ATHLETICS

MSHS will hold its annual inter house athletics carnival on the 6th of August. The weather will be hopefully perfect, not too hot, not too cold, and everyone who attends is in line for a fantastic day out of the class room. Carnival spirit should be in full swing with students dressing up in their house colours. The morning tea and lunch time events have finished with many individuals achieving multiple 1st, 2nd & 3rd places so well done to all of you. Glasgow-Horsburgh has crept ahead, leading the house points. This news desk reporter hopes to see Barton-Hyne bring home the bacon. Age champions will be acknowledged on parade following the carnival and house captains of the winning house will be presented the athletics trophy. Look out for next fortnight’s issue, which will include full colour photos of the age champions and best dressed winners for the day.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to attend the carnival to help celebrate their child’s efforts. The carnival day is a normal full school day. If at all possible, avoid making medical appointments on this day. For individuals who already have appointments on the 6th of August, please inform the office prior to the 6th to prearrange the correct sign out process. Students who need to be signed out on the day are only able to do so with written permission from parents/careers and these must be countersigned by the Principal. Sign outs can be collected from the school office. If you have any queries about this process please contact the school and ask for Mr Smith or Mrs McKinnon.

AFL

MSHS was able to play their first game of AFL against Aldridge SHS. Hopefully in the next game the Open Boys will have enough of a team to play against St. Mary’s College without combining players. These games are played on Wednesday afternoon at Bear Park in Granville, Maryborough. The winner of the Maryborough pool will play the winners of the Hervey Bay pool in the near future. A gala day for the open girls team was scheduled for the 2nd of August, an update on our open girls team will be available in the next newsletter.

ATHLETICS DAY MAP – KINGS OVAL

Blas t From the Past

The sporting house names originated from the Boys Grammar and Girls Grammar schools. In 1974, the schools amalgamated to become a co-educational High School and the houses names combined.

Glasgow-Horsburgh: Glasgow: GREEN - Sir Thomas William Glasgow - former student Horsburgh: GREEN - The Horsburgh family

Melville-Russell: Melville: RED - The Melville family Russell: RED - Reputed to have reached the district with Andrew Petrie in 1842

Morton-Harrington: Morton: YELLOW - Mr H. G. S. (Gilbert) Morton - former student Harrington: YELLOW - William Fredrick Harrington - President of the Chamber of Commerce

Barton-Hyne: Barton: BLUE - Mr C. H. Barton - former student Hyne: BLUE - Mr Richard Matthew Hyne was the Mayor of Maryborough

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DUKES plans are well in hand for the Dukes camp coming up on the weekend of 17-18 of August. Letters will be posted to all Dukes students shortly, with final details and application forms etc. Dukes students have started creating their own maps of the trip in Google Earth. After the camp they will add further information to this. They will also be able to reflect on team performance, what we learnt about each other and ourselves and also express relief that we had finished walking for that day!

With the support of our guide Terry (ex-military) and Caroline (NYSF staff member) we all survived the week in one piece. The seven days were by far the most personally challenging yet rewarding time of my life. I came away with a great sense of self achievement (and several blisters). I would encourage any students with an interest in science to apply for the National Youth Science Forum. http://www.nysf.edu.au/

Cassandra Scott - Maryborough State High School Year 12 student
From the Principal

Congratulations to the number of students in all year levels who have received awards for their Semester One results. There has been an increase across all year levels in the number of students who are achieving success in their subjects.

Maryborough State High School’s vision is “Working Together Towards Success”. We welcome and encourage parent involvement in our school. This term we will continue with Year 10 independent learning pathway meetings where parents, teachers and students plan an individual learning pathway together. This allows us to tailor learning to suit each student. We began this with our year 8 students in 2012 and have continued with this in 2013. This term the meetings are scheduled to occur in Term 4 for Year 8 students. Year 10 SET planning meetings are also scheduled for later this term.

Last Monday evening, teachers at Maryborough State High participated in a twilight professional development session from 3:15pm until 6:15 pm. Teachers had the opportunity to participate in the third module of learning about Junior Secondary which was presented by the manager of Junior Secondary at Rockhampton State High School. This term we will continue with Junior Secondary planning sessions in Term 1 for Year 10 students.

While Junior Secondary began in Year 8 this year, we are continually developing our programs, curriculum offerings and teaching practices. We have developed a distinct identity for junior secondary students so that students at Maryborough State High have a sense of belonging, feel connected, safe and confident at school. They have their own space, a distinct uniform and routines.

The Junior Secondary Head of Department and Dean of Students are available to support students on a daily basis and Heads of Departments are allocated to classes, as mentors and for support.

