SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS:
The Fraser District summer sports trials are being held on Wednesday the 13th of February. All sports are held in Maryborough and will require private transport to the venue. The sports are as follows: cricket, touch, squash, tennis, volleyball and softball (paper nomination only). Students have been asked to sign on indicating their commitment to the trial day. Each student should request a medical form as well as a ‘venue information’ form that includes costs and transport arrangements from the teacher in charge of each sport. Any problems see the PE staff. Medical forms need to be taken with each competitor to the trials.

BRONCOS CHALLENGE & GOLDEN GLOVE SOFTBALL COMPETITIONS
Students should be aware that the Broncos Rugby League challenge and Golden Glove softball competitions are running again. Individuals need to sign up for Golden Glove on the cork notice board outside the PE staffroom to indicate their interest. The annual Swimming Carnival has had to be postponed due to flood water inundating the Maryborough complex. Further information will be distributed shortly. For new students, check your timetable your sports house should be on the top of it. The house colours are: Barton Hyne – Blue, Glasgow Horsburgh – Green, Melville Russell – Red & Morton Harrington – Yellow.

CONGRATULATIONS HOUSE CAPTAINS
The following student appointments to the position of: Male & Female Junior House Captain, Senior Vice Captain & Senior House Captain for 2013 are:

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Wednesday 13 February
FD Summer Trials

Friday 15 February
Investiture of Leaders, School Captains, Prefects and Sports Captains

Thursday 21 February
WB Summer Trials

Monday 26 February
Immunization Year 8 & 10

Year 12 News

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who have successfully been selected as a school Prefect this year: Becky Macklin, Kacy Frampton, Haiden Roeger, Cassie Scott, Brianna Ryan, Nicolette Harper, Kellee Jensen, Maddi Wardock, Hannah Carmichael, Bridget Wendland, Elissa Gray, Rylee Williams, Karlee Edie, Amber Sleigh, Alexander Gergus, Mathew Whiting, Matt Mackin, Logan Jocumsen, Ming Zhang, Liam O’Sullivan, Nathan Barrett, Gabe Kidd and Sam Schneider. These students are our leaders for 2013. They will be inducted at the Prefect Investiture next Friday.

Captain Speeches
On Thursday February 7th we held the Captain speeches for our future leaders for MSHS for 2013. These students addressed the entire Year 11 and 12 cohorts along with some teachers, administration and parents. The Year 12 students have voted, along with the teachers. This is a two part selection process for students who have completed their speeches, will now have their interview next week with a panel committee to be addressed on their leadership qualities.

Prefect Investiture will be held on Friday February 15th starting at 10:05 in the multi-purpose shelter. The Prefects will be presented with their badges and school captain will be announced.

Senior Jerseys
The senior jerseys and shirts have been ordered and we hope to receive these in April sometime.

Flood Appeal – Free Dress Day-Gold Coin Donation
The Prefects will be having a Gold Coin Donation Free Dress Day for the school on Wednesday February 13th. The money raised will go to the Flood appeal to help those who were affected by the floods.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures/Attendance
A reminder that if your student arrives late to school or has to leave early, they must sign in/out at Student Services. It is very important that your student attends school on a regular basis and if they do miss class, it is their responsibility to catch up with the teacher to get the work they missed.

USQ Leadership Day
The Prefects to be attending the USQ Leadership day in Hervey Bay on Friday March 15th. Students will receive more information closer to the date.

Formal and Graduation
Just to let all parents know and mark on the calendar that the Formal is on Saturday November 9th at the Brolga Theatre along with the Graduation on Friday November 15th. Student again will get more information as the school year progresses. There will also be committees that the students in Year 12 can join to help assist with the plans for these two major functions.

Website
Just a reminder to parents and students of Year 12, that I will do my best to have information regularly updated to the school website. This would include upcoming events or information that is required or beneficial.

