19 May 2014

Principal’s Report

Art Classes – Year 6/7

This term Year 6/7 primary students have been involved in a ceramics art program after school. This week ceramic artist Pricilla Gordon demonstrated throwing numerous items on the Potter’s wheel. Viewing a professional artist was highly engaging and many commented, “Mrs Gordon makes it look so easy!”

Next week a class from Granville Primary School will start a unit of work with Ms Clout where they will also learn ceramics. This unit will continue for the rest of the term and work created will be exhibited back at their primary school. Activities such as these have been developed to enable the successful transition of primary school students to high school.

The expressive portraits from Term 1, 6/7 art classes will be displayed at the Fraser Coast Show next week, 22nd to 23rd May as will our Year 9 art work.

Another opportunity for student artwork to be exhibited will be at the annual MADD Concert on Tuesday 24 June at City Hall.

Transition

Every term we hold transition afternoons for year 6 & 7 students. This term our transition afternoons are beginning on Thursday the 22nd May. Students will be participating in a variety of activities which helps students get to know the types of subjects we have at Maryborough State High and it also allows teachers and students to get to know one another and for students to get to know their way around our great school.

Volunteers Week

Last week was Volunteers week. On behalf of the school I would like to thank all our volunteers who come and give their time to make sure our students are supported. We have volunteers who come and take activities in classes and we value your support for our students. The tuckshop has a group of volunteers who come every week. Our tuckshop would not be able to operate without your help. Thank you!

Friday the 23rd is P&C Day and on Tuesday the 20th May our monthly P & C meeting is held. We will take this opportunity to thank our very dedicated P & C team and I invite any interested parents to attend.

Big Day Out

Torbanlea and Howard State School students will join Maryborough State High School this Wednesday for a Big Day Out at High School. This day follows on from other successful Big Day Out events that MSHS has hosted last year and in Term 1. The aim of the day is to provide students with a sample day at high school where they get to participate in a variety of lessons with different teachers. These lessons can include Marine, Dance, Physical Education, Music, Art and this time, rock climbing. Inviting primary schools into the high school environment is a key aspect of positive transition into Junior Secondary for students as it provides them with familiarity of routine, environment and staff. We are fortunate to have excellent senior students who also assist staff on the day and help welcome primary students to our school. Another Big Day Out is planned for a range of local primary schools in Term 3.

Business Education

This term Year 10 Business students have been developing skills and knowledge about managing people in the workplace. In the coming weeks they will be starting their Certificate I in Business and will be applying these skills in a simulated business environment.

Year 11 & 12 BCT students are working on an exciting International Business unit that requires them to develop a presentation and the associated resources for a mock trade fair.

Congratulations to all Business students for the outstanding work you are producing in the classroom.

Breakfast Club Support

A big thank you to all the students and staff who have been supporting the local primary schools with their Breakfast Clubs. A group of students regularly attend St Helens on a Thursday morning to assist the P&C with the school’s breakfast program. During week 4 several teachers and students also volunteered at Granville and Tinana.
Junior Secondary Update

It’s been a very busy time once again in Junior Secondary for the first half of Term 2. Students have been participating in a number of events and have been working well in class preparing for their mid-term assessment.

We would like to thank all years 8 and 9 students who attended an ANZAC day ceremony or walked in the parade. Our students looked great in their uniforms and represented the school proudly. It’s important to remember the reason why we march and to pay our respects to those who are part of the armed forces.

Maryborough State High School is proud to have high academic standards for our students in Junior Secondary. The school was very pleased with a high standard of achievement during Term 1 and recently celebrated this success with a special Academic Excellence Rewards Parade. Parent support is a strong contributing factor to student success and as such we invited parents of recipients to attend this parade and then a short morning tea afterwards. It was wonderful to see over 40 parents join us for this occasion. We celebrated two different categories of awards – Excellence in Effort and Academic Excellence. Over 60 students received awards, displaying the commitment our students have to their studies is exceptional. If you’d like a peak at some photos from the day, please “Like” our school FaceBook page. A special thank you to Ms Pommeraniz and the year 10 Hospitality class for their wonderful catering of morning tea for this event – the food and service was fantastic!

As we head into winter, it’s important that our students continue to wear the correct uniform. Please take the opportunity now to purchase school jumpers or a spray jacket before it gets too cold.

