4 August 2014

Principal’s Report

Week three was a big week for us with our parent teacher interviews and our Junior Secondary academic awards ceremony. There were over 50 students who received awards.

This week we have our Senior Secondary academic awards ceremony, with over 70 students receiving awards on Wednesday.

Principal
Karen McKinnon

It is great to see the number of students receiving these awards and both students and teachers should be congratulated on the hard work they do each and every day towards ensuring they are successful.

This term there are a number of excursions, beginning with our annual Marine Studies camp, followed by a number of Art excursions to Gatakers Art Space.

On Thursday the 7th August, our Theatre and Dance students will perform some dance and theatre pieces of work which showcases senior work from throughout the year.

On Friday 8th August at 6:00pm please come and view the excellent art work in the combined school art exhibition which is showcasing secondary school student work from the Maryborough Secondary schools. There is free entry with light refreshments.

Master Art classes have started once again and are going well. Granville students who participated last term, will exhibit their ceramic art pieces in the near future.

We have been gearing up for the Technology Challenge with a number of our teams training hard. The commencement of Solar boat classes for current primary school students. These students have just finalised their boat design and will be building them in the next few weeks. I had the opportunity to work with a number of these students this week and it was fantastic to see their innovative designs.

Mr Bates and Mrs Morris, together with our Heads of Departments, organised another “Big Day Out” for year five students from Tinana State School, Albert State School, Central State School and Granville State School. The purpose of these events is to demystify high school and give students a view of what high school is like. The feedback from teachers and students about these events is very positive.

During the coming months E block will be internally painted, and fitted with new carpet and furniture in readiness for our year 7 students in 2015. Year 8 students in 2015 will be situated in our refurbished F block. The area between the two blocks is currently a car park. At the end of the year this car park will be closed off and the area extended for our junior secondary students. It will be fitted out with handball courts, seating and shade sails.

We are holding a Subject Expo and a Year 7/8 enrolment evening on the 27th August. Please keep this date free. This is a night where parents and students can come and talk to teachers and Heads of Departments about subject selection for senior secondary. It is also a time when parents of new enrolments can come and collect a Maryborough State High transition pack, which includes all the information necessary for beginning secondary school in 2015. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Strengthening Discipline at Maryborough State High

At Maryborough State High we want all our students to be successful at school and to have successful futures. That’s why we have high expectations of our students and we know that you as parents and carers are supportive of our high expectations, because you want the best for your child.

The majority of our students come to school ready to learn and we are very proud of them and the great work they do each and every day. However, a small percentage of students do the wrong thing and misbehave and this not only affects their success but also the learning of other students and this is not acceptable.

At Maryborough State High we work with these students on managing their behaviour and provide a number of supportive, intervention and proactive programs such as: Peer Mentoring, Drumbeat, Shine, Rock and Water and a range of individualised programs. We also provide opportunities for students to reflect on their behaviours with referrals to the Guidance Officer, the Alternative Learning Space and detentions within school hours.

In 2013, an amendment bill called Strengthening Discipline in State Schools 2013, was passed which enabled schools to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour.
From this year we have been given greater flexibility to choose additional behavioural management options and these include:

- **Discipline Improvement Plans** which are developed by schools with students and their parents to set out expectations for behaviour. These plans will include strategies to support students to change their behaviour.
- **Community Service Interventions** which require students to perform tasks out of school hours that are beneficial to the community. This exposes students to new challenging environments as well as encouraging teamwork, self-respect, commitment and confidence.

There are also some major changes made to detentions, suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment which include:

- Removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends
- Shifting the suspension period for short suspensions from 1-5 school days to 1-10 school days
- Removing written submission provisions against proposed exclusions
- Removing the show-cause process prior to cancelling an enrolment
- Expanding the grounds for suspensions and exclusions
- Expanding the grounds in relation to conduct to include conduct occurring outside school.

From the 9th August we will begin holding detentions outside of normal school hours. These detentions will be held after school during the week and also on Saturday mornings. Parents of students who are required to attend a detention outside of normal school hours will be provided with a notification by a telephone call and also in writing prior to the detention time.

We take the education of your child seriously. Please contact me on 41209333 should you wish to discuss further.

