The annual Maryborough State High School Swimming Carnival was held on the 18th of October at the newly renovated Maryborough Aquatic Centre. Well done to everyone who participated, as usual the day was a complete success. The winner for the 2013 Maryborough SHS Swimming Carnival was Morton-Harrington with 615 points, only 57 points ahead of second place Barton-Hyne. Congratulations to the following boys & girls age champions on the day. The table illustrates their accumulated score for the day out of a perfect 60 points, some of whom achieved a perfect score.

13 YEARS
Angus Montague-Elliot – 33 pts
14 YEARS – Shared
Sam Barwick & Bray Bulmer – 54 pts each
15 YEARS
James Tennant – 57 pts
16 YEARS
Ethan Donovan
17 YEARS
Gabriel Kidd

13 YEARS
Rebekah Verkin – 57 pts
14 YEARS
Bethany Surman – 60 pts
15 YEARS
Francesca Gomez – 60 pts
16 YEARS
Hannah Aiello – 60 pts
17 YEARS
Jayden Phillips

Best dressed prizes went to Kelsey Elliott, Che Stephenson & River Body for dressing as the Transformers. In particular, Bartonus Prime (Kelsey) & MortonBee (Che).

Great state. Great opportunity.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL & SPORT AWARDS NIGHT

SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT
Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Sports Presentation Evening. This showcase was about celebrating our talented young sportspersons, and was very enjoyable. We truly appreciate the support of all school staff, parents and community members involved and it certainly makes our school sports thoroughly worthwhile. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Hayden Kenny and his wife Fae who were able to share with us some experience and expertise during his rise from school boy to national ironman champion.

Congratulations again to our Junior and Senior Sports people of the year, and All-Rounders for 2012. These awards go to talented students who have represented Maryborough High to an outstanding level this year. Each category was closely contested, and congratulations go to all students who nominated for the awards, including the winners.

Junior All-Rounder – Jayden Phillips
Senior All-Rounder – Gabriel Kidd

Year 11 RYDA PROGRAM REPORT
A fantastic day was had by all students who attended the 2013 RYDA Program conducted by the combined Rotary Clubs of Maryborough on Tuesday 22 of October.

The RYDA Program is a driver awareness experience, aimed at providing students with a wide range of information about car ownership and driving on our roads.

Sessions throughout the day included a demonstration of car stopping distances, where students got to sit in the vehicles to experience the variations in stopping distances of a car travelling at different speeds, and how we, as drivers, can have our vision and perception affected by such things as alcohol and medications.

Students were also informed of the distractions that can take place on the road and inside the car and how their decisions as a driver have an impact on not just themselves, but other road users. This was brought to reality through a session which included talks by traffic forensic unit police who are often first on the scene at accidents and know full well the potential horror a moment of distraction on the road can cause. These officers were supported by a traffic accident survivor who spoke about his own experiences after becoming a paraplegic due to a crash.

In the words of the organisers, “if the day saves only one of your lives it has been worth it. So be a safe road user and we’ll see you out there on the roads in years to come.”
Junior Secondary Review
During our Junior Secondary Review this week, we were remarked on the work we have been doing getting ready for Year 7 students in 2015. The Junior Secondary Review is similar to a Teaching and Learning audit and is conducted by the Project Officer - Getting Ready for Secondary School Program and two Principals. All secondary schools in the North Coast region undergo this process.

Sports Awards Night
On Wednesday night I had the pleasure of being a part of the annual Sports awards evening. The night was a great way to celebrate the achievements of our students in the sporting arena and a showcase of the very talented students in the Peer Leadership program. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners. Thanks to Mr Smith and his team who organised the event.

Catering For Every Child
Our Individual Learning Pathways interviews are in progress. These interviews enable parents, students and teachers to sit together and discuss student progress, set goals and targets for future success. Year 9 into 10 were held this week and Year 8 into 9 will be held on Tuesday 5th November. Please book a time online via our website or phone the school office to make an appointment.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
If you know an outstanding Aussie or community group on the Fraser Coast, why not nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

There are so many hard working volunteers across the Fraser Coast and this is our chance as a community to recognise their dedication.

