The last two weeks have been particularly demanding on the Year 12 students, many of whom had QCS, exams and work experience. Last exams for term three for Year 12 students were on Friday. Assessment is currently due for all students in Years 8 to 11, please contact teachers if students are falling behind.

Principal 
Karen McKinnon

There has been a buzz in the air again as the school launched into preparation for the annual Technology Challenge. Each year it is a truly amazing sight to see, one day the fences are pulled down, the next the oval is awash with tents and gazebos are lining the streets. It is wonderful to see our community working together to put on a HPV event that is rivalled by none other in Queensland.

Our year 10 students will be choosing their subjects for year 11 in 2015 now. “SetP” interviews are designed for parents and teachers to sit together and develop an individual learning pathway for students. “SetP” interviews are being held next Thursday the 18th September. Parents can make interview times by going online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the event code “F4P77” and following the prompts.

Year 10 reports will be posted home on Monday the 15 September. Please bring these to your “SetP” interviews.

Attendance:

Did you know?

- Missing one day of school each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year.
- Each day absent in high school has an impact on literacy and numeracy skills and on student’s future success.

Our attendance goal of 90% at Maryborough State High. This term over 85% of students have met our attendance goal of 90%. Congratulations Maryborough High!

The last day of the school term is the 19th September.

Term 4 begins on Tuesday 6th October as Monday the 5th is a public holiday.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Junior Secondary Update

It is nearly the end of term 3 and nearly the time for our end of term Rewards Day! Letters should be coming home now if your child has met the requirements to be joining us for Rewards Day this term (on Friday 19 September). Many students in Junior Secondary follow our rules associated with Respect, Results and Responsibility the majority of the time, and our Rewards Day is a chance for us to celebrate this behaviour and acknowledge the positive effect it has on our school community. To be able to attend our Rewards Day, students have to be in attendance for greater than 90% of the term, and have minimal behaviour reports with no suspensions. If your child is being acknowledged, please return the form ASAP as last minute arrangements on the day can be very disruptive and sometimes lead to disappointment if the movie choice is limited due to numbers. A big thank you to Mr Smith for organising Rewards Day again this term. Congratulations to all students who will be joining us on Friday!

Transition activities for our Primary school students have now ended for term 3. Thursday afternoon period 5 sessions have proven to be effective in allowing future students to sample a taste of high school life, meet a variety of teachers in a variety of subjects and become familiar with our environment and behaviour expectations. As we quickly approach the start of 2015, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 8s and Year 7s to Maryborough State High School. If you haven’t already taken the time to arrange your enrolment interview, please do so as soon as possible at the start of term 4 as it assists us with planning for your child in classes and orientation days. Looking towards term 4, students will be joining us for two days of orientation in week 9. Future Year 8 students will come to Maryborough High on Monday 1 December and Tuesday 2 December, and future Year 7 students will join us on Wednesday 3 December and Thursday 4 December. Letters with details for the two days will be sent home via your Primary school in the early weeks of term 4.

Maryborough State High School strives to be a healthy school, where we serve appropriate food in our tuckshop that meets strict guidelines for the wellbeing of our students. Occasionally, and more frequently lately, students will bring food to school which doesn’t comply with our healthy food guidelines. In particular, this includes fizzy softdrinks and energy drinks. We
are concerned for the health of the young people in our school and do not allow energy drinks to be brought to school for this reason. The caffeine content of these drinks can sometimes exceed the equivalent of 5 or 6 cups of coffee in one sitting, highly inappropriate for a developing body. In addition to this, research has discovered a very strong link between energy drinks and mental health issues amongst teens. Negative behaviours in and out of the classroom can sometimes occur directly after the consumption of these drinks. As a result, students who bring them to school can expect to have them confiscated by a teacher and appropriate consequences applied. If you wish to read further into the negative health aspects of these drinks, the Australian Medical Association has many worthwhile articles on their website – eg https://ama.com.au/ausmed/teen-mental-health-linked-energy-drinks.

We would like to thank you for your support during term 3 in assisting with the education of your child in Junior Secondary and look forward to finishing off the year in term 4 after the break. Have a safe and restful two week break, and remember that the first Monday back is a public holiday so school will resume on Tuesday 7 October.

