16 February 2015

Principals Report

At the student investiture ceremony held last Friday we congratulated 7 Junior prefects and 9 Senior prefects and our Junior and Senior captains and Vice captains took up their 2015 positions. It was wonderful to hear our talented vocalists perform during the ceremony and I would like to thank all those staff and students who helped with the preparation of the event.

The swimming carnival went smoothly thanks to Ms Mitchell and the team, everyone had a great day. It was wonderful to see so many of our students get into the spirit of the day.

We had our annual “Meet and Greet” for both junior and senior secondary students on Wednesday last week. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. It was great for our staff to meet many of our new and continuing parents.

During the last few years we have hosted a “Big Day Out” each term for year 5 and 6 students. These days are aimed at having students come to a secondary school and experience a few secondary school activities. The feedback we have had from previous days has been very positive. The day allows primary school students to get to know our school, meet some of our teachers and takes the mystery out of coming to secondary school. Fliers will be sent out to all students in the near future.

On the 28 February we will be hosting our annual Open Day, please come along and take part in some of the activities and have a look at the great things that happen in our wonderful school.

Junior Secondary Update

The first few weeks of the year are proving to be very busy for our Junior Secondary Department. Students seem to have settled in well, and when visiting classes it’s exciting to see them actively participating in their lessons.

On Wednesday afternoon many parents and students joined us for our Junior Secondary Meet and Greet. It was an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the teachers of their students and other key staff. A big thank you to the hospitality ladies who assisted in organising the event, Mr Tom Bates for being our master chef and cooking the sausages, and to all staff who attended and helped out on the afternoon. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us. Some of the fantastic comments from our new students are listed below.

During Term 2, parents will have the opportunity to participate in an excellent program called Engaging Adolescents. This program allows parents the opportunity to have open discussions about parenting, understand the physical and emotional changes that occur during adolescence and how to help guide your child through adolescence and into early adulthood.

A sample of some reflections on starting High School:

“High school is awesome! I’ve had lots of fun here and I have learned a lot.” Kloe

“I enjoy knowing what my subjects are each day. I like the fact that I can elect some of my own subjects.” Luke

“Before coming to high school, I’d dreamed about getting a leadership position, and I’m privileged to have received one.” Caitlyn

“Maryborough State High School is awesome! I like interacting with the seniors and playing soccer with them.” Caleb

“Our yr 7/8 area is the best!” Ethan

Sharyn Thomas
Dean – Junior Secondary

Senior Secondary Update

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who attended the welcome to senior BBQ last week. It was great to see so many of you there. On the night we distributed a list of important dates and key contact information. If you were unable to attend, students may collect a handout from Miss Donaldson in C Block staffroom or from Student Services.

University Showcase

On Wednesday 18 February the University of Southern Queensland is hosting a University Showcase at Maryborough High. There will be several universities represented, the Defence Force and TAFE. Each group will do a short presentation to students and then students will have some time to speak to representatives from the universities and gather information about specific courses, accommodation and scholarships.
GenR8
The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) are holding an information night for GenR8 program on February 18 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm at Aldridge State High School. GenR8 is a program that provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Transport and Logistics within a structured work environment. Students would complete 20 days of work experience in a specific workplace and 9 days of training. There are a range of positions available.

At the information night students will be provided with an Expression of Interest application form and will have the opportunity to further discuss the program with DETE staff and with the employers.

Please Note: The GenR8 program is being marketed to all schools. Due to limited places students will be selected under a competitive selection process. You must attend the information night if you wish to be considered for a place in the program.

Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are undertaking a Certificate I in Digital Media and Technology. The purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to complete a Vocation Education (VET) subject at school and to earn two points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. Students will be working towards completing this qualification one lesson a week during semester one. They will be required to do some work on this at home and can access the course from an edStudio on the Learning Place.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students who have a school laptop must bring it to school on a Thursday.

Important Dates
• Wednesday 18 February – USQ University showcase at school
• Wednesday 18 February – GenR8 information night
• Monday 2 March – ADF Gap Year applications open
• Thursday 12 March – School photos
• Wednesday 1 April – Art/Dance/Legal Studies excursion
• Thursday 2 April – School cross country
• Thursday 2 April – Interim reports issued

Chelsea Donaldson
Dean – Senior Secondary

Year 10 Biology CREST Awards
Towards the end of last year 10 biology students had an opportunity to enter the CREST Awards run by the CSIRO.

Students had to develop an independent biology project, conducting testing and reporting on their findings.

CREST will be offered again this year in semester two for all year 10 biology students.

