8 December 2014

Principals Report

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Throughout 2014, our priority has been on improvement. In the classroom, our focus has been on excellence in teaching and learning and as a school we have been involved in a range of professional development activities to ensure that we, as teachers, are engaged in quality teaching and that our educational programs are current, relevant and engaging.

An improved learning environment

This year, we have improved our facilities, with the majority of our classrooms having been repainted, recarpeted and the addition of air-conditioning into classrooms.

In 2015 we will continue to develop our facilities to ensure we have the very best learning environments for our students.

Pride in our school and our uniform

Our uniform is cool, comfortable, smart and with the support of our school community our uniform standards are high with students wearing our uniform with pride and confidence. In addition to the school uniform shirt, shorts and skirt, students are required to wear fully black lace up shoes, white socks and a school hat. Reasonably priced, fully black lace up shoes are available from a range of local shops, please don’t hesitate to contact the office for details about shoes that are available.

Our two day orientation program was a great success. Feedback from parents, students and teachers was extremely positive and we can be sure that students will feel much more comfortable coming into Year 7 and 8 next year already knowing their teachers, their classrooms and some of their classmates.

2015 – Some important dates

- Pupil Free Days on: Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January
- Australia Day holiday is on Monday 26 January
- School begins for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students on Tuesday 27 January
- School begins for Year 9, 10 and 11 students on Wednesday 28 January
- There will be no Pupil Free Days at the beginning of each term with the exception of January.
- The Queen’s birthday weekend holiday will be on the 8th June
- Labour day is the Monday 5 October
- Pupil Free Day in Term 4 is on Monday 19 October

First Day Procedures

Tuesday 27 January

Year 7, 8 and Year 12 students will begin the 2015 school year on Tuesday the 27 January.

All students and parents of Year 7 and 8 students will meet in the Multipurpose Hall at 8:45am for a short assembly.

Following the assembly, Year 7 and 8 parents are invited for morning tea in the outdoor learning centre while all students move to classes. Classes will finish at 2:55pm.

Second Day Procedures

Wednesday 28 January

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will assemble in the Multipurpose Hall at 8:45am for a brief address and will then be allocated to connect groups by year level coordinators. Students will then move to connect class with their connect teachers. Year 7, 8 and 12 students will have classes as per their timetable. Classes will finish at 2:55 pm.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Maryborough State High School, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Year 8 Aero have fun with Delta Darts

As a final Term activity the Year 8 Aero students had fun making and flying their Delta Darts prop planes. Thanks to
MAAA (Model Aeronautical Association of Australia) we were able to get the Delta Dart kit for free to build the 20+ little planes to fly.

After a couple of lessons of construction, the class went out to the oval to see how their darts flew. Most flew 5-10m but a couple flew halfway across the oval. The students enjoyed the engineering challenge and watching them “fly”. It was great to use more hand-on teaching aides and the students were keen to show their classmates and family their planes. The Year 8 Aero class had the opportunity to learn about aviation jobs from guest speakers throughout the term. We hope to do more exciting activities in Aerospace Studies across the grades next year and inspire young minds to the joys of flight.

Mark Heinrich
Aerospace Teacher

Sports Excellence Wrap

Guten Tag!

What a fantastic year for Maryborough State High Schools Year 8 Sports Excellence Class of 2014.

We have all worked hard in our Academic subjects as well our passion that is sport. In our class we have current swimming age champions, athletic age champions, cross country champions and students have who have made state squads outside of school. While sport is our passion we also know that success in the classroom is an important building block of our development.

Apart from sport and our school responsibilities we have completed other tasks with and for members of the immediate and wider school communities.

Football Australia (FFA) Grass Roots Football Licence

We were lucky in having Mr Bill Mitchell Technical Director for Wide Bay Revolution to attend the school over a 3 week period and put us through our Grass Roots Licences. We learnt how to coach beginning soccer players (Football for Mr H) and the fundamentals of what it is to be a coach.

Reagan Milstein Foundation

We were given the challenge of raising money to assist someone else internationally. We used our starting funds to purchase equipment required to run a cupcake stall. We organised what we were going to do, who was going to do it and had to approach staff and students for their support.

We all gave up our lunchtimes to complete this task. After starting with $20 we finished with $170 and with the money we raised we were able to purchase 15 new pairs of soccer boots for the Reagan Milstein Foundation. The foundation offers support to those less fortunate around the world and creates smiles and makes a difference through football.

Sports Carnival

We have started and completed the ground work for a sports carnival to be held at the school. We have planned field locations and allocation, looked how to create and maintain draws and how to create invitations.