Sharyn Morris
Dean, Junior Secondary

Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition

On Thursday 28 and Friday 29 August the Maryborough High Equestrian team represented the school at the annual Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition, Daina Neilsen, Johanna Hess, Isabeau Demelt and Taylah Browning competed against some two hundred and fifty students from over 50 schools in events such as show jumping, hack and rider classes and sporting challenges. Paige Sinning, who is also on the team, unfortunately had a fall in training recently and was unable to compete on the day. Thankfully, the weather held out and there were no injuries, with Daina and Johanna each receiving ribbons on the Friday. Daina Neilsen is also a representative of the NBHA (National Barrel Horse Association) and went on to compete in Bundaberg on Saturday to uphold her first place title.

All in all, the two days were a success, and the dedication and commitment of both the students and their parents to training and preparation for such an event is to be highly commended. Sadly, this has been the final competition for Daina and Johanna, who are preparing to graduate Year 12 this year. We are hopeful, however to expand our team in 2015 and many students have already expressed a keen interest.

A big thank you to students and parents for making this event possible. Well done girls!

Hayley Caines
Equestrian Coordinator

Year 11 Biology Excursion to Cooloola National Park

As part of an ecology unit focussing on human impacts, Year 11 Biology students have been completing field work at various locations throughout Cooloola National Park.

Study sites have included Seary’s Creek, Bymien Rainforest and Carlo Sand Blow, as well as mangroves and sand dunes at Rainbow Beach. During their field work, students collected a variety of data using sampling techniques such as quadrats and line transects.

Participation in field work is a popular aspect of the biology course at Maryborough State High School, especially for students considering a career in environmental science. Student Brayden Jenner described a presentation by Ranger Alana Kippers from Queensland Parks and Wildlife as a highlight of the excursion saying “It’s exciting to learn about different career paths that involve working outside with plants and animals instead of being stuck in an office.”

Back at school, students will use their data to prepare a report assessing the biological health of Cooloola National Park and recommend strategies to minimise negative human impacts in the future.

Students conducting a soil percolation test at Seary’s Creek; Students learning about the sand dune vegetation at Rainbow Beach

Music Tour 2014

Maryborough High Instrumental Music and Choir students embarked on their annual tour on Wednesday 20 August. Our group of 40 students and 4 staff performed at several schools on the road including Federal State School, Caloundra Primary and Kawana Waters. Students got their cultural “fix” on Thursday with a performance by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and visits to GoMA and the museum. Our tour concluded with a combined workshop and performance with some very talented students from Mountain Creek State High School. Thank you to Miss Franklin, Miss McKaskill, Mrs
Richardson, Big M and all of our Instrumental Music and Choir students for making our 2014 tour a huge success!

Year 12 Students Sit QCS Test

The Year 12 OP eligible students recently sat the QCS test as part of the process for university placements. The test consists of four sub-tests: a 600 word writing task, a short response paper and two multiple choice tests. The students were focused and totally committed to doing their best over the two days.

They were well nourished with a fantastic breakfast provided by the hospitality team of staff and students and were accompanied to the testing room by the well wishes of the Principal, staff and support staff.

We are very positive that they will achieve fantastic results after a solid preparation program conducted each Thursday.

The Year 11 students sat a practice QCS test on the Thursday and Friday after the Year 12 test. This was to get them exam fit and to expose them to the types of skills required. These tests have been sent away to external QCS markers who will give students feedback on ways to improve. The preparation program for Year 11 students will continue this year and in 2015.

A huge thanks to all the staff and parents who ensured the students were well prepared for this important test.

Megan Kaufman and Garry Manteit having a coffee before QCS test

Library News

We recently celebrated Children’s Book Week with another display put together by the talented Mrs Challacombe. Lots of interest in the short listed books and the theme – Connect to Reading.

The end of term is nigh and we would appreciate if you could encourage your students to return the resources they have finished using this term as soon as possible. Students are encouraged to borrow some reading for over the holidays if they so wish.

Palma News

This year Maryborough High’s yearbook ‘Palma’ Magazine will be based on pre-orders. By the end of term a letter and order form will be sent to each family. Don’t miss out on ordering your magazine!

Orders will be collected up to week 5 of term 4.

Contact Details

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number?

It has come to our attention that some contact details we have are incorrect. If you have changed any contact details please contact the office as soon as possible.