**Junior Secondary Update**

Friday, 25 July, was an exciting day for some of our year 8 students as they participated in their first training day for Peer Skills Mentoring. Peer Skills is a valuable addition to a variety of our school’s programs including leadership, anti-bullying and social/emotional wellbeing. The Lifeline Community Care Peer Skills Program recognises that when young people have difficulties, they frequently in the first instance turn to their peers for support rather than approaching an adult. Participation in this training will further develop the valued qualities of positive listening and helping skills. The purpose of the training is to develop personal strengths within the participants such as self-understanding, the fostering of positive supportive relationships, cultivating greater competence in problem solving, conflict resolution, goal setting, leadership skills, and goal achievement.

**Topics covered in the program included:**

- Values and attitudes
- Listening and responding
- Problem solving
- Identifying individual strengths and self-care
- Exploring helping services in the local community.

Many students across all year levels at Maryborough State High are qualified Peer Skills Mentors. We are fortunate to have three facilitators in our school community who deliver this program – Trudy Hawkins (School Nurse), Mark Bryant (Chaplain) and Caroline Brunke (Youth Support Worker). Many thanks to the support of these dedicated staff members in developing our young people.

Tuesday 22 July was the first of two Junior Secondary Information Sessions held at Maryborough State High School, in A Block Hall in the evening. Students and parents of students who are coming to Maryborough State High School in 2015, either in Year 7 or Year 8, were welcomed into the school for a short presentation and Q & A time. It was a great opportunity to meet key staff in the school, including our Principal, Ms McKinnon, and Deputy Principal for Junior Secondary, Mr Bates. Our next information evening will be on Tuesday 19 August, at 5:30pm in A Block Hall.

Once again this term we were able to congratulate and celebrate the achievements of many students in Years 8 and 9 at our Junior Secondary Academic Celebration Parade. We had over 50 students receive either an Excellence in Academic Achievement Award or an Excellence in Effort Award during this special ceremony. Parents were invited to join in the celebrations, and we were fortunate enough to have our lovely hospitality staff and students cater a morning tea after the parade. We look forward to celebrating yet again in Term 4 our students’ achievements from this term. Well done!

**Sharyn Morris**  
Dean - Junior Secondary

**Rite Journey Departure Ceremony**

On Thursday 24th of July, the Rite Journey Departure ceremony was held at the school. It was attended by about forty students and parents.

The ceremony is held to acknowledge the transition into adulthood through which our students are passing. A successful transition into adulthood is usually based on hundreds of conversations about what it means to be an effective woman or man in the twenty-first century. In a world
where young people are increasingly socialised by the media, the internet and their peers, we believe it is important for adults in their lives to offer some guidance.

The departure ceremony was a simple affair. There was an information session about the program and its aims. Parents and carers were given a gift of appreciation from their children (tears were shed), children were given a gift from their parents, there was a song, and the ceremony was then over.

Thank you to the parents who attended. To the parents who couldn’t make it, you will be receiving your child’s gratitude letter soon. Please take the time out to read the letter and discuss it with your child.

If there are any questions about the Rite Journey program and its aims, you can email me on dyate9@eq.edu.au.

**Ignition Exhibition**

This year we have been extremely lucky to have such a dedicated, enthusiastic and talented group of senior students. Our Theatre and Dance Showcase will be held at The Powerhouse in Kent Street, on Thursday Aug 7th, starting at 6pm, with woodfired pizza available from 5:30pm. Entry is a gold coin donation.

This evening is designed to showcase some of the work that dance and drama students have been involved with this year to date. Drama students have been exploring Realism and Physical Theatre, while dance students have engaged in Musical Theatre and Contemporary styles. The Dance Troupe will also be presenting some hip hop pieces and we have a number of items that have been choreographed by the students themselves.

So come along and support our students at what is sure to be an entertaining evening.

**Theatre and Dance Showcase Evening**

**Toastmasters**

We had four students from Year 8 and 9 represent Maryborough State High in a Toastmasters public speaking course last week at Aldridge. They had to present a 3 minute speech on a topic of their choice. The girls did a tremendous job!

**Year 9 Visit to Gatakers Artspace**

On Friday 25 July, Year 9 Art students visited Gatakers Art Space to see the exhibition by local Howard artist, Jo Williams. The Year 9 classes delighted in seeing a variety of work by Jo Williams including painting, drawing and printmaking. Their visit was made even more educational by having an artist talk whereby Jo Williams discussed her body of work and toured the group through the gallery. Year 9 students are also looking forward to their digital photography being displayed at “Ignition” a Maryborough Combined Secondary Schools’ exhibition at Gatakers Art Space alongside other Maryborough High School students work. The official opening is Friday 08 August at 6:00pm.
they need to log up their hours (some are working directly in their Record Books). On Friday August 1st, a number of Bridge 1 students are travelling to Burrum Heads for the day for their Adventurous Journey. This semester a Dukes lesson has been set up in period 1 on Friday’s to enable a number of Bridge 2 students to complete their Award. We have just welcomed on board our first Silver student (good on you Locky! Looking forward to sharing the journey with you) and late term 4, I wish to start enrolling students who finish Bridge 2 this year into Bronze so they are ready to start work first up in 2015.

