Principal’s Report

Every state school is required to participate in both a teaching and learning audit and a discipline audit every few years.

Last week Maryborough State High participated in the Discipline audit. I am very pleased to report that we have achieved outstanding results.

Our responsible behaviour policy has very clear expectations around our 3 values, Respect, Results, Responsibility.

Below are the some of the comments from the discipline auditor.

Parent and Community Engagement

- The school has established ongoing partnerships with families, local businesses, government agencies and/or community organisations with the express purpose of improving student engagement.
- Respectful and caring relationships are reflected in the ways in which staff, students, and parents interact in the implementation of behaviour processes.

Data Informed Decision Making

- The principal and other school leaders clearly articulate their belief that reliable data on student behaviour and achievement are crucial to achieving a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment as reflected by school data relevant to the specific school community.
- The school can illustrate through case studies and meeting minutes how behaviour data has been used to evaluate the effectiveness of the school’s behaviour plan and take appropriate act.

Clear consistent Expectations for behaviour

- The school has a small number of positively stated school-wide expectations and appropriate behaviours that are clearly defined and embedded in practice.
- These expectations are highly visible throughout the school environment and are continually communicated in school documentation, newsletters, meetings, assemblies and are evident in the behaviour of the students.
- Teaching staff of the school are engaged in professional development, to ensure behaviour processes are implemented consistently across the school.
Explicit teaching of appropriate behaviours to all students

- School leaders are committed to ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and expect team leaders and teachers to identify ways of doing this.
- Clarity about how students are expected to behave, expectations of student behaviour, explicit teaching of expected behaviours, individualised behaviour support and feedback to guide student behaviour are key elements of the school’s push for effective behaviour management.

Success School

We have just been informed that we have been successful in becoming one of the North Coast Region’s “Success” schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school. More news to come in the near future.

Welcome to Ms Sally Donohue from West State School and Kaye North from Sunbury State School who are joining our Junior Secondary Team of teachers in 2015.

And also Welcome to Mrs Tweed Anderson from Tinana State School who will be joining us as a Success School Coach in Semester 2 of this year.

“PALMA” day

Non Sine Pulvere Palma, is our school motto, which translated means: No Prize without Effort. This motto stems from the 1800’s when the boys and girls grammar schools were first established. To continue to honour our strong traditions at Maryborough State High and to reward the excellent behaviour of our students we have decided to hold a “PALMA” day. Thursday 12th June, was our first “PALMA” day and students were given muffins. Thanks must go to Mrs Denise Pommeranz and her hospitality students for their massive effort in cooking well over 700 muffins.

Junior Secondary Update

Once again we’ve had a busy fortnight in the Junior Secondary Department with many activities taking place. Our students have been working hard towards finishing assessment for the end of the semester and staff busy with marking, reporting and transition activities with primary schools.

Last week we welcomed a number of primary schools into Maryborough High, starting with a Big Day Out at High School event on Wednesday with Year 7 Students from Tinana. Students had a great time participating in a number of lessons with our staff, ranging from Physical Education, Hip Hop dance lessons and Aerospace Studies. Our staff once again welcomed students to our school and the feedback from the Year 7s is as always excellent. On Thursday, our transition program for Year 6 students started and will continue for the next two Thursday afternoons until the end of term. Students from Maryborough Central, Granville, Tinana and Albert will join us for a series of rotating activities aimed at giving them a taste of life at Maryborough State High School to allow for a smoother transition into High School for Year 7 next year.

Our attendance competition in Junior Secondary continues and is becoming quite competitive as the weekly leading house changes each Monday. Our students are competing for a reward on the last day of school, based on points accumulated by their fellow house members for good attendance – keep up the work students! The last two days of this term will be our athletics carnival – regular school days still requiring attendance. Don’t forget - every day, every lesson counts!

As assessment starts to come in, it’s important to remember due dates and be organised. A small number of our students are behind on assessment. Teachers will contact you should your child be falling behind, and I will be following up on those who are late with submissions this week. If your child is behind, I will be running Recess 1 sessions assisting those students with finishing off their assessment. Remind your student that if they don’t have homework, then simply reviewing their classroom notes from that day or week makes a big difference in allowing them to remember for exams. Students should also ensure that they are giving their bodies plenty of rest and sleep time.
The adolescent brain needs sleep to operate effectively. Studies show that a teenage child requires a minimum of 9 ½ hours of uninterrupted sleep per night. If your child is struggling to fall asleep, consider having a turn-off time for all devices ½ hour before bedtime (as screens don’t allow their brains to shut down), a charging station for devices outside the bedroom (so that messages/games/Facebook isn’t happening during the night) Practice a routine to give signals to their bodies that it is time for sleep (eg. similar bedtime each night, quiet reading/down time prior to bed, warm drink).

