13 October 2014

Principals Report

Welcome back to what is usually the busiest time of the year. Our Year 12 students are working hard to complete the final stage of their secondary schooling and have only five weeks left.

This term also includes the Gala Concert, the Sports Presentation Evening, Awards Night, Graduation and the Year 12 formal.

Principal
Karen McKinnon

During the holidays the shade sails were erected over the Ferry street car park in preparation for the creation of a Junior Secondary area. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will have access to this area when it is completed in 2015. In the next few weeks, our Junior Secondary classrooms will be refurbished in readiness for the beginning of 2015.

At Maryborough State High we are always striving to improve and on October 27, 28 and 29, a teaching and learning review will be conducted by the Australian Council of Educational Research, ACER. The reviewers use the National School Improvement Tool which can be accessed on the ACER website. Our results will be extremely valuable in our preparation for the next 4 year school improvement plan which must be completed by June in 2015. We are very excited to host this review and will be reporting on our results in the coming weeks.

Reports have been posted home this week. I would like to extend my congratulations to all students on their great results for Term 3. Our NAPLAN results have also been released. We use our results to identify areas where we can improve student’s literacy and numeracy.

This year’s results were very pleasing and include an

- Increase in results in all strands– Reading, Writing, Spelling, G & P, Numeracy
- Increase in upper two bands in all strands
- Increase in our numeracy with 95.8% of students scoring at the National Mean

On December 1 and 2 we will be beginning our orientation days with our Year 8 students who will be attending in 2015 and on the December 3 and 4, the Year 7 students for 2015 will be attending for their orientation days. We have increased the program from one day to two to ensure that the program is a worthwhile experience, and allows students to feel very familiar with the school and our expectations for that first day in 2015.

Just a reminder that Monday, October 20 is a pupil free day. On this day we will be completing our preparations for 2015 and teachers will be either at senior moderation meetings or participating in professional development.

Best wishes for a successful term 4.

Junior Secondary Update

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope that everyone has had a great break and are now ready to start the last term of the year with enthusiasm.

Term 3 Report Cards will be arriving home via mail shortly. On Tuesday 21 October (Week 3), we will be celebrating student success in Junior Secondary with our Academic Awards Parade. Students who have achieved well in Term 3, or have shown excellence in effort will be rewarded with a certificate and morning tea with their parents or guardians. Please note that letters for eligible students will be coming home at the start of this week so that RSVPs can be made by the end of Week 2 for catering purposes.

Being organised is a key to student success with learning. Being organised involves arriving to class on time, having all equipment required and being in the right frame of mind to be ready to learn. As we enter the last term of the year, it’s essential that students stay focussed and organised to achieve. There are many distractions that take place in Term 4 with older students preparing to leave high school and it is important that Junior Secondary students remain committed to their studies during this time. Please assist your child with arriving to school on time, and having the right equipment to succeed this term.

Should you have any queries or concerns this term, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sharyn Morris
Dean – Junior Secondary

Great state. Great opportunity.
Students from Maryborough High compete in World Skills

Two students from Maryborough State High School, Jarrod Francis and Anthony Bates, left Maryborough on Tuesday 16 September to compete as Queensland/Wide Bay representatives in the Australian World Skills competition in Perth. World skills started on Thursday 18 September and concluded on Saturday 20 September.

Both students competed in the Vet in schools (VETIS) Wide Bay competition September 2013. Jarrod took out the gold medal in Engineering while Anthony took out gold in Construction.

Both students were very keen to use their skills to compete against 30 other regional winners within Australia. They were both nervous but say that it was a very good opportunity to test their skills against those in Australia.

Jarrod placed 5th in Australia and 1st in Queensland in the Engineering category and Anthony placed 4th in Australia and 1st in Queensland in the Construction category.

World Skills encourages young Australians to celebrate Vocational Education and Training and to make Australians aware that choosing a skill based career is one of the most important decisions a young person will ever make. World Skills Australia competitions operate on a 2 year cycle. Regional competitions flow on to National competitions and National Competition winners, if eligible, may be nominated for an international pathway.

The three day event showcased the skills of 500 of Australia’s best trainees, apprentices and students competing for the prestigious title of ‘Nation’s Best’ in over 50 skill and trade areas ranging from the traditional trades such as Plumbing, Bricklaying and Hairdressing to the more contemporary professions of Web Design and Fashion Technology.

Congratulations on a fantastic effort from both students.

![Jarrod and Anthony represented Queensland/Wide Bay in World Skills Competition](image)

Katrina Baker representing Maryborough High

Congratulations to Katrina Baker who will be representing Maryborough State High School when thirty Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from around Australia come together in Adelaide to participate in the annual Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS).