Ms Berwick
Science Teacher

Year 10 Science – Brain Dissection
Year 10 Students are currently studying about the brain and its workings. This includes; the structures of the brain, what parts of the brain do, how memory works and the effect of colours and music on the brain. To view and dissect a real lambs’ brain was quite a fascinating experience for students. Nikki commented ‘it was a lot softer and more delicate than I thought’.

Brain Dissection1.jpg & Brain dissection 2.jpg
Caption : Corey and Annabel and Rohan, Leshae and Georgia

QATSIF Scholarships
Just a little information on QATSIF- Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation.

QATSIF financially supports Qld Ab/TSI students with Scholarships for their Education.

Their support honours previous generations of Ab/TSI Queenslanders who laboured under the control, laws and policies of the past. Money owed to them has been placed in a trust fund.

The QATSIF Board of advice makes recommendations about the distribution of the interest for the purpose of scholarships to help today’s Ab/TSI Queenslanders for Education.

With the assistance of Harriet Vea Vea CEC Maryborough State High is in receipt of 7 of these scholarships. Four female students in year 12 and three male students in year 11.

Harriet Vea Vea
Community Education Coordinator
Recruiting Air Force Cadets

216 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets are now recruiting for 2015. If you are 13 years of age by the end of March 2015 and an Australian resident, you are eligible to join. If you are interested in camping, flying (glider and powered), learning about the military and aviation. There are opportunities for camps, shooting engineering, aeromodelling and aviation weekends at RAAF Amberley. Information is available on Thursday nights from 6.30pm at the Army Barracks corner Sussex and John St Maryborough over the next few weeks. For more information see Mr Heinrich.

Mr Heinrich
Aerospace Teacher

P & C AGM

Join us for coffee and cake on Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm for the P & C AGM in A Block. Everyone is welcome to attend, we would love to see you there!

English Corner

This weeks’ focus is on a simple spelling activity.

Words related in meaning are, more often than not, related in spelling. Good spellers know about word families, that is words linked to other words because they have related meaning. A good speller can spell both a word and words that are in the same family.

So, by taking a word from your spelling/vocabulary list, you can practise recognising patterns and word families. Simply add prefixes (beginnings) and suffixes (endings) to your base word to build up word families.

Eg The base word is DIFFER. Other words that can be made from this word include: DIFFERING; DIFFERENCE; INDIFFERENCE; DIFFERENTIATE; DIFFERENTIAL.

COMPETITION TIME!

For your chance to go into the draw for some great prizes, simply complete the spelling challenge below and submit your entry to Mrs Wallace. You can drop your handwritten or typed response to her in person (staffroom C01) or you can email her on swall104@eq.edu.au

All correct entries go into the draw and the winner will be announced on the whole school parade.

Challenge - add prefixes and suffixes to the word EMPLOY to make 6 new words.

Watch this space in the next school newsletter for another English challenge and your chance to win!

Mrs Wallace
HOD English and Languages

Year 12 News and Information

School Investiture

Congratulations to all the new senior student leaders; Samantha, Jack, Lauren, Liam, Greta, Rhiley, Kelsey, Georgia, Tyson, Danni, Lance, Keeley and Jake. Congratulations also to those of you who have sport positions; Coriel, Georgia W, Cassie M, Rachel, Abbey-Leigh, Sam, Lachlan, Lauren B, Kelsey, Lance, Jake and Cassie C.

We had a great morning at the Investiture last Friday. The students who received badges, certificates and blazers all looked great. Our special guests, including Mayor Gerard O’Connell, were very impressed. Fantastic entertainment included Lauren Smith with Erin Rogers performing a George Ezra song called ‘Blame it on me’ and Amy Ross performing “Lanterns” by ‘Birds of Tokyo’. We also unveiled the new Honour Board, that lists year 8 and now year 7 scholarships awarded to students. Family members were treated to a lovely morning tea in the Library Courtyard afterwards. This year was a little different as it was the first year Junior Secondary members were included in the ceremony. We look forward to the Junior and Senior Student groups working together in many projects and fund-raising events throughout the year.

RSA Course

Mrs Esterhuizen is providing RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) training to interested students. Take the opportunity! It will start on the 1st of April and the cost is $90. See Mrs Esterhuizen in Z block as soon as possible.

Writers Wanted!

Please see me about writing news items for the newsletter and Facebook. This is a great opportunity to get your work published.
Formal and Graduation

Formal will be held on Wednesday the 18 November at the Brolga Theatre.

Graduation Ceremony will be on Friday the 20 November, also at the Brolga Theatre.

Students will receive more information on both of these major events as the school year progresses. Coming Events

Keep an eye out for news items, classroom profiles and events written by students from their point of view.