Sharyn Morris
Dean – Junior Secondary

Year 8 Maths

Students of 8B maths class had the opportunity to have a concrete/hands-on picture of gears with a road bike in the class room last week. They are currently doing an assignment on HPV’s.

USC Experience

1,850 students attended Experience USC Day

Creating a computer game, building a bicycle out of bamboo, testing leg strength and analysing an individual’s choice of brands were just some of the interesting activities on offer for high school students visiting USC last week.

A record 1,850 Year 9 and 10 students from 38 different schools, from as far as Maryborough, the South Burnett and Brisbane took part in the University’s expanded Experience USC Day over June 11-12.

There were 32 different workshops – each based on a USC study discipline – that will provide students with a taste of what it is like to attend university.

Event organiser Macaela French said each student selected two workshops from the list, which had been expanded this year to include Sustainability, Serious Games Development and Screen and Media Studies.

“The whole point of the day is to get students doing something hands-on and to experience things that they wouldn’t get to experience at school,” she said.

“Students aged 14 to 15 are starting to seriously consider their options after high school, so this is an excellent opportunity for them to explore their options and gain insights into what careers may be available.”

Year 10 Hospitality Afternoon Tea – A Great Success

On Friday 6th June, 25 guests including parents, friends and staff, enjoyed a tasty selection of sweet and savoury foods prepared with care and attention to detail by the students of Year 10 Hospitality.

This small band of students planned, trialled and prepared a delicious range of savoury goodies that included Tomato & Basil Bruschetta, Sausage Rolls and Spinach & Fetta Puffs, while for the sweet tooth, there was Lime Cheesecake, Fairy Cakes & Sunflower Cakes and Extreme Brownies (which were very decadent!).

We appreciated the help and support of our teacher aides, Jody and Kylie, and Mrs Heike Romba, one of our specialist teachers, who gave up her day off to come in and work with the students.

The guests were fulsome in their accolades for the students’ cookery, presentation, plating and service. As their teacher, I was extremely proud of their performance. Well done, Year 10 students, good effort!

Mrs Denise Pommeranz

Workshop Success

Week eight was a very busy one for the music department. In addition to preparing for our annual MADD concert (held on the 24th of June), Mrs Suzanne Richardson and Miss Rosi Franklin have been running workshops for primary instrumental students. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to share their love of music by rehearsing and performing at the Brolga Theatre.
Well done to James Tennant, Marita Abell and Daniel Davey, who were able to demonstrate their leadership skills and passion for music by assisting at the primary school workshops. Their help during the day rehearsals and night performances was greatly appreciated. We can’t wait to see what they are able to showcase at our MADD concert.

Palma Day
Thursday 12 June was nominated as Palma Day this term. Palma is a Latin word that is part of our school motto and is the name of our annual school magazine. Our school motto is Non Sine Pulvere Palma – No Prize Without Effort. To celebrate and acknowledge the effort of our students in consistently meeting the school’s behaviour expectations, Palma Days will be held throughout the year. Congratulations students! And to celebrate, all students received a muffin during second break.

Sports News
School Athletics Carnival
Our last sporting carnival is almost here. 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. Students will be given a timetable for the events of the two days so they are aware of when all the field and running events will be held. Parents/Guardians are welcome to come on the days to watch their student compete in their chosen events.

Students who are wanting to be age champions will need to go in as many events as possible to gain as many points as they can. The winner of each age group will receive a medallion at the Sports Award Night that will occur in term 4.

School Hockey
There will be a one day school carnival for Open Boys and Girls on Friday 13 June at the Maryborough Hockey fields on Woodstock Street and this will involve teams from both Maryborough and Hervey Bay schools. All teams need to be at the fields by 8am with games commencing at 8:30am with the finals starting at 3:00pm. The MSHS boys will play their first game at 8:30am with the MSHS girls at 9:30am. They will be playing games throughout the day. The canteen will be open for the day.