Early Departures

If your student needs to leave school for any reason during the day, it is mandatory that you supply a note to student services explaining the departure.
Payment Options

Bpay is no longer an option for paying invoices.
You are able to pay by EFT, bank transfer or cash.

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 11 September:
Year 8 – Kyle Sheehy, Jessica Stollberg, Katie Donsky, Caitlin Anderson
Year 9 – Erin Schultz, Benjamin Joyson, Tamika Ivey, Anthony Saxby
Year 10 – Chelsea Stollberg, Loretta Shirley, Michael Callinan, Caity Kirton
Year 11 – Taylor Gielesse, Bri Mustey-Schwartz, Courtney Mustey-Schwartz, Amy Ross
Year 12 – No draw due to senior exams

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 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 and Graduation Ceremony on Friday 21 November at the Brolga Theatre. Students will be given more information on the formal by the end of the term. A reminder that the cost for the formal ticket will be around $110 to cover all costs!

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.

The formal committee held their raffle on Friday 5 September. A huge thank you to the following businesses in Maryborough who kindly donated items for this raffle:

- Car wash supplies donated by Supercheap Auto: Winner - Mark Livingstone
- Voucher donated by Maryborough Motorcycles: Winner - Heike Romba
- Voucher donated by Lowes Maryborough: Winner - Tanika Nystrom
- Voucher donated Bob Jane T-Marts: Winner - Tamika Peterson

A huge thank you to all those people who bought a ticket to help raise money for the formal!

The formal committee is also selling Rotary Calendars for $5.00. A huge thank you to the Rotary Club who has donated the calendars to the Formal Committee to sell to help raise money for the formal!

Senior Shirts

The senior shirts have arrived and students can collect them from Mrs Taylor at the PE staffroom.

Bear Memories

The Bears have arrived and can be collected from Mrs Taylor at the PE staffroom.

Diploma of Football

FC11 is now pleased to announce their partnership with Football Federation Victoria. This partnership sees FC 11 – The Diploma of Football becomes an official education partner of FFV and also the official education partner of National Premier Leagues Victoria. This is a full-time applied based curriculum model currently conducted in Melbourne at the Melbourne University, where students train and study at the same time. This is aimed at individuals that have completed Year 12 and are looking at becoming a professional or semi-professional player, sports coach, sports trainer, sports administrator or looking to work in sports management, sports tourism, facility management and more. For more information please visit www.fc11.com.au, email info@fc11.com.au or call 1 300 412 990.

Important Dates to Remember

Head Start CIS1000 (Information Systems Concepts) Intensive Semester 3 – opportunity for high school students to undertake a University subject (2014/2015 summer holidays period) For more information visit www.usq.edu.au/headstart
USQ - Indigenous Connections – 18 September
QTAC – on time application closing date 30 September
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 www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear - Commences 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
MONASH University – offers a number of scholarships to support access to university and reward academic achievement – For more information visit – www.monash.edu/study/apply/special-admissions

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

Sport News

Wide Bay Athletics

Best of luck to the following students who will represent Fraser District at the Wide Bay trials in Gayndah on Monday 15 September and Tuesday 16 September:

- Karla Gundry (14 Years) – Second in Discus
- Brandon Clayton (14 Years) – First in Discus
- David Phillips (14 Years) – Second in 200m and Long Jump
- Zachery Reid (15 Years) – Second in 400m, First 800m and High Jump, Second in Triple Jump
- Sam Pincham (Open) – Second in Discus
- Tim Buckley (Open) – Tied first in High Jump
- Connor Head (Open) – Second in Javelin

George Brown – Queensland School Sport 15 years Football

Congratulations to George who was recently invited to be a member of the Queensland School Sport Football team to participate in the 15 years Schools Japan Football Tour in late September. This is a fantastic achievement George! Best of luck and well done!

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 Years 7, 8 and 9.

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

Students will be given more information to them 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 Presentation Night

Our annual sports night will be held on Friday 31 October. Any student who won an age champions in any of the three carnivals or represented Wide Bay for their sport through school will be presented with an award on the night. Nominations will be given out in the next few weeks to those students who would like to nominate for Junior/Senior Sports Person of the Year.

