MARYBOROUGH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Unfortunately the annual swimming carnival was cancelled due to the wet weather. It was so bad the Fraser District carnival had to be cancelled as well. Swimmers have nominated via the Fraser District committee for the chance to represent Wide Bay. Successful applicants will be acknowledged in next newsletter. Good luck to those students who nominated themselves for Wide Bay.

FD WINTER TRIALS - The wet weather continues to play havoc with our sports trials. The latest victim being Fraser District winter sports which have been postponed until Tuesday the 12th of March. Students should ensure they have caught up with the teacher in charge to finalise their availability for the new date, as well as make sure their medical forms and money are in at the office.

GOODEN GLOVE SOFTBALL - We were unable to field a team for this competition this year.

FUTSAL - Good luck to the students travelling to Mt Gravatt for the SE QLD school Futsal titles. Our eight teams have been training hard over the last few weeks for their tournament next Wednesday and are looking good.

RUGBY LEAGUE LEGENDS

On Monday the 18th of February, a group of students had the privilege of listening to a presentation on bullying as part of a NRL initiative from Rugby League legend, Petro Civoniceva. After speaking with students, everyone I asked thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and appreciated its important message.

RUGBY LEAGUE LEGENDS

Pictured with Petro: Left: Aiden Sandow Right: Alex Hansen

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Pictured: Maryborough High chaplain Big M posing with year 12 student, Cody Hagen Schiemann, who is wearing his new pre-trade uniform, provided through Scripture Union’s “School Essentials Program.”

Cody’s family home at Aldershot was severely affected by the January floods in 2013, which resulted in the loss of many items, including his pre-trade uniform. Through Scripture Union’s “School Essentials Program,” he was provided with a new pre-trade uniform from “The Worker’s Wardrobe.”

Mark Bryant (Chaplain)

WEP Student Exchange - Memories and Skills for Life!

Become a WEP exchange student to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or even a year! Imagine yourself enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving in the USA, exploring local treasures in picturesque Europe, participating in a tea ceremony class in Japan or drinking traditional mate in Argentina. With over 20 countries to choose from and many other experiences to be lived, don’t let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by!

Scholarships & Early Bird Specials

This year WEP is awarding 22 scholarships to motivated students, wishing to live and study in Argentina or China in 2014. Early Bird discounts for programs starting in Jan-Mar ‘14 are also available for the following destinations: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Thailand and the USA.

Find Out More! Request a Free Info Pack!

Find out everything you need to know about your opportunity to experience life as an overseas teenager. Choose from over 20 countries and make new friends from around the world. Speak to WEP staff and get in touch with returned WEP students to help you make this important decision.

Visit: www.wep.org.au  Call: 1300 884 733  Email: info@wep.org.au

BLOOD BANK AMBASSADORS

In February six students trained to be our Blood Bank Ambassadors for 2013; they are Casey-Arnn Kruger, Maddison Waldock, Tegan Hoyes, Lucy-Skeels Piggins; Lachlan Moore; Cailyn Mac Donald. The students gained knowledge of blood groups and blood products and are now keen to encourage the wider community to roll up their sleeves. 1 in 3 people need blood products. Currently only 1 in 30 people donate blood. Help our community by giving blood, every donation you make saves 3 lives.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday 13 March
Futsal Trial

Thursday 14 March
Blood Bank

Friday 15 March
USQ Youth Leadership Day
Yr 11/12 Drama Excursion
Friday 22 March
Junior Boys’ Leadership Camp

Monday 25 March
Hospitality RSA Course

Tuesday 26 March
W8 Winter Trials
Year 8 Camp

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We pride ourselves being an innovative and flexible secondary school for students and this is evident in the range of flexible pathways that are available at Maryborough State High School. What this means for our students is that we expect 100% of our year 12 students at the completion of school with a VET qualification and the majority will also attain a GCE.

It is great to hear of the many wonderful projects our students are involved in so for this term. Students in years 11 and 12 at Maryborough State High have been completing year two of the course through TAFE and a Civil Construction course; our Hospitality students cater for many functions on a day to day basis and they catered for morning tea on International Women’s Day which was celebrated on Friday. A record number of students this year are studying Hairdressing and Makeup and we also have students studying Certiﬁcate in Children’s Services through TAFE and a number of senior students are in their ﬁrst year university courses in addition to their senior subjects at school.

Last year, a decision was made to have a new sporting focus at Maryborough State High, with the concentration on building our prowess at Futsal. This year we have a large number of teams entering competitions. We wish the teams well, I am sure the teams will do our school proud.

Our Dance team, Arche Jezeg is currently holding dance auditions for students who wish to be part of the Maryborough State High School Dance Team. This team will enter eisteddfod and showcase the talented dancers we have at our school.

This year, for Junior Secondary, we implemented many of the recommendations gained from parents, students and our primary school colleagues in 2012. We have already set up an “Open Door” system, which has enabled our year 8 students to the presence of a dedicated school space for learning and a curriculum designed to engage students in learning and developing the skills required for the 21st century. The timetable has been specifically designed to cater for adolescent students aged 12 – 14 years of age. Teachers have attended a range of professional development activities. Facilities are being refurbished this year. The first stage of our Junior Secondary precinct will commence in the next two weeks and completed over the Easter break. In this stage nine classrooms will be refurbished, at the end of the year a further teaching block will also undergo refurbishment, with a third stage in 2014 in readiness for year 7 into secondary school.