ASSETS is part of a larger project, funded by the BHP Billiton Foundation and managed by CSIRO, that is aimed at increasing the participation and achievement of Indigenous students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The December 2014 ASSETS program will be presented by the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and the Australian Science and Mathematics School.

The ten-day summer school provides a unique academic and cultural experience for these high-achieving Year 10 and 11 students.

The academic program involves problem-based learning and collaborative research with experts in various fields. Students will engage in cutting-edge science activities through investigations into building design and the medicinal and nutritional values of various plants used by traditional peoples in comparison with modern manufactured products. Students will share their findings through technology-focused presentations to their peers, teachers and visiting dignitaries.

There is also a rich cultural component, where students interact with traditional elders and role models to enhance cultural understandings, stimulate personal growth and develop their leadership capabilities.

Following the residential summer school, Katrina will be supported with a leadership program through Year 12.

2014 Technology Challenge Update

A fantastic turnout of 70 Maryborough State High School students competed in this year’s Technology Challenge 24 hr HPV event.

The Yr 8 team “Sparks”, consisted of Chantell Bates, Georgia Ryan, Bethany Robinson, Jemima Tennant, Claudia Giles, Audrey Hanna, Josh Skyring and Alexis Donohue. These guys gained loads of experience, had some fun and completed 216 laps to finish 14th in Junior Mixed.

The Yr 9 “24 hr Rush” team consisted of Ella Ross, Ben Joyinson, Liam Wilson, Chelsey Atkinson, Ebony Hewitt, Zac Heidenreich, Declan Kidman, Travis Egan, Rebecca Verlin and Brittany Burgess. They hastily enlisted a few more riders in the last weeks before the event and managed to complete 286 laps to finish 10th in Junior Mixed.

The experienced “Touch n Go” team included Kelsey Elliott, Greta Cherry, Lauren Smith, Cassie Cunningham, Ebony Keene, Courtney Peterson, Erin Rogers, Kaitlyn Francis and Lauren Brunke. These girls completed 296 laps to finish 10th in Open Girls.

The “Never-2 L8” team consisted of Shaun Thomson, Justin Linwood, Renee Neisler, Nick Freeleagus, Garry Manteit, Tessa McGuire, Becky Bottcher, Daniel Cronau, Adam Gear and Josh Ivey. These guys only got together as the name implies, at the last minute, and managed 311 laps to finish 23rd in Open Boys.

“Last Man Standing Yr 12 team consisted of Connor Head, Ben Nicolson, Dale Brischke, Martin Michaluk, Gavin Shields, Brian Lappin, Jessica Baker, Connor Anderson, Zac Anderson and Amy Ross. They completed 298 laps to finish 25th in Open Boys.
The Open Mixed “Roadrunners” consisted of Lachlan Genrich, Ella Douglass, Johanna Hess, Issack Wakefield, Bethany Surman, Taylah Browning, Josh Sengstock, Bray Bulmer, Mitchell Beattie and Ethan Smith. These guys raced their hearts out and spent a long time in 2nd place on the track, fading to finish 4th in Open Mixed, a fantastic effort. They completed 394 laps.

Last but not least, the “Dragon Riders” Yr 11 team consisted of Lance McLeod, Harley Schuman, Tyson Head, Jake Ward, Harrison Bridge, Lockie Zepchner, Kallan Harris and Anthony Bates.

In Maryborough State High School’s best result for many years, the “Dragon Riders” pushed themselves and their beautifully adorned trike to 467 laps, finishing 4th Overall and 2nd in Open Boys …WOW. They were also rewarded for Best Presented Vehicle and Crew.

A fantastic achievement and just reward for their training and dedication. Phew.. I’m exhausted just typing this.

A huge thanks to all the teacher/managers (Mrs McKinnon, Mr Bates, Mr Hanna, Miss Golusin, Miss Taylor, Mr Livingstone, Mr Acutt) and to all the parents who put so much time and effort into a hugely successful campaign for 2014.

Goodbye and good luck to all our departing Yr 12’s. I trust you hold fond memories of your time in HPV over the years at Maryborough State High School.

As always, HPV RULZ… Mr Humphries.

Gala Evening

On Wednesday, 22 October, the Maryborough State High School Arts Department will be holding their annual Gala concert at the Brolga Theatre. This showcase evening, beginning at 5.30pm in the foyer with light refreshments and entertainment, will be full of dance, solo and ensemble performances which are sure to amaze. Tickets are only $5 and can be pre-purchased at the Brolga or purchased on the evening. Come and support the talented music and dance students from Maryborough State High School.