Fundraising for the Community

Term 1 will focus on Cancer Charities
Term 2 will focus on Legacy (100th year)
Term 3 will be World Vision including 40 hr famine
Term 4 will be local charities including the Christmas hampers, animal shelters, etc.

USQHub@Maryborough Head Start Courses

Two introductory Head Start courses will be offered through the USQHub@Maryborough in Semester 1, 2015 in Education and Nursing. These will be available in an exclusive Head Start offering to high-achieving year 11 and 12 students looking to undertake university study. To find out more information visit the Head Start webpage or contact USQ today.

Miss Lena Plaatsman
Year 12 Co-ordinator

Sport News

Swimming Carnival

The school held its annual Swimming Carnival on Monday 9 February. It was good to see the House Spirit displayed by all the students and the participation in the races, especially from our newest members of school – the 12-13 years age group and our seniors were great. Many students wore their House colours and the Roar Cry Competition was fiercely contested.

2015 AGE CHAMPIONS

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Good Luck Annabel

Wishing Annabel Head the very best this weekend at the Sunshine Coast, she is competing in the State Championships for Surf Lifesaving.

MDSS Summer Sports Trials

Congratulations to those students who successfully trialled for Maryborough District on Tuesday 10 February. The following students will travel to different locations in the Wide Bay Region on Thursday 19 February to compete in competitions to form Wide Bay Sporting teams to contest State Titles:- Amy Ross for Volleyball, Dylan Hard, Jackson Hoyes, Samantha Pincham, Summah Mallam, and Jacinta Kaulave for Softball, Jessica-Lee Morrissey, Francesca Gomez, Lilly McCabe, Tayla Miller, Zachary Reid, Lochlan Gordon, Brandon Clayton, and Emilio Johnstone-Mercado for Touch Football, Zachery Andersen andロックie Zeptner for Squash and Jake Braund for Tennis. These students need to collect information and permission notes from Ms Mitchell and they need to pay their money to Student Services by Monday 16 February.

We wish them all the best.

MDSS Winter Sports Trials

The Winter Sports trials will be held in Maryborough on Wednesday 4 March and involve Rugby League, Rugby Union, Basketball, AFL, Netball, Hockey, Football (Soccer), and Golf. There are girls and boys teams and different age groups in most sports.

School Futsal

On 12 March U13, U16, U19 Boys and U16 and U19 Girls will be travelling to Brisbane to compete at the Southeast Queensland School Futsal Titles. The cost will be around $60 for nomination and bus costs. Students will be receiving more information in week 4 as training will also commence during this week for all teams involved. If your student is interested in playing and has not signed up, please get your student to go and see Mrs Taylor at the PE staffroom for more information or contact her at school. There will also be another futsal tournament for these students in June at the Fraser Coast Futsal Titles in Hervey Bay.

School Hockey and Soccer

A reminder to all parents and students that soccer and hockey training has commenced before school. Hockey is held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:45-8:30am and soccer Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:45-8:30am. Students who are interested are welcome to attend and if you need any more information see Mrs Taylor at the PE staffroom for hockey or Mr Hanrahan for soccer at C Block staffroom or feel free to contact them at school.

Golden Glove Softball

Any students (boys or girls years 7-12) who are interested in playing for the school softball team please see Mrs Taylor for more information.

Rugby League

This term Maryborough High will be participating in the Broncos Fraser Coast Rugby League Challenge. Maryborough High will be entering teams in Under 13, Under 15 and open boys divisions that will compete against teams from schools throughout Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Games will take place on Wednesday afternoons after school with round one starting on 25 February. This year students wishing to participate will need to purchase shorts and socks from the school at a cost of $33. These shorts and socks can then be used by the students when representing the school in other sports, such as Rugby Union in Term 2, and in future years for Rugby League. Any questions contact Mr Ebert.

Ms Leonie Mitchell
Sports Co-ordinator

Services News

We have a pair of black framed prescription glasses at student services handed in last week. If you have lost a pair please see student services.

Community Notices

BIDWILL - MAGNOLIA - LITTLE TINANA
SCHOOL BUS RUN

All parents/carers of children who use the Bidwill – Magnolia – Little Tinana Primary School Bus and High School bus are invited to attend the annual meeting, on Tuesday 17th February at 7.00pm, Bidwill Hall, Bidwill Road. Enquiries please ring 4129 7402. All are welcome.

Dance Classes –

Toni Robinson Dance School will commence classes on Tuesday 10 February at 3.30pm in the Pensioners Hall, Adelaide St, Maryborough. Classes include – Jazz, Contemporary, Tap and Hip Hop for 3 yrs. Onwards. Please contact Toni on 0419 212 740.