Very soon, weather permitting, shade sails will be erected in the area directly in front of the school tuckshop. Thanks to our committed P&C & C who contributed funding to make this possible. This area will provide an afroresio area for students to sit and eat

Independent Public Schools are still State Schools. All state schools have been invited to become Independent Public Schools and it is anticipated that over 120 schools will eventually become Independent Public Schools. I have included the questions and answers page from the website for your information. You may wish to read the information about Independent Public Schools on the Queensland Department of Education and Training website.

Independent Public Schools – Questions and answers:

How will Queensland Independent Public Schools differ from other state schools?

Queensland’s state schools already have a good deal of autonomy. Independent Public Schools will provide an opportunity for greater involvement of their school community in shaping their strategic direction to embrace innovation and tailor school programs to meet the individual needs of their community.

How can schools become an Independent Public School?

All Queensland state schools will be invited to become an Independent Public School through an open expression of interest (EOI) process. It will be important for schools to have the support of their school community in submitting their application.

The application needs to:

• demonstrate broad consultation has occurred with:
  • staff, including the Local Consultative Committee
  • parents, including the Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association
  • the wider community, including local business and industry
  • demonstrate the school’s capacity to assume greater responsibility for their affairs
  • outline the potential beneﬁts for students and the broader school community
  • outline the innovative educational programs or practices the school will implement.

How will schools be involved in the initiative?

A departmental selection panel will consider all applications. Schools that are in the best position to use increased autonomy to improve student outcomes will be selected. Additionally, the schools selected will represent the diversity of state schools across Queensland.

How many schools will be involved?

Up to 30 Independent Public Schools will be selected to commence in 2013. A further 30 Independent Public Schools will be involved in the initiative – 30 each year from 2013 to 2016. What will school governance look like in an Independent Public School?

Independent Public Schools will be required to have a school council. This will enable greater involvement of the school community in setting the strategic direction of the school. School councils will inform and monitor the school’s strategic direction, strengthening local decision making. In addition, principals will have a performance agreement with the Director-General.

How will staffing processes differ for Independent Public Schools?

Parents at Independent Public Schools will be able to choose between directly recruiting teachers (where vacancies exist) or by filling vacancies through existing departmental employee pools or the transfer system. Principals at Independent Public Schools will also be able to recruit classified teachers without having to go through the relocation process.

Will Independent Public Schools have to follow departmental policy?

While Independent Public Schools will not be required to follow a number of operational procedures, they will be required to operate within the departmental, industrial, instruments, directives, delegations, whole-of-government policy and national agreements.

What autonomy will be on offer to Independent Public Schools?

Independent Public Schools will have the freedom to directly recruit teachers and to build a team that is able to innovate and deliver the programs and curriculum. They will also have more autonomy to manage and utilise infrastructure and financial resources. Independent Public Schools will have a direct line of communication with the Director-General and other senior executives who will cut out tape and help prioritise innovation.

Community Notices

Doonvilla Sub Junior Golf season runs from February to November with competitions each Sunday afternoon from 12.30pm. All interested players, both new and experienced are more than welcome to participate. Annual fees range from $40 for singles to $80 for A Grade. Please contact Tony Dreger on 0437 700 308 or the club secretary on 0418 726 737 for further information.

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Doonvilla Football Club – U5 - 6, U7, U9, U10, U11, U12, U14/15 and U17 teams for 2013. Please contact Tony Dreger 0437 700 308, or visit the club website: www.doonvillafootball.com.au. More information on our scholarships and early bird discounts are available from our website.

Duke of Edinburgh award can collect an application form from Student Services. Dukes is up and running at Maryborough State High School. Last Tuesday students and staff started work on some bikes given to the school to prepare them for cycle training and some journey later this year. Students who have not registered yet for the Duke of Edinburgh award can collect an application form from the front office. Information evening will be held every Tuesday first break in the library courtyard. Next Tuesday first break there will be some more bike maintenance as well as starting learning how to use a compass and read a map.

For up to date info or news on activities check out the Dukes noticeboard outside room CO4. Dukes students need to watch their school email addresses for effective communication. student email addresses are the students login ID @mshs.edu.au. Dukes students should ask a staff member if they are unsure how to read their school emails.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS - DEADLINE 31ST MARCH 2013

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800. Students don’t need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn’t necessarily win.

• Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 each.

Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our NEW 3 Digital Video Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between October 2013 - March 2014 is Saturday 13th March, 2013.

"I’m having a great time, school is going really well and I like my host family. I will be going to Turkey soon with my class:) and I also have my birthday next week. My family have arranged a small dinner outing and a party for my friends which will be cool :) . It’s sad to realise I have only 3 month left. “ Grace Casey, New South Wales, Denmark (2011 Indigenous Scholarships)

“Throughout my trip I made many amazing friendships and bonds that ill keep for life. My exchange was definitely the most tough, fun and exciting thing I have ever done and it has given me so much more confidence and hunger for life and travel.” Georgia Bryers, New Zealand, Canada (2010 Indigenous Scholarship Winner).

Click here to watch a video of Georgia talking about here exchange in Canada or click here to read her essay. More information on our scholarships and early bird discounts are available from our website.