Year 11 Update

Term 4 is a busy time of the year for Year 11 students. Some of the major events for Year 11s include:

- RYDA driver awareness program – 16 October at Maryborough Showgrounds
- School Captain and Prefect applications due in Week 3
- USQ Experience Day – 31 October. Students get to experience and gain information on the courses offered at Hervey Bay campus
- Exam Block in Week 7
- Senior jersey and shirt orders to be submitted by Week 7 – anticipated half cost deposit to be made with student orders. Cost to be determined on total numbers of those who indicate they are getting a jersey.
- Year 11 camp in Week 8 - letters will go home about this in Week 3 - the final cost is still to be determined. It is an expectation that all students in Year 11 attend this camp. It is not a leadership camp but a camp for all Year 11 students to be a part of.

Toward the end of last term a group of students raised funds for 40 Hour Famine and conducted an appeal at Station Square. The students also had a sleep over supported by staff to support each other in their efforts to give up food for the 40 Hours. Well done to those who gave up and those who gave donations. There are people in this world who appreciate your efforts.

LEC/Dukes Update

Just a reminder that the LEC/Dukes camp is fast approaching. The bus leaves on Saturday 18 October at 8.30am sharp and returns Sunday 19 October at 2.45pm from Kent Street.

Consent and Medical forms need to be in ASAP. Bring your fishing gear and tents if you have them, as well as the other items on the list.

A big thank you to the RSL for the funding for the camp.

Bridge one and Bridge two awards are coming along well. Students need to keep pushing on. If you have any questions or queries please see Dave McLeod.

Have your say in the future of the Technology Challenge

Fraser Coast Council is keen to get feedback on your experiences at the 2014 RACQ Technology Challenge Maryborough.


This feedback is needed to inform the future operations of the event. It is only when we know what people want, that we can deliver!

This survey will close at 12 midnight on Friday 17 October, 2014.

RATEP

What is RATEP?

RATEP is a community based Indigenous teacher education program. It is a partnership between Education Queensland, TAFE Queensland North and James Cook University (Townsville).
What does RATEP provide?

RATEP provides access to tertiary education where people live and work. It has been successful in increasing the number of qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers eligible to teach in Queensland schools. RATEP has 15 centres throughout Queensland, with a Teacher Co-ordinator at each site to assist students throughout their course.

Who can access RATEP?

Courses are only available to people who identify as indigenous. The direct clients of RATEP are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people living in regional, rural and remote communities who wish to obtain a recognised teaching qualification from a tertiary institution.

What courses are available for 2015?

Certificate III in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) will be available to students studying Year 11 in 2015. Certificate III takes place on one of the subject lines for successful applicants. Successful completion of the qualification earns 8 points towards the QCE, and can directly lead on to further study to become either a Teacher Aide or Teacher.

Certificate IV in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and Diploma of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) are available to students who have completed their QCE and adults who wish to gain these qualifications.

A Bachelor of Education is available to people who have gained an OP through their Year 12 study, direct access after the Diploma course successfully completed, or other direct entry pathways.

For more information:

Phone or visit Jan Sterling, RATEP Teacher Co-ordinator, on (07) 4120 9359 or visit Q103 at MSHS

Visit the MSHS website on https://maryboroshs.eq.edu.au > Curriculum > Tertiary Programs > Related links

Visit the RATEP link under the Parents and Community menu option at http://indigenous.education.qld.gov.au

Visit TAFE Queensland North and enter Education ATS in Search courses at http://tafенortheast.au for the top 3 links about the RATEP courses

Visit James Cook University on www-public.jcu.edu.au/education/ratep for information about their Bachelor of Education course

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.

For all families wanting to order a Palma for this year please order and pay $26 to the school as soon as possible. No orders will be taken without payment as we are only ordering what is required.

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.

Lost and Found

Student Services have a number of lost and found items (usb sticks, jumpers, watches, jewellery, keys). If you have misplaced or lost an item please see Student Services. If these items are not collected by the end of term they will be donated or thrown out.

Thank you Marshalls

A big thank you to those who assisted in Marshalling at the 2014 Technology Challenge.


Year 12 News and Information

Formal and Graduation

Formal is very fast approaching, as will be held on Saturday 15 November and Graduation Ceremony on Friday 21 November at the Brolga Theatre.

The cost for the formal will be $95 per student or partner which will be able to be paid to the office by the end of week 2. Students must have paid this money in order to attend the Formal evening, which starts at 7:00pm. Students will start arriving on the red carpet at 5:00pm.