Term 1 Flashback - Student reflections on Year 8 camp in Term 1:

• “I have to say to start off, I wasn’t feeling 100% happy about camp. I was nervous…really nervous. I had my group of friends and I wanted to keep it that way. I didn’t really want to meet others. But that all changed during those three days. It’s surprising how such little time can change my opinion over meeting others so easily. I made a lot more friends and knew most of the grade 8’s at the end of the camp.” Dana Pavey.

• “As the first day passed, we had been put into our small colour groups- our sport houses split into two. There were eleven of us in our group and I only knew about two of them, Dana and Shari. But by the end of the day, I knew pretty much everyone in the group and had made a few friends.” Corynne Berry.

• “Year 8 camp was the best camp I have ever been on. We got to participate in numerous exciting activities. Including night activities, these were fun. We had to get up at 6:00am to participate in boot camp which was very tiring. The food was great, the cabins were fantastic and the teachers were great.” Shari Peltonen.

As a final mention, we’d like to thank Mrs Alexia Taylor for her hard work and commitment to our year 8 students as Year 8 Coordinator in Term 1. Miss Lena Plattsman, currently 8C’s Connect Teacher, will be taking on the Year 8 Coordinator’s role and we know she will do a wonderful job.

Sharyn Morris
Dean, Junior Secondary.

Biology News

Biology students at Maryborough High have regular access to anatomical specimens to enhance their understanding of theoretical concepts taught in the classroom. This term year 12 biologists are focussing on reproduction and had the opportunity to examine and dissect various reproductive organs including a bovine (cow) uterus, ovaries and testes. Participation in dissections is not compulsory but most students find the experiences to be a welcome break from their books. As student Monique Thatcher explains, “We study lots of diagrams in textbooks but handling the organs makes remembering them much easier, especially for kinaesthetic learners like me.”

Tenielle Wilk, Megan Kaufman, Tiegan Warry

Year 8 Report Card Trial

Maryborough State High is going to trial sending Year 8 Semester Reports by email to parents. A letter was posted home to Year 8 parents on the 6 May advising of this trial. Attached to the letter was the current email address/s for parents. It is very important to check your email address/s and notify the school if it has changed. If you wish to receive the Report and have not notified the school of your email address, please do so by ringing the school office on 41209333. The letter also included the option, to not have the report emailed home. If the letter is not returned then the report will be emailed to the email address we have on file. Please remember to add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your safe senders
to ensure the report card email is not sent to your Junk folder. Any question please ring 41209333.

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.

Tender

Cox Stockman Ride on Mower 15hp (purchased May 2007)
The school is calling for tenders on the above mower. If you would like to make an offer please record your offer on a piece of paper and place it in a sealed envelope address to:

Confidential
Anne Faint
BSM
Mower Tender

All tenders must be in by close of business on 30th May 2013.

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.

Fraser District Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students from Maryborough High who participated in the Fraser District Cross Country that was held in Hervey Bay on Wednesday 7 May. The students showed great team spirit, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. We had two students who finished in the top 6 for their age division and will represent Fraser District at the Wide Bay Trials in Gayndah on Tuesday 27 May. Congratulations to Zac Reid (15 Years Boys) and Kialan Harris (Open Boys).

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 on Friday June 13th, which will involve teams from both Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Students will be given information this week.

School Futsal

The Fraser Coast School Futsal Titles will be held in June at the Hervey Bay PCYC. The 15/16/19 Boys (2 June), 14/16/19 Girls (3 June) and 13/14 Boys (4 June). Students have been given information regarding the titles and trainings are being held during the week for all age groups.

Cameron MacDonald-Dirt Bike

Congratulations to Cameron who recently competed in the first and second round of the Australian Enduro Titles in Boyland on April 19 and 20. Cameron finished 19th in the E1 Dirt Bike Pro Class and was very happy with how he performed in his race. He started in 120th place and moved his way up 60 positions in one day. This is a fantastic achievement, considering on the first day of competition that his bike blew up and his parents had to drive 8 hours to get another bike so he could compete the next day. Great work and determination! Cameron will continue training to compete at the next titles in Victoria in June.

Jack Gauld and Zackery Charteris-Rugby League

Congratulations to both Jack and Zac who recently represented the U15 Boys Wide Bay Rugby League team at the state titles at West Arana RLC in May. The boys both had a fantastic tournament with their team finishing 8th overall. Well done Jack and Zac!

Declan Kidman-Archery

Congratulations to Declan who recently won three gold medals at the State Titles in the Junior Men’s Freestyle Unlimited A Grade Division. What a fantastic achievement Declan! Great work!