Geography

We assisted the Humanities teachers by researching and designing the school area for the new Year 7 and 8 students for 2015. We mapped the area and had to use our mathematical and geographical skills to create the key and possibilities for the area. Some great ideas were found during the process. Hope the new students love their new area!

While we all love our sport we are aware that without the assistance of all of the teachers who worked with us this year we would not have become the students we are today. We would like to wish all students and staff a fantastic Christmas and wonderful New Year and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Auf Wiedersehen
Year 8 Sports Excellence Class

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katrina Baker who recently was accepted into the Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science, but also Engineering Summer School in Sydney.

Well done Katrina!

Scholarships Awarded

The following students were recently awarded scholarships –

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**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.

**What is RATEP?**

RATEP is a community based Indigenous teacher education program. It is a partnership between Education Queensland, Tropical North Queensland TAFE (Cairns) 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 state 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 school-leavers and adults in 2015?**

Certificate IV in Education and Diploma of Education 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 TNQ TAFE website on http://tafenorth.edu.au/ and enter Education Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in the Search courses search box (top right)

Visit the James Cook University website on www.jcu.edu.au and enter RATEP in the Browse Courses (middle left)

**Year 12 2015**

**Investiture 2015**

The Investiture will be held on Friday 6 February 2015. Students will be awarded their leadership badges and complete the oath as a Prefect for 2015. Letters will be sent out to all students involved.

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**Lost Photo**

Student Services has a baby photo left from the Year 12 presentation. If you did not collect your baby photo please contact Student Services to collect it.

**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.

**Signing In**

If your child is late to school please remind them to call into student services to sign in before going to class.
**Year 12**

**Palma**

Those Year 12 students who ordered a Palma, they will be here at school in Week 10. You will be notified when they arrive at school.

**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 1300 412 990.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- 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 - Commences in January/February 2015
- Defence Aviation Technical Careers day – work experience day for young women considering a career in this area - more information contact Defence Jobs Australia
- Sports Network – US College Sporting Scholarships – Study in and play in the USA - For more information visit – www.cbsports.com.au
- 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
- Fraser Coast Australia Day Awards Nominations for 2015 are open. For more information visit www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au
- TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarships – awarded to Queensland secondary students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities within their school and community and academic excellence
- Aspiring Teachers Grants – Year 12 Graduates who intend to commence an initial teacher education program higher education institution in 2105. Need to achieve an OP of 1-5 and have a high motivation and commitment to tertiary study and career in teaching.

**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 27 November:

- Year 8 – Layla Youngberry, Caitlin Anderson, Dylan Buckland, David Phillips
- Year 9 – Lachlan Tidy, Rosslyn Lyons, Hazel Payne, Peter Bouldery
- Year 10 – Harrison Miller, Bailey Jung, Zane Clancy-Maving, Connor Podetti, Joel Coyne, Jack Jones

**Community Notices**

**RDA Maryborough**

RDA Maryborough has a new email address – Maryborough@rda.org.au all future correspondence is to be sent to this address.

**The dinosaurs are coming!**

Dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures of all shapes and sizes will take over Maryborough’s heritage-listed City Hall over the school holidays.

Explore-a-saurus is an interactive exhibition featuring amazing animatronic versions of some of the world’s most famous dinosaurs, one of the most complete dinosaur skeleton specimens ever found in Australia, and the carnivorous Tyrannosaurus Rex, King of the Cretaceous Period.

The exhibition will run from the start of the Christmas school holidays on 13 December and continue until the end of the Easter Holidays on 19 April, 2015.

Tickets are available from the Maryborough City Hall Visitor Information Centre or pre-book on line at www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/dinosaurs

**Celebrate Christmas with Carols in the Park**

Celebrate the magic of Christmas with song at Carols in the Park, a free open air concert in Queens Park, Maryborough on Sunday 14 December.

The Apex Santa Fair will run from 3pm-5:45pm with the main carols starting at 6pm. A visit from Santa will add to the magic with a fireworks finale around 8pm. Buy dinner and treats from the food vendors or bring your own picnic basket. BYO blanket or folding chairs. Please note that the event is smoke and alcohol free.
Granville Football Club Inc. invites you

When: Saturday 13th December
Time: from 5.30pm
Where: Canning Park Clubhouse

River end of Banana Street, Granville
Tickets only $2.00
Sausage Sizzle, Cheap Drinks
Jumping Castle & Lollies for the kids!
Special Appearance by Santa!!