2 June 2014

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to our wonderful music students who took out Gold in the Strings Ensemble, Silver in the Concert Band and Percussion and Bronze in Stage Band at Fanfare on Wednesday night.

Our students and staff are working exceedingly hard preparing and practising for their many performances and they deserve this recognition.

Our cross country team travelled to Gayndah earlier this week to compete in the Fraser District cross country and Maryborough High student, Kailan Harris took out a first in the open boys. He has been selected to go on to compete at a state level later this year. We wish him well for this high level competition.

Our annual MADD Concert is coming up on Tuesday 24th June at 6.00pm and will be held at the Maryborough City Hall. This is a celebration of our talented Music, Arts, Drama and Dance students. Please keep this date free. Wood fired pizza and refreshments will be available. This will be a great night and we hope to see you all there!

The Technology Challenge is fast approaching and our HPV teams are busily preparing for this great event. Please encourage your student to take part of this Maryborough community event.

We are holding easy enrolment interviews for both Year 6 and 7 students for 2015. Our Enrolment Officers have been visiting the local schools to hold interviews with parents. Enrolment packages are available at the front office.

We have some wonderful new teachers starting at Maryborough High for Year 7 in 2015. Kaye North from Sunbury State School and Sally Donohue from West State School will be joining us and Cameron Hanrahan, who has been with us since 2014 will also take on duties in Year 7 and 8.

We are currently in negotiations with two excellent teachers from other regions. We will notify the school community when this news comes in.

Thank you to Lena Plaatsman who has taken on the role of Year 8 Co-ordinator.

Electronic diaries are available on all devices within the school. The diary is accessible from home computers and iPads. Collect a form from Student Services to register for access.

Painting and renovations are in progress in our historical buildings. A Block, the old Girls Grammar, have been painted and some decking replaced. While Q Block, the old Boys Grammar, is being painted internally.

Junior Secondary Update

It’s been another busy fortnight in the Junior Secondary Department at Maryborough State High School with many special events running, and learning activities taking place.

On Friday 16th May, the Year 8 Home Economics students were involved in a world-wide cooking event where they gathered in A Block hall to make healthy wraps as part of the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Project. The students had a great time watching and following Jamie on the big screen, as were many other students around the world at the same time. Healthy, nutritious and fresh food was promoted with the students learning some great skills to put into practice in the kitchen. Many thanks to our wonderful Home Economics staff as they always put many hours into their curriculum area for the enjoyment of students.

Thursday 22nd May was a particularly busy day, as we celebrated State Education Week with a display at Station Square and also kick-started our Primary Transition Afternoons with schools. Students from Year 8 assisted at the display for Education Week, talking to the general public about education at MSHS, and listening to many stories from older generations about the rich heritage our school is proud of. Many thanks to Mr Bates and Mr Holliday for organising the display, and for our wonderful student representatives – Jemima Tennant, Kye Bryce, Corynne Berry, Kama Fuller, Rochelle Paroz, Joshua Skyring and Bethany Robinson.

For the remainder of the term we will have primary school students from years 6 and 7 joining us on Thursday afternoons to sample high school life in special Junior Secondary Transition activities. Transition events like this are a key aspect to one of the main Principles of Junior Secondary – Student Wellbeing. They help remove the myth of high school being a big and scary place and allow students to become familiar with our environment, behaviour expectations, resources and staff. In turn, this helps them to form a bond to the school prior to starting their education with us and has been proven to reduce...
settling issues. We are fortunate that we have many staff who work hard at making these events enjoyable for students. In addition to this, on Wednesday 21st May, Maryborough High was fortunate enough to host students from Torbanlea State School and Howard State School at a Big Day Out at High School event. Students were bussed in for the whole day and enjoyed many different activities and experiences. We look forward to hosting another Big Day Out with other schools next term.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour focus for last week was “Respect – respecting the rights of others to teach and learn”. Students in Junior Secondary have learnt what it means to respect the rights of others to teach and participate in lessons and we have seen some wonderful behaviour over the past fortnight. We are celebrating this positive behaviour every Monday morning on Parade by handing out special awards to students who have been nominated by their teachers for displaying Respect, Results and Responsibility. I will include a full list of names of students who have received awards in our next newsletter article. Keep up the good work!

This week we are focusing on Results. Please discuss assignments and assessment deadlines with your students this week and be in contact with the school should your student require any support. Should your child have any absences beyond two days, please contact the school so that we can arrange work to be sent home and/or support for the child when they return to catch up on work missed. As we are now almost half way through the year, could you also check on your student’s stationery needs. We’ve had many students, particularly in year 9, showing up to class with nothing to write with or a notepad to write on. It’s an important aspect of being prepared for the lesson and ensures that your student can engage in learning for the day.

Sharyn Morris
Dean – Junior Secondary

Year 8’s Help Jamie Oliver Break the Record

The school’s A Block Hall was recently transformed into a food preparation hub where our Year 8 Home Economics students took part in Jamie Oliver’s worldwide lesson for Food Revolution Day helping him break the record for the biggest ever cooking lesson.

Hundreds and thousands of teachers and students around the world took part in the telecast lesson and our students had fun grating and slicing their way through some yummy fresh vegies to create their colourful Rainbow Salad Wraps.

“Opportunities like this are wonderful for our students as it promotes the importance of selecting and including fresh and nutritious foods in our children’s diets. Australia abounds in these fresh products and encouragement to use them is essential to improve our students’ health and wellbeing,” says their Home Economics teacher, Ms Pommeranz.