Key staff for Junior Secondary are: Sharyn Morris : Junior Secondary Head of Department and Dean of Students: Amy Jesberg

Some things to note about attendance:

A school year has 40 weeks
One day off per school year means that a student has about 99.5% attendance.
Ten days off per school year means that a student has about 95% attendance.
Twenty days off per school year means that a student has about 90% attendance.

90% attendance means 4 whole weeks off school or 20 days.
90% attendance each year in Years 8 to 12 means students will have missed half a year of schooling.

Support your child’s education by ensuring that they come to school.

Community Notices

A & S Side SOCIAL FOOTBALL : Rob Deman is running a side social football games starting on Wednesday 9th October from 4pm at the Tinana soccer grounds across from Sports Massage. Age groups are 9 & 10s, 11 & 12s. 13 & 14s, men and ladies. Maximum 7 players on a team. Cost is $2.00 a game fee. Please contact Rob on 4122 1177 to nominate a team or if you would like further information.

Get Started Grants

For Parents/guardians/carers: To apply for a Get Started voucher you must first register for a GetGrants account. You can create a GetGrants account at any time. Just click on the hyperlink below to register your child for a GetGrants account.


As there is a set allocation of vouchers for each round (two rounds per year), the voucher will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. It is, therefore, highly recommended that people wanting to apply for the voucher do so as soon as possible.

For Sale

A purple 1/2 size violin used only once.
$300.00 ono. Contact Karen on 0408 210 197

NATIONAL SELF-Detection PROGRAM FOR Scoliosis

Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

Some Parents may remember the school nurse checking their spine for curves, this practice is no longer carried out at school for various reasons.

During the months July and August it is recommended that students particularly girls in Years 7 - 9 participate in the NSDP by downloading the Self-Detection Brochure. Visit http://www.scoliosis-australia.org for more information and a link to the self-detection brochure.

Year 12 Update

Scholarships

There are many scholarships available for the Year 12’s to apply for. Charles Hawker Scholarships 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 open August 19th.

Youth Advisory Council

Students have been invited to attend a session on August 7th from 4pm-5pm at the City Hall. If there are any students who are interested they need to RSVP by August 5th. For more information, they can come and see Mrs C Taylor.

Jerseys

The final orders of Jerseys have been distributed to the students who have paid for them. The Senior Shirts have also been given to those students who ordered them.

Attendance

A reminder to all students and parents, that if students arrive or come to school late, they MUST sign in at the Student Services office 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

All Year 12’s students will also be receiving a letter within the next few weeks on the cost of the formal for them to purchase their ticket. Those who are attending the formal with an outside partner will also be able to purchase a ticket for them. We are hoping the cost will be at an affordable cost with all the fundraising the committee done.

The students have been asked to bring in some baby, toddler and recent photos of them for the formal and graduation PowerPoint. If they only have a few photos or even one, that will be sufficient for the intention of this event. They need to have these to myself (Mrs C Taylor) by the end of Week 5, as the Year 12’s designing this work needs to get started on the project. They also need to have in by this time, their quote, comment or inspiration they want with their photos in the Palma Magazine at the end of the year.

Students also have to make sure they have booked their arrival time for the Formal and their table seating allocation as these are both finalised. If you do have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me at school.

Jeans for Genes Day

On August 2, the students will be allowed to wear jeans (jeans only – no shorts) with a gold coin donation, to help raise money for this foundation. The Prefects have been selling merchandise to also help raise money for this cause. Thank you to all of the Prefects who have been walking around the school grounds over the past month selling merchandise for this fantastic foundation.

Prefects – Year 8 Frisbee

On Thursday’s Lunch 2, the Prefects will be having a Year 8 Frisbee competition in the gym over the next term. This will be run by the Prefects and any Year 8’s who would like to play are welcome to attend.

Careers Expo

The Year 12’s attended a Careers Expo at the Broola Theatre on Thursday, July 25th. This was a great opportunity for these students to talk to different Universities, ADFA, Trades and many more fantastic career options, for them to look at for the future. This gave them time to personally talk to people that are in that chosen career or people who attend the University they are interested in.

Fundraisers

In August we will be having Daffodil Day (wear Yellow for a Gold Coin donation) which raises money for Cancer Council Queensland and Blue Dress Day (wear Blue for a Gold Coin donation which raises money for Bryn Epyha Memorial Fund (Asthma). More information will be given to the kids, closer to the dates.

Woolies Earn & Learn Update

Our Earn & Learn points this year were only a fraction of what we collected 2012, most likely due to Woolies being closed following the floods. With your help we managed to collect 5640 points to spend on resources. This year we will look at getting some resources for Ms Romba’s Life Skills classes. Thank you to those who diligently filled out the forms and to those who placed their stickers in the box at Food for Less. It is appreciated.

Visit http://www.scoliosis-australia.org for more information and a link to the self-detection brochure.