Shortly after our last very successful camp, the Fraser Coast Community Support Group Inc. donated cutlery, crockery, and kitchen gear worth $150 to the Maryborough High Dukes program. This gift is greatly appreciated and meets a very real need.

Ron Accutt is finalising his cycling qualifications and National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme registration so he can sign off Adventurous Journeys. Also Shane Skennar will complete his Orientation to Duke of Edinburgh shortly so he can also assist co-ordinating Dukes in Maryborough State High School.

**Year 12 News and Information**

**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 and get any work they have 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** and the **Graduation Ceremony on Friday 21 November** at the Brolga Theatre.

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. 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 soon as this will go under their Year 12 photo in the magazine. 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. Please have both items to Mrs Taylor or Robyn no later than Week 4 of this term.

**Students have also been given a sheet of paper where they need to complete their most memorable achievement and aspirations/goals/hopes/plans/career path as this is required for the Graduation Ceremony. This will need to be e-mailed to me or dropped off at Student Services by the end of Week 6 of this term.**

The formal committee held the Slave Auction on Thursday 24th July. This was a great success. The money due for this fundraiser was Thursday 31st July. Monday 4th August will be an exciting day for all as this will be Slave Day.

**Senior Shirts**

Year 12 students have the opportunity to order a Senior Shirt for 2014. They can place their order with Mrs Taylor at the PE staffroom. They will need to select their size and have money paid to the office by Friday 8 August.

**Bear Memories**

The Year 12 students have the opportunity to order a Graduation Bear ($14.00), or a Football or Soccer Shape Ball ($13.20) through the school for their friends to sign. A great memento of their school years which they will treasure! Any students who are interested can come and see Mrs Taylor.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- USQ Mouldy Murder – 5 August
- USQ Toowoomba Open Day - 17 August
- Headstart Key Date: last day to drop S2 courses without fee - 15 August
- USQ Springfield Open day – 24 August
- USQ Scholarships available and close 29 August - more details visit USQ website
- NSW University information on scholarships is available from year coordinator or go to www.whatson.unsw.edu.au
- ADF Gap Year. The Army has Gap Year jobs 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 - Commissions in January/February 2015
- University of Queensland has scholarships for academic excellence and encourage students to apply. For more information go to the website www.uq.edu.au/scholarships

Mrs Carrie Taylor
**Year 12 Co-ordinator**

**Sport News**

**School Athletics Carnival**

All students who finished in the top two of most events will represent Maryborough State High School at the Fraser District Athletics Carnival, being held at Tinana Oval on Wednesday 20th August from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, and Thursday 21st August from 8:00am - 2:00pm.

Permission letters and medical forms have been given to students attending the trials. If your student has not received their information they can do so by coming to the PE staffroom during a lunch hour to get the required handouts.

Students are responsible for getting to and from the venue using their own transport. If students are not sure what event they are in, please check the information posted on the PE noticeboard or see Mrs Taylor.
All students attending the trials will be given a timetable of their scheduled event. There is also lunch time training during the week for students to attend.

As we have completed the last event for the Athletics Carnival of 2014, the results have been calculated for Age Champions and the winning house.

Congratulations to the following students:

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| 13  | 1 Darcy Knight – 68 points  
2 Chris Ladd – 48 points  
3 Beau Lewis – 44 points | 1 Shanae Outhwaite – 81 points  
2 Bethany Robinson – 64 points  
3 Marie Ginich-Drescher – 48 points |
| 14  | 1 Jayden Phillips – 61 points  
2 Brandon Clayton – 57 points  
3 David Phillips – 44 points | 1 Rebekah Verlin – 58 points  
2 Jessica Kakouris – 43 points  
3 Shauna O’Halloran – 36 points |
| 15  | 1 Zac Reid – 94 points  
2 Bray Bulmer – 49 points  
3 Zac Charteris – 43 points | 1 Cassie McCabe – 84 points  
2 Abbey-Leigh Kassulke – 80 points  
3 Rachel Miles – 61 points |
| 16  | 1 Lance McLeod – 92 points  
2 Coriel Betiz – 66 points  
3 Tyson Head – 54 points | 1 Amy Ross – 86 points  
2 Teari Grundy – 36 points  
3 Kelsey Elliott – 30 points |
| OPEN | 1 Jayden Bulmer – 53 points  
2 Korey Forster – 49 points  
3 Jayden Zampech – 37 points | 1 Samantha Pincham – 103 points  
2 Melissa Emery – 73 points  
3 Ebony Keene – 51 points |

The age champion in each division will receive their medallion at the Sports Presentation Night on Friday 31st October at the Brolga Theatre. Well done to all students!