School Futsal
The Fraser Coast School Regional Futsal Titles were held at PCYC in Hervey Bay for all age groups from June 2-4. We had teams participate in all three days of competition. All teams played with great sportsmanship, team work, attitude and a fighting spirit and never gave up. These teams all represented our school with great distinction.

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.

Melissa Emery – Pierre de Coubertin Award
Congratulations to Melissa who has recently been awarded the coveted Pierre de Coubertin Award. She has been invited to attend the official ceremony at Somerville House in July. This will be a very special ceremony as Corporal Daniel Keighran VC will be the special guest who also received this award in 2000. She will also be attending an Olympic Leadership Workshop facilitated by a number of high profiled athletes and leadership groups. This is a fantastic achievement Melissa and we wish you all the best in July when you receive your prestigious award.

Sports Co-ordinator – Mrs C Taylor

Year 12 News and Information

Roadcraft Driver Education
A reminder to those students involved with this on June 21st and 22nd to make sure you are there in plenty of time to register for the event. Please ensure that all money and forms are into the office before the day of the course! Parents are to make sure they supervise their children from the time they arrive to the time they leave the course.

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. This will be the last opportunity to complete these tasks.

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 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
- Long Tan Youth Leadership Teamwork Awards, nomination forms can be collected from Mrs Taylor – due week 1 of term 3
- Rewards Day to the movies, students need to have 90% attendance to attend. Students will leave at 9am from school and return to participate in period 5. Cost will be $3 and students need to collect permission forms from PE staffroom - Wednesday 25 June
- ADF Gap Year -Commemences in January/February 2015. The Army has Gap Year job opportunities for Rifleman, Driver Transport, Administration Clerk, Supply Coordinator and Unit Quartermaster. The Air Force has Gap Year job opportunities in Airbase Security Roles. For more information please visit defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

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.

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

School Wide Positive Behaviour School

A little bit of background behind SWPB. When Maryborough became a School Wide Positive Behaviour school, after much debate we settled on Responsibility, Results and Respect as the three key words to express the behaviour we wanted to see. Each week we focus on one of these words and expand on its meaning to enlighten our students.

The focus for the last two weeks has been RESULTS which has been unpacked with this explanation, a student who wants good results, ‘Attempts all set tasks to best of ability and in the time provided.’ Will access appropriate resources and teacher assistance to meet curriculum requirements.’ and ‘Uses personal time in breaks to access toilet, food and drinks - to interact positively with peers through recreation and rest - to access school resources to complete assessment items.’

Parent of Year 10 Students

Information regarding career choices was sent home with your child. The flyer provides strategies for parents to help their children explore career options and pathways. If you haven’t received your copy, please contact the school or access this resource at www.education.gov.au/career-development

Year 12 QTAC Applications for 2015

Applications for tertiary education in 2015 are due by the end of Term 3 this year. It is time for Year 12 students who are intending to apply for tertiary education next year to start thinking seriously about their application. Before the end of term, students will be given a general reminder about the application process and what needs to be done. Early next term each student will be assigned a teacher to assist with choices and to help make sure that the application process is followed through. Students will be required to list up to 8 course preferences when they make their QTAC application. Over the holidays please take time to discuss with your child what their preferences might be for next year what courses they might be thinking of enrolling in for next year.

The QTAC team

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.
Mary Poppins Mania

Get ready for magical, madcap Mary Poppins mania at the Mary Poppins Festival in the Park on Sunday 6 July from 10am to 4pm.

Special Mary Poppins themed activities include umbrella art, crazy chimney sweep challenges and nanny races, sidewalk art, circus workshops, camel rides, puppets and music.

The Alphabet is the theme of this year’s grand parade, so be creative, dress up and join in for a chance to win some great prizes. There will be a Magical Mystery Treasure Trail to find giant alphabet letters and clues scattered around the festival grounds to enter a prize draw. Register now to take part in the nanny race and chimney sweep challenge.

Other Mary Poppins Festival week events include:

- Story-telling sessions at the Maryborough Library on 30 June and Hervey Bay Library on 1 July.
- Mary Market Day - Maryborough’s famous weekly market will transform into a special celebration of all things Mary on July 3.
- Mary Poppins Matinee and Gala Movie Night - Enjoy a screening of the 1964 Disney classic at the Maryborough Cinema at 2pm on 3 July and at a special gala movie night from 6.30pm on 4 July.
- Mary Poppins activities at the Discovery Sphere and kite making sessions at USQ on 5 July.

For all the details go to marypoppinsfestival.com.au