If students wish to have their photos taken by Kim Thomsen, she will be at the school on Thursday 16 October. Students will need to arrange a time with Mrs Taylor to see her, as she will only be at the school at certain times. On this day, students will book their time with her for the night of the formal along with organising the payment. Students have been given information regarding packages and costs for the formal photos.
Graduation proceedings will begin at 9am on Friday 21 November and will finish around 11am, followed by Graduation Cake in the courtyard outside the Brolga Theatre. There will be a buffet lunch held at the Tavern for all those students and family members interested at $24.50 each, which will need to be paid to the school by Tuesday 18 November.

Students will receive an official information letter in Week 2 regarding Formal and their final week of Year 12.

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.

Year 12 USQ Successful Applicants

A huge congratulations to Tegan Hoyes, Lucy Skeels-Piggins, Johanna Hess and James Tennant who have been successful in their applications to the University of Southern Queensland for 2015.

Tegan has also been awarded the $12,000 Vice-Chancellor scholarship for USQ.

October Fundraisiers

Friday 31 October is Daniel Morcombe Day. Students will be allowed to wear red to school for a free dress day to promote keeping kids safe. We will also be having a walk for Daniel at Lunch 2 on Kings Oval for all those students who are interested. There will be a gold coin donation for the free dress day and the walk. Students will only be allowed to wear a red shirt, shorts or socks. The rest of the uniform must be according to the school policy.

During the month of October Year 12 students will be selling merchandise to help raise money for Pink Ribbon Fundraising for the Cancer Society. There will be pens ($6), Enamel Pins ($5), Bracelets ($8) and Penny Bears ($10). Students will be walking around the school selling these items during lunch breaks. Students will also have the opportunity to only donate if they choose.

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
- 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/gap year - 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
- University of the Sunshine Coast – Faculty of Arts and Business – Bursary valued at $3,000. Applications due no later than Friday 10 October 2014. For more information visit www.usc.edu.au

Mrs Carrie Taylor
Year 12 Co-ordinator

Sport News

Wide Bay Athletics

Congratulations to Zachery Reid who finished first in 15 Years High Jump, second in the 800m and third in the 400m. As Zachery made the qualifying height and time in the high jump and 800m, he will now represent Wide Bay at the State Championships in Brisbane later this month. Best of luck Zachery!

Congratulations to Brandon Clayton (14Years Javelin) and Connor Head (Open Boys Javelin) who both finished second at the Carnival but unfortunately their distances were not enough to continue on to State.
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 Captains for 2015
Students who would like to nominate for Sports Captain for 2015, can get a nomination form from outside the PE staffroom or see Mrs Taylor. Nominations are due Friday 24 October by 3:30pm to student services. A reminder that all students from Years 8-11 can nominate to become a house captain! In 2015, there will be a Junior Vice-Captain (Year 7 or 8), Junior Captain (Year 9), Senior Vice-Captain (Year 10 or 11) and Senior Captain (Year 12). Years 7s who come to Maryborough High will be able to nominate in the first week of school in 2015, therefore House Captains will not be announced until Week 2 of Term 1 in 2015. These students will be recognised at the Investiture in Term 1 of 2015.

Sports Presentation Night
Our annual Sports Night will be held on Friday 31 October. Any student who won an age champion in any of the three carnivals, represented Wide Bay for their sport through school or played a sport outside of school in which they represented Wide Bay or State will be presented with an award on the night. Nominations for Junior/Senior Sports Person of the Year are due by Friday 17 October to student services and by 3:30pm.

We are very fortunate to have Belinda Kitching, a former Australian Matildas Goal Keeper as guest speaker to our Sports Presentation.

Table bookings can be made by contacting the PE staffroom on 4120 9349.

Tamika Ivey – Futsal
Congratulations to Tamika who recently was selected to represent the U15 Girls in the Australian Team who will compete in Brazil next year. What a fantastic achievement Tamika! Well done!

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 and 1pm-4pm OR

Face 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.

2014 Christmas Hamper Challenge
Help provide a special Christmas for local needy families.
Take part in the 2014 Christmas Hamper Challenge.

Ask your family if they can purchase some extra non-perishable items to go in your Form Class’ hamper:

- Tins or cans of ham, salmon/fish/tuna, vegetables, fruit…
- Plum pudding, Christmas cake, jelly crystals, custard powder…
- Soft drink, biscuits, tea / coffee…
- Christmas goodies and decorations… - (nuts, lollies, pretzels, chocolates, bon-bons, etc.)…
- New toys, clothing, CD’s, books…
- Kitchen and toiletry items… - paper towel, serviettes, cling wrap, toothpaste, etc.)…

Each hamper will be judged according to weight, volume and variety. The top 3 Form Classes will receive a McDonalds certificate & voucher. The overall winning Form class will receive a SUBWAY rewards lunch.

Competition Begins: Monday 13th October – 8:45 AM
Competition Closes: Friday 14th November – 9:00 AM
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 2.1 million.

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