Year 8 & 9 Meet & Greet
You are invited to attend the Junior Secondary Meet & Greet for all year 8 and 9 students. This will be held next Tuesday 12/02/2013 at 5pm. This will be an informal gathering where you will have chance to put a face to your child’s teacher. It will be held in our year 8 precinct between F & G Block (weather permitting) otherwise in our Multipurpose Hall. We look forward to meeting with you.
Community Notices

RHEE TAEKWONDO - Are You Looking for an Affordable and Fun Sport? Tae Kwon Do is hosting two Free Trial Lessons for Beginners. Imagine being a Black Belt in one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Contact your nearest school or call 41 247 855 or 0404 747 413 for further information.

COMPUTING SENIORS: Nominations close today. Tuesday 29/01/13 Games start on Friday 1st February 2013.

JUNIOR/SENIOR DETAILS:

- JUNIOR: 2 weeks – Friday 11/01/13 & Friday 18/01/13. Games start Friday 11th January 2013. Please sign up at reception for the Come & Try night on Wednesday 9/1/13. 
- SENIOR: nominees must be in Year 10 or 11, sign up at reception for try-outs at 11am on Thursday 16/1/13.

JUNIOR HTAFLYING SIGN ON – Wednesday 23/01/13 at 1pm @ Maryborough Sports Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and try.

TINANA FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN ON – Saturday 14 December – 10am. Tel. 4147 6993.

GRANVILLE FOOTBALL (Soccos) Club – Sign on in the school hall on Tuesday 29th November between 8.30-10.30 and also at Clubhouse (River and Banana Street) on Sunday 3rd Feb from 3.30-5.30. Granville’s have a great team this year so come on down and get involved. Contact 4147 6242 for further information.

TINANA FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN ON – Sunday 8 December 11am. Next home game is 2nd December at 10am vs Banana Coast. Free Shorts, Socks and Sausage Sizzle. All players in all age groups welcome from 5 years and up.

THE RAINBOW CHARITY MUSICAL FUNDRAISER – Granville St on Sunday 3rd December 2012. Doors open at 5.30pm and the show starts at 6pm. Please support this wonderful cause and be entertained with music, food and a word of encouragement. For more information please contact 4147 6163 or 0411 700 336 or call in to school office.

ATTENTION PARENTS! – It’s back to school time! The year 3 to 6 students are looking to need parents for their Division 1 and Division 2 teams. No experience required. Bring yourself and your friends to training and see how much fun you can have. Get involved. Sign up at Granville St, 3rd December 10am. 2pm at Doon Doon Football grounds. Contact 0437 370 308 or email secretary@donovalleyfootball.com

ATTENTION PARENTS! – It’s time to get fit while having fun and socialising with your friends and children! TIPS is looking to replace their current Division 1 and Division 2 teams. No experience required. Bring yourself and your friends to training and see how much fun you can have. Get involved. Sign up at Granville St, 3rd December 10am. 2pm at Doon Doon Football grounds. Contact 0437 370 308 or email secretary@donovalleyfootball.com

WALLAROO JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB SIGN ON – 2nd December 11am – 1pm @ Maryborough Sports Club. 4109 6030.

Next trial is for the U7 TUS to U11s for the 2013 season. Wallaroos Junior Rugby is primarily aimed at starting new players. Find out more www.mrgfl.com.au. All enquiries phone Scott Rohan 0437 331 896.

FOR SALE: Trumpet ($300) and Trombone ($150). Contact 41 239747 or rdobray@max.com.au

Immunisation

Year 8 and year 10 students will be given vaccination forms to be completed. Please read through the information with the student, complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible. Forms are to be returned with either YER area or No area completed. If the signed form is not returned to the office (e.g. left in the bottom of a bag) students will not be included in the school program and other arrangements for the immunisation will need to be made.

Please note forms are to be signed by parent / legal carer; students in care need the relevant professional to sign the form. Replacement forms can be downloaded from the following web site http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation/isdv/consent.asp

If there are any questions contact the School Based Youth Health Nurse via the school office.