Year 11 and 12 Legal Excursion

Year 11 and 12 legal studies students recently visited the Maryborough Court House to observe legal cases in action. It was a very busy day in court with both the Magistrate’s Court and Supreme Court sitting. Students observed a number of cases and legal processes that will help them apply their studies to real life situations. It was fortunate that the group, accompanied by Ms Talbot and Ms Donaldson, were able to sit in on a very interesting murder trial.

Maryborough State High Dukes

Maryborough State High Dukes students enjoyed a great camp at Lenthalls Dam on Saturday and Sunday May 17-18. They cycled from the Lenthalls turn-off to the Dam using GPS waypoints to find each turn-off (the waypoints had been created from a map and uploaded to the GPS earlier at school). The campsite at Lenthalls is a magic spot with great views over the water and in no time students had erected the kitchen fly and their tents and created a great home away from home for the weekend. Students demonstrated their cooking skills whipping up bangers and mash for Saturday night dinner (and...
other veges for a balanced diet!!). Activities included leadership studies, star gazing and watching an amateur radio station in operation. A big thank you, to the students, their families and staff who all worked so hard to make this happen.

In other Dukes news the school was recently given a number of second hand bikes for use in the Dukes bike fleet. A few need some maintenance which will be a good project for students and any parents who may be interested in helping would be very welcome.

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 this series.

Wide Bay Cross Country

Congratulations to Kailan Harris who represented Fraser District at the Wide Bay Trials in Gayndah on Tuesday 27 May. He finished in 1st place in the open division. He will be going to the state titles for cross country later in the year. What a fantastic effort by Kailan!

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 on Friday 13 June, which will involve teams from both Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Students have been given information regarding this carnival. They need to complete the permission and medical form and pay their money to the office by Tuesday 10 June. A draw will be given to the students closer to the date.

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.

Kailan Harris – Open Boys Squash

Last week Kailan competed at the State Titles for Wide Bay school sport in squash which was held in Bundaberg. He was runner-up in his division and the U19 Boys were division champions, which he was a huge part of. Kailan had a great carnival and was very happy with the results.

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 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. 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 7.

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.

The formal committee is having a State of Origin fundraiser to help raise money for the formal. Please get behind these students by purchasing tickets for $1.00. You can win yourself a QLD jersey or a NSW jersey. A huge thank you needs to go to Sportspower in Maryborough Station Square for very generously donating the QLD jersey for this fundraiser. Students will be selling these tickets during the lunch hours. The raffle will be drawn the day before the second State of Origin.

Important Dates to Remember

- USQ information day which is open to general public – 1 June 2014
- USQ open day for general public – 3 August 2014

- TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) at the Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds – 19 and 20 July from 10am to 4pm (Admission is FREE)
- NSW University information on scholarships is available from year coordinator or go to www.whatson.unsw.edu.au
- Seize the Day study awards are offering grants for young people affected by cancer, for more information visit www.cancerqld.org.au - closing date is the last Friday in July

Pyjama Day Fundraiser- Friday 13 June

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 your PJs to school for a Gold Coin Donation. This will be held on Friday 13 June. 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.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 1 August

We will once again be selling merchandise to help raise money for Jeans for Genes Day. This will be available from the students during the lunch hours closer to the date and from student services.

Year 12 PE Rock-Climbing Excursion

On Wednesday 28 May, the Year 12 Physical Education classes went to the Noosa Indoor Leisure Centre to complete their assessment. The students were all challenged and achieved great results. They were all very well behaved and represented Maryborough High with great distinction.

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Merit Points

Students are allocated merit points by their teachers throughout a fortnight period and students with the most points are placed into a draw on full school parade and receive a tuckshop voucher. Four students are drawn from each year level. Students successful in the draw on Thursday 22 May:

Year 8 – Emily Fry, Kyla Van Veelen, Alexis Donohue, Shanae Outhwaite
Year 9 – Luke Dioth, Nicole Whittaker, Liam Russell, Brandon Sherrington

Year 10 – Mitchell Nieuwenhuyze, Michael Callinan, Hayden Davies, Anita Beevers

Year 11 – Tyson Head, Jeremi Reid, Connor Wynne, Greta Cherry

Year 12 – Ashley Lynch, Jessica Russell, Brodie Egan, Connor Head

Year 12 students had the most points allocated overall, and the top 4 students received a movie pass for the local cinema – Tristan Batchler, Morgan Connell, Jacquelyn Jolly, Dayna Muller.

**Community Notices**

**Toni’s Dance School**

Hip Hop classes for Boys and Girls will commence on Monday 26th May at the Pensioners Hall on Adelaide Street starting at 3.30pm.

**Savour the moment at Relish!**

Join in the delicious Relish Food and Wine Festival, on Saturday 7 June, at Portside Maryborough, from 11am to 6pm. There will be fresh produce, art, foodie workshops, music and gourmet food and wine tastings. Highlights include live cooking demonstrations with celebrity chef Alastair McLeod and 2013 MKR winners Dan and Steph. Children can join in activities such as “Junior Cupcake Chef” and “Grassy Worm Creations” and take a “sweet” ride on a historic steam engine filled with treats. Tickets are $10 on-line or $15 at the gate. Children under 18 years are free. Go to www.relishfrasercoast.com.au