- Awards will be given in the following categories:
  - Citizen of the Year
  - Junior Citizen of the Year
  - Senior Citizen of the Year
  - Junior Sportsperson of the Year
  - Senior Sportsperson of the Year
  - Senior Cultural Award
  - Junior Cultural Award
  - Community Event

Nomination forms are available at Council’s administration centres in Tiaro, Hervey Bay and Maryborough, from Council’s website www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day-2014 or by calling 1300 79 48 29.

HOCKEY
Congratulations to all students who on the 25th of October went to the Woodstock street sports complex and represented Maryborough SHS in the school’s hockey cup. There were five schools involved, sending open boys and girls teams to do them proud. The MSHS teams were very competitive even though some players hadn’t competed in representative hockey before.

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour Expectations
During the year, each week there is a particular behaviour focus which is taught and reinforced with students. They are taken from the school behaviour expectations matrix which is included in the student planner, and includes the following:

- Responsibility - White in school uniform behave in a way that contributes to the positive image of Maryborough State High School.
- Respect - Shows tolerance for individual differences. Interacts positively with other students and staff in a positive and respectful way.
- Results - Manages time appropriately to meet assessment deadlines. Uses personal time at home to complete homework and assessment tasks

Year 12-Update

Scholarships
There are many scholarships available for the Year 12s to apply for:

- Charles Hawker Scholarship opens December 9th. This demonstrates a commitment to the wider community and is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.
- The Australian Veterans Children’s Assistance Trust is a not-for-profit organisation that helps children and grandchildren of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time tertiary education. Applications opened August 18th.

If your student is interested in applying or needs more information, they can come and see me at my staffroom. Year 12’s need to be looking into nominating for any school awards as well, as our school Awards night is Friday November 8th.

Raymond Lodge-Residential College
This College is an activity of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia and it provides comfortable and safe accommodation services for tertiary students within a supportive community based on Christian values. They are located in Auchenflower, which is close to major universities and colleges in Brisbane. They are also located a few minutes’ walk from major train and bus routes. If you are interested and need more information you can visit www.raymont.com.au or contact the college on (07) 3377 9903.

Attendance
A reminder to all students and parents, if students arrive late to school they MUST sign in at the Student Services before going to class. If students know they are going to be away, the school MUST be contacted by telephone, email, text or note.

Formal/Graduation
The Year 12 students have received their formal letter detailing the cost of the night ($90). Those who are attending the formal with an outside partner or Year 11 student will also need to purchase a ticket for them at the same price. They need to have these tickets purchased by November 1st as we have to finalise catering numbers. Also a reminder to all students that if they have any special dietary requirements or their partner, they will also need to let me know by this date.

The students will also be having a dance party at the Brolga on Thursday November 7th during period 2. They need to bring back their permission forms in order to be able to attend this practice. I highly recommend that outside partners attend if possible to practice the dances as well so they know what is happening on the night of formal. This year the students will be dancing outside of the Brolga along the pathway, therefore the parents will stay outside to watch their students dance and not inside the Brolga.

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Face the Challenge Crossword Competition
Science students at Maryborough SHS recently entered in a ‘face the Challenge Crossword Competition’ hosted by the ‘Save the Bilby Fund’. Students were required to complete a crossword made up of various questions about Australian wildlife. Entries were submitted from all around Australia and if their crossword was drawn out and was correct, students won a prize.

Both Annalise Waldock and Renee Steeds-Piggins were successful and won prizes in the ‘combined draws’. Annalise won a backpack, cap, stationary, puzzle, pendant and a fun pack. Renee won a backpack, cooler bag, cap, magnet and note pad. Well done girls on your success.

Pictured: Annalise Waldock, Renee Steeds-Piggins and teacher Mrs Berwick.

House Captains for 2013
Students who are interested in nominating for Junior / Vice / Senior / Male & Female House Captains for next year need to collect an application form from the HPE staffroom. These are due back by Monday 8th of November. Year 2014 Eight and Nine students are encouraged to apply for the Junior House Captains roles, Year Ten students for the Vice Captain positions, and current Year Eleven students to apply for Senior House Captain. These are important leadership roles within the school, and students do not need to be excellent sportspersons to apply, we are looking for confident leaders who encourage others to participate.

Year 11 Pre-Order Palma
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Fundraisers
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