Natural Disasters

Young people may experience a variety of psychological emotional reactions to natural disasters such as anxiety, fear, confusion, anger, depression, sleep disturbances, irritability, symptoms such as nightmares, fears of things such as breaking glass or falling rain, being hyper-aneurysm and jump or emotionally detached from situations.

If teenagers have lost pets or important possessions, bereavement and depression may show through lowered mood, loss of pleasure and interest in life, sleep problems, loss of appetite or weight and pessimistic or negative thoughts.

Parents can help by maintaining normal routines as much as possible, and by talking with their student about their experiences. It is important that adults have honest conversations which provide the facts, and correct any mistaken ideas. Counteracting negative facts, with positive ones (such as the number the volunteers who are helping, and the difference they are making) is also helpful.

Most importantly, listen to your young person’s concerns and reassure them that the trauma will end. If you become concerned about your student’s reactions, please seek assistance through your school support team.

The Department’s website has links to many useful resources, and is located at http://education.qld.gov.au/students/health/natural-disasters

School News

We extend our warm welcome to all of our junior Secondary Students (Years 8 & 9), both new and returning. We wish you the very best in every aspect of your school life. We encourage you to ‘give it a go’ and make the most of the many opportunities to participate in events and activities which are offered during the year. Remember: The more you put into school, the more benefit you’ll get from it!

A Meet & Greet evenings for Years 8 & 9 parents, students and teachers will be held next Tuesday evening, February 12 at 5pm. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

A Meet & Greet for Year 10 parents, students and teachers will be held next Tuesday evening, February 12 at 5pm. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

APEX Debating Competition 2013

Debating is a fun way to try to practice your persuasive skills in developing and presenting formal arguments about controversial topics and controversial issues. In fact, it’s a real adrenaline rush to think on your feet and try to convince people to believe in your side of the matter! It’s also another way to represent our school in the community.

Each year the APEX clubs of Qld run a state debating competition. Schools nominate teams which compete in a district round-robin style competition, with the winners going on to compete in a state final. MHS would like to enter senior teams (year 10) and Senior Teams (years 11 & 12). You can have up to 5 members in a team, but only three of them will actually speak during a debate. Extra helpers are needed to act as timekeepers and chairpersons of the debates. Debates will take place on Tuesday nights, starting on March 5 with times, venues, topics and further details to be advised soon. Why not get a team of friends and/or classmates together and have a go? See Mrs Suthers in F Block staffroom for further information.

Library News

There are still a sizable number of items loaned out to students 2012 that are yet to be returned. Students with outstanding loans will not be able to borrow. Please help us by locating and ensuring the return of school books and other items. Students who have received information on these outstanding loans.

On a brighter note, last year’s Woodies Elean & Learn promotion was very successful for us and the 3 Lego Mindstorm kits we were able to get with our points recently arrived and have been passed over to the Science department and will be put to good use I am sure. Thanks again to all parents and community members who helped us. Let’s try to make this year even better!

YR 12 IMPORTANT DATES 2013

- Friday 15 February – Investiture of School Leaders
- Friday 15 March – USQ Leadership Day
- Friday 15 March – Year 12 Drama Excursion Brisbane
- Tuesday 17 December – Year 12 School Leavers Breakfast
- Tuesday 21 December – Final day for applications for special consideration on QCS Test
- Tuesday 11 January – Year 12 School Leavers Breakfast
- Tuesday 29 January – QAT applications open
- Tuesday 5 February – Year 12 School Leavers Breakfast
- Sunday 26 February – Year 12 School Leavers Breakfast
- Friday 8 November – Awards Night
- Friday 9 November – Year 12 Formal
- Friday 15 November – Year 12 Graduation
- Saturday 14 December – YR 12 Results and OPs available online from 9 am (www.studentconnect.qsl.edu.au)