Year 9 and 10 Students: Register now for Experience USC (11th June 2014)

Experience USC is an action-packed day of exploring your career options at the University of the Sunshine Coast. You’ll sink your teeth into two of over 30 hands-on activities and explore many career options. Enrolments are now open, so if you’d like to participate in this event please come and see Mr A. Smith or Miss K. Berwick for the list of workshops and registration instructions. Be quick – registrations close on Thursday 15th of May and workshops are filling fast.

Lost Items

We have had a number of lost items handed in to Student Services.

Items handed in include: 2 pairs of glasses, a watch and a DS. If you are the owner of any of these items, please collect at Student Services.

If you have lost any items please check with Student Services.

Sports News

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 but due to the loss of numbers interested and cost we will not be sending any teams to the final series in Brisbane.

School Cross Country

The school cross country was held on Thursday 3 April. It was a beautiful day and there were a number of students who attended the carnival at Ulualah. There were some close races in many of the divisions. The top 10 from each year level for both boys and girls will now participate in the Fraser District Cross Country on Wednesday 7 May. Students involved in this, have received their permission note and medical form, which needs to be returned with their money by this week. Congratulations to the following students who were age champions and they will all receive a medallion at sports banquet at the end of the year.

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The total points were once again very close at this carnival. All houses were represented by a number of students in each year level. In 4th place on 746 points, Melville-Russell, 3rd place on 769 points, Glasgow-Horborough, 2nd place on 788 points was Barton-Hyne. The 2014 Cross Country Champions, on 806 points was Morton-Harrington. Congratulations to all students who participated!

Our next major sporting carnival, and last one for the year, is Athletics. This will be held at our school oval on Thursday 26 June and Friday 27 June. I hope all students are starting to organise their costumes for the two day event. More information will be given closer to the dates.

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 in the next few weeks of this term.

School Futsal

The Fraser Coast School Futsal Titles will be held in June at the Hervey Bay PCYC. The 15/16/19 Girls (2 June), 14/16/19 Girls (3 June) and 13/14 Boys (4 June). There will be notes and training for the teams very soon so students interested in playing need to listen to notices to ensure they get the information they need.

Carrie Taylor
Sports Co-ordinator

Year 12 News and Information

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. Notes have been given to those students attending the program.

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.

Students wishing to bring an outside partner to the formal will need to complete a form to allow them to attend. This will be available in Week 3 of this term from me and should be returned by Week 6.

As one of the activities for the Formal and the Power Point for the Graduation we ask all Year 12 students to bring in or e-mail at least one baby photo or two if possible. Please e-mail to ryan75@eq.edu.au. The photos that are brought into school will be scanned and then given back to the student as soon as possible. Students also need to give their quote for the yearbook to myself or Robyn (in first aide) for the Palma. This is very important that they do this as soon as, this will go under their Year 12 photo. It can be a straight quote, a saying, or how they want to be remembered. This needs to be appropriate and able to be read by others. These all need to be completed by Week 6 of this term.

**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.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Headstart program information day which gives automatic entry into USQ – 14 May.
- USQ information day which is open to general public – 1 June.
- USQ open day for general public – 3 August.
- TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) – July 19 & 20 – Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds – 10am – pm – Admission is FREE.

_Carrie Taylor_

_Year 12 Co-ordinator_