Abbey-Leigh Kassulke-Netball

Congratulations to Abbey-Leigh who recently represented the U15 Girls Wide Bay Netball team at the state titles in Brisbane in May. She had a fantastic tournament and was extremely happy with her performance with her team finishing 7th overall. Well done Abbey-Leigh!

Inter-School Tenpin Bowling

In August we will have three students who will be participating in the Inter-school Tenpin Bowling Challenge in Brisbane. The students who are involved are; Daniel Davey, Liam Wilson and Jack Wootton. To assist these young boys, the Maryborough Bowling Club has donated a bowling ball to raffle to help with their costs of registration and travel. These boys will be selling tickets to the students and local the community over coming weeks. The raffle will be drawn in July with tickets costing $1 each. Please help these young bowlers out by buying a ticket.

Sports Co-ordinator – Mrs C Taylor

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 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 June and Sunday 23 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 15 November at the Brogla 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. Year 12 student committees 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. These forms are available now 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.

Important Dates to Remember

- Headstart program information day which gives automatic entry into USQ, is being held at the Brogla Theatre on 26th 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-4pm – Admission is FREE
- NSW University information on scholarships is available from year coordinator or go to www.whatson.unsw.edu.au

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

Once again Maryborough State High School will be having a Pyjama day to help raise money for Children in Foster and Alternative Care by wearing PJ's to school for a Gold Coin Donation. This will be on Friday June 13th and students are only allowed to wear a onesie or PJ pants with their school top. Students must wear the appropriate school shoes, socks and hat.

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

Chappy News

Scoops on Bazaar

Scoops on Bazaar are putting the “Happy” in this year’s Chappy Week. From Sunday the 18th through to the 24th of May, Scoops will be holding a Chappy Hour between 3:30 and 4:30 PM. Proceeds from sales during that time will go towards High School Chaplaincy. Plus, each purchase also puts you in the running to win 5kg of Premium Gelato in a flavour of your choice! YUM!!! Also, on Wednesday the 21st of May, Chappies Jacqui and Big M from the local High Schools will be at Scoops during the Chappy Hour, along with entertainment by the talented Zach Templeton. So make an after-school date with your family and mates, and get yourself along to Scoops this Chappy Week!

Gospel Chapel Coffee Shop

If you’re attending the Fraser Coast Regional Show this year, make sure you visit the Gospel Chapel’s Coffee Shop. This year, the Coffee Shop is donating half of their profits to SUQLD Chaplaincy Programs in the Maryborough Area. They’ll be situated by the Yellow Arts Pavilion near gate 2. Heaps of great stuff on sale, and be sure to try the scones! Pop in on the Friday for your chance to speak with local Chappies!

Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 22nd May, Maryborough High is running a sausage sizzle during first break. Proceeds go towards High School Chaplaincy. Great winter warming food, supporting your School Chaplain. Get amongst it! (Organised by Maryborough High Interact Club).

State of Origin Free Dress Day

Are you a cane-toad or a cockroach? On Wednesday 28 May, for a gold coin donation, show your true colours in support of your team. Wear blue or maroon, and the donation goes towards High School Chaplaincy. (Organised by Maryborough High Interact Club).
Senior Boys Team HPV

We are looking for dedicated Senior Boy riders to join our team. Riders are required to be part of a scheduled training program of Bike Riding every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 3.20-5.30 PM leaving from Granville so team members need to own a road bike or have access to one, and the appropriate riding gear to suit. Training has commenced.

Training commences in the actual HPV bike (picture attached) every second weekend from the end of May, then weekly from mid June as we intend to attend Willow bank in July. This will be at the track currently used behind Sexi Coffee.

Riders need to be able to train regularly to be part of the team. This is not negotiable. We do need a pit crew which is an exceptionally important part of our team. If Riding is not your strong point you can be part of an exceptional support team, if this area suits you please also apply.

This team is performance based so dedication to training and being part of the team is imperative and required. Parent participation is greatly appreciated in getting you to training and helping out in fund raising. So please talk to your parents first to ensure you can take part in the training and the fund raising efforts and required support.

Team meetings will commence at the end of May. Riders, Pit crew and parents need to attend.

This team is performance based. Riders need to attend training to be part of this dedicated team.

We have a great bike and we are training to win for Maryborough State High School. If you have the same dedication and team work mentality then we want you on our team.

Please email Susan McLeod at susan.mcleod@bigpond.com or ph mob 04111 41679 to lodge Rider interest and parent contact details.