Mrs C Taylor
Sports Co-ordinator

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 and 1pm-4pm OR Thursdays 9am-12pm and 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

Facial and Make Up Services Available

Year 12 Graduating Make up Students would like to offer staff and students the opportunity to have a Facial or Make up service on Mondays between 9am and 3pm. Make up services are $10 for a 30min service. Facial cleanse and mask/exfolient $10. Look and feel wonderful.

Bookings can be made by phone ext. 317 or come in to Locks and Lashes Salon Mondays between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

All The Latest Apps You Need To Know About

Taken from Cybersafety solutions- GenerationNEXT

Ask.fm Age requirement 13+

Is a Latvia based social networking site, users can ask each other questions with the option of anonymity which most users do. Because of the anonymity it encourages nasty questions and can be used to bully and harass, there have been several suicides overseas linked to the site.

Instagram Age requirements 13

Instagram is an online photo/video sharing site, users can choose to share privately. If location services are set ‘on’ your device then the GPS position of where you were when you took the picture is easily obtained. Is used for cyberbullying, ensure full privacy settings are enabled.

KiK Age restriction 17+ No 1 app for Predators

KiK is a messaging app that is free, it is the number one app causing problems in schools at the moment as younger kids are using it behind their parents back so there is a large number of young and vulnerable kids and is a haven for online predators. Police around the world regularly warn about this one.

Omegle Age restriction 17+

Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to communicate with strangers without registering. The service randomly pairs users in 1:1 chat anonymously and has extensive sex chat/video and you can guess the rest.

Qooh.me Age restriction 13+

Qooh.me is a social site that allows people to find you interesting to ask you anonymous questions so they can get to know you better. Best to avoid as anonymity causes problems.
meSpring.me Age requirement 13+
Spring me is the new name for ask me anything site. Has been linked to several cases of youth suicide. Avoid.

Snapchat Age restriction 13+
Snapchat is a photo messaging app which allows users to take photos, record videos, add text and drawings and send them to a controlled group of recipient’s, this image is displayed for a certain period of time then is hidden from the users screen, but it is retrievable if required. Snapchat is fun and harmless is used appropriately but when teens use it for naked or semi naked pictures it can cause serious problems for those involved.

Tumblr Age restriction 13+
Tumblr is a blogging site that allows you to post, comment and share your thoughts about anything that interests you. You can follow other users to see what they are posting about. The site encourages creativity and allows others with similar interests to connect it is now known as a haven for those who are depressed, suicidal or self harming. Use of this site needs to be monitored closely.

Apps from overseas to be aware of:
Confide Age restriction 13+
Is a messaging app similar to snapchat, where the message disappears. This encourages people to ‘go off the record’ and ‘say what you like’ as the message is confidential, which it isn’t. This site can be used for cyberbullying as they think they won’t get caught.

Popcorn chat
Allows users to privately chat with people within a 1.6km radius, it’s purpose is to allow you to discover who is around you, predator alert! The Itune app encourages students to use it at school when they are bored.

Community Notices
Garage Sale Trail
Australia’s biggest Garage Sale is upon us once again and Fraser Coast residents are being encouraged to join the fun.

The Garage Sale Trail (Saturday 25 October) organises communities around Australia to hold garage sales on the same day with a focus on sustainability, community, commerce and fun. This year the event celebrates its fourth birthday and Councillor for Community Health, Education and Training Robert Garland is urging Fraser Coast residents to get on board. “It is an excellent opportunity for everyone to have a tidy up, potentially make some money and meet new people in your community,” he said. “More importantly it promotes re-use, it helps reduce waste to landfill, enables new neighbourly connections and provides a possible platform for fundraising for schools, community groups and charities.”

Over the past three years Garage Sale Trail has grown into an epic national event involving over:
- 100 Councils Australia-wide;
- 7,000 sales nationally;
- 360,000 participants;
- 35,000 sellers; and
- an online audience of 2.1million.

Last year’s event resulted in 1.5 million items listed for reuse (that’s an average of 8 shopping trollies redistributed per sale), and over 230,000 new community connections (13 new connections per participant). Bargain hunters can create their own Treasure Trail of sales they wish to visit and print their own map to take on the day, or access the map on their mobile device. “It’s a fantastic initiative and it’s getting bigger and better every year.”

To register your garage sale or to create a Treasure Trail, visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au