There was a fierce completion on both days with all sporting houses. The points were close all the way but there was one team that went that one step further.

In 4th place on 905 points, Melville-Russell, 3rd place Barton-Hyne on 1183 points, 2nd place on 1242 points Morton-Harrington and in 1st place on 1443 points was Glasgow-Hosburgh.

Congratulations to all sporting houses!

Thank you once again to all those students who assisted on the day and to all the wonderful staff at Maryborough State High School.

**Inter-School Tenpin Bowling**

In August Daniel Davey, Liam Wilson and Jack Wootton will participate in the Inter-school Tenpin Bowling Challenge in Brisbane. To assist these young boys, the Maryborough Bowling Club has donated a bowling ball to raffle to help with the costs of registration and travel. Congratulations to Lee Dyball who won the raffle of the bowling ball. Thank you to all those who supported this fundraising event, for these students to attend the State Bowling Championships in August. Thank you to the Maryborough Bowling Club.

**Kailan Harris – State Cross Country**

A huge congratulations to Kailan who recently attended the State Cross Country Championships, and finished 20th overall in the U19 Boys! Great effort Kailan!

**Dylan Hard and Jackson Hoyes**

Congratulations to Dylan and Jackson who recently represented Wide Bay U19 School Boys Softball at the State Titles. They finished fourth overall and had a great championship.

Well done to both Dylan and Jackson.

**Excellence Sporting Program 2015**

Maryborough State High School will be extending the Sporting Excellence Program to include Hockey and Soccer in 2015. Students will be able to choose either a Soccer or Hockey HPE class in Years 7, 8 and 9.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to have a specialised teacher in these areas to coach them in the sport, skill and game play.

Students will be given more information on school parade over the next few weeks. There will also be visits to the primary schools to promote this program. If you require any more information please feel free to contact Mrs Carrie Taylor at the school.

**Sports Co-ordinator – Mrs C Taylor**

**Hair Models Needed!**

Certificate II Hairdressing students are looking for volunteer male and female models.

**WHERE:** Maryborough State High School’s Hair and Make-up room (D Block)  
**HOW:** Phone 41209317 to discuss an appointment time
WHEN: Tuesdays 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm OR Thursdays 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
WHAT: Semi and permanent colour (some foiling available).
COST: Students $15. All other clients $25.
Free shampoo and blow dry. Free hair and scalp treatments

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 31 July:
Year 8 – Emily Fry, Katie Donsky, Breanna Walker, Alexis Donohue
Year 9 – Kala Olsen, Ewen Nicol, Kashama Trousdell, Olivia Kilmurray
Year 10 – Chloe Birt, Sinead Kirstenfeldt, Taylah Browning, Hayley Ward
Year 11 – Casey Ferguson, Bryce Hinsley, Selwyn Kirstenfeldt, Bryce Sinning
Year 12 – Dayna Muller, Melissa Suthem, Samantha Barlow, Tim Buckley

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 6 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

Thought you might be interested...

AUSIS INFO - American University Sport Scholarship Information - is a brand new website designed to educate families step by step on the American University Sport Scholarship process and what it entails, without huge agency costs. We use as many Australian student-athlete stories whenever they are not eligible for the American University Sport Scholarship they have been awarded, normally due to the subjects they have chosen to study from grade 9, not sitting required exams, and/or not getting a clearance from the relevant associations in time.

Our goal is to ensure athletes will be eligible for the scholarships they are awarded by helping families understand that this process starts from grade 9, and assisting them in ensuring eligibility. Subjects chosen, grades achieved and sporting events attended are all considered. It's not just about being a talented athlete.

Are you able to pass on our details to your Head of Sport, Guidance Counselor, Head of Senior Schooling or who you think may be interested, for consideration as a resource for your students. We are so excited to be offering this new service, which allows families to investigate this complicated pathway through an easy to follow step by step format, at an affordable cost ensuring our athletes are eligible.

To find out more head to the website - www.ausis.info

Early School Leavers Survey 2014
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 or prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.