The Fraser District Cross Country carnival was a great success. Sixty Four students travelled to the U-Tech TAFE in Hervey Bay to compete and enjoy a wonderful day. It was overcast, cloudy and quite wet but each runner did their best to navigate the very muddy surfaces. Well done to everyone who participated and tried hard. Two students were selected to represent the Fraser District at the Wide Bay Cross Country held on Tuesday 28th of May. Congratulations Kialan Harris who was the Open Boys Age Champion.

FUTSAL - MSHS Futsal teams have begun training hard for their upcoming tournaments in June. The Fraser Coast Schools Futsal Titles will be held on June 3rd and 4th at the Hervey Bay PCYC. This tournament will involve teams representing secondary schools from across the Maryborough and Hervey Bay region. Maryborough High will be entering girls and boys teams into the competition for age groups ranging from Under 13 to Under 19. New players are encouraged to enrol. After school training will begin in week five.

Currently we have a number of teams participating in a lunchtime competition. Teams can still be nominated to add to the draw for both boys and girls in the following categories: Year eight, Year Nine and Ten and Year Eleven and Twelve. So far the competition has been fierce with close games and spectators have been enjoying watching the high level of skill displayed.

UNDER 15 FRASER DISTRICT BRONCOS RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE

On Wednesday the 8th May, the Under 15 Maryborough SHS Rugby League team played in the final of the Fraser District Broncos Challenge. The competition is played between teams from the Fraser District area. The MSHS u/15 team is captained by Joey Alberts and train during their lunch time under the careful guidance of Mr Brown. During the competition the team only lost two games and scraped through to the final on points for and against. They played the majority of their games with the bare minimum number of players. In the final against Xavier CC the team allowed them to get to an early lead with Xavier leading 40-0 at two thirds time, however the players never gave up and fought back to get the score to 46-6. The last remaining game was against Under 15’s at the school and the side played this with only eleven players. All players performed strongly and were a credit to the school and parents. The attitude and commitment of these players place Maryborough SHS in a strong position to repeat this performance in future years. Player of the final for Maryborough SHS as picked by the organising committee was Joey Alberts. Joey played strongly making a number of incisive runs to get the team on the front foot in attack.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

In preparation for the full school athletics day in term 3, the ‘HPE’ department will be conducting morning tea and lunchtime events over the final weeks of term 2 and the start of term 3. Students will need to seek morning notices as well as familiarise themselves with the events program list on the notice board outside the PE staffroom when it becomes available. The schedule is very full as in previous years morning tea and lunch times often get rearranged and events need to be postponed. All efforts are made to avoid clashes with other activities but students need to be aware of the changes and updates. The points from these preliminary events will go towards overall house points as well as individual’s age championship points.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Duke of Edinburgh resumes next Tuesday with an expanded program. As well as the usual Duke sessions in first break we are also creating a space for selected students 8th period Tuesday afternoons. If you haven’t been approached by me then come to the usual first break on Tuesday. This Tuesday I have booked a pod of computers for 1st break in the Library. We will use Map My Ride to create some training rides in the quiet suburban streets near Maryborough State High School.

A number of Dukes students completed their Adventurous Journey requirement at the LEC camp with Aldridge last week. A number of grade 8 students will also complete their Adventurous Journey requirement at the Year 8 camp at Aldridge shortly. These students will now need to volunteer for five hours, develop a hobby or an interest for two months and notch up 5 hours of physical recreation. I will discuss this with Dukes students over the next couple of weeks.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Earn & Learn is up and running. You can collect sheets from school or download and print from the Woolworths Earn & Learn website. Also, there is a collection box for Maryborough SHS at the Food for Less store near the PlazaCinemas. You can put stickers into the box and we will put them on sheets here at school. Extra stickers can be gained by purchasing certain products, they vary each week and can be seen in the weekly catalogues. Stickers can be earned up until Sunday 9th June 2013. Please help our school gain some great resources and start collecting today. Thank you.

Class Room with a View

Sunday 5th of May was a special treat for the senior Aerospace Studies students from Maryborough SHS as they had the opportunity to go gliding. The nine students and three parents took to the sky for a 30 minute joy flight thanks to the Gympie Gliding Club. The students learnt the workings of a glider and experienced the exhilaration of a winch launch to 2000 feet in height in 20 seconds on a 45° angle. The students were able to hands-on, learnt how to turn and how to work the control services.

“The weather was kind and good thermals were available so the students could stay in the air for a great joy flight. Many students commented that the view was amazing and the take-off was like a rollercoaster ride,” sais the Aerospace teacher, Mark Heinrich.

The students loved the experience and they were able to see what they learnt in the classroom in action through this gliding experience. For many it was the first time to fly in a small aircraft and they all said they are keen to go flying again.

Special thanks to the Gympie Gliding Club and the parents who drove.

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE BEST…

Executive Chef, Klaus Schaefer, shared his years of expertise with our Year 11 Maryborough hospitality students to teach them refined knife skills. Our students performed very well and gained considerable guidance and practice in a variety of knife skills that will be essential for these students in future kitchen operations. We appreciate Chef’s time and willingness to bring his skills to our students.

Mrs Esterhuizen and Mrs Pommeranz

Maryborough BMX Club would like to congratulate Maryborough State High School students Jessica Baker, Taylah Browning & Joshua Sengstock on their outstanding performance at the recent - 2013 National BMX Titles. Taylah was a semi-finalist finishing 9th in the 14 year girls age class and qualified to represent Australia in the upcoming World Titles in Auckland, New Zealand in July.
There is a long tradition of excellence in the creative and performing arts at Maryborough State High School and on May 22nd, our annual MADD concert is being held. This annual concert showcases the many talented students in Music, Art, Dance, Drama at Maryborough State High. 2013 has seen the retirement of long standing staff members, Mr Fred Johanson, Mr Mark Collins and Mr Alex Williamson. This weekend there is a retirement function to celebrate each of these teachers valuable contribution to the education of many past and present students.

As part of our continued focus on excellence in education and preparing students for future success, year 10 students will have the opportunity to study “Introduction to Senior” subjects in semester two this year. These subjects allow students to identify subjects that they wish to continue studying in year 11. There is also an opportunity for students to change subjects so that by year 11, students are more settled in their subjects.

1986 flashback
Six Maryborough State High School music students and their art teacher entered a national Countdown competition to design a written concept for a video clip to the song “Hold on” by Mental as Anything. Teacher Karen Massingham and students Craig Force, Drew Schmidt, Tony Jarvis, Erica Andrews, Kathryn Browning, and Shari Norm were involved in the production and submission and were declared winners by Molly Meldrum. The prize consisted of Mental as Anything and Molly Meldrum performing in Maryborough, video equipment donated to the school and all students attended the Melbourne studio to view the production of the film clip.

Budding Toastmasters
MSHS and Maryborough Toastmasters Association provide courses for students in the art of public speaking. This course benefits the students in an overall confidence in speaking in public and also prepares them for their school oral presentation assessment and school leadership positions. After a 10 week intensive Course, Maryborough State High School congratulates its newest team of Toastmasters, Tessa McGuire, Lucy Skeels-Piggins, Megan Kaufman, Tenielle Wilk, Steph Plummer, P J Sullivan, Rakel Stewart, Sophie Noble, Tristan Batchler, Brodie Egan, Lechlan Ferguson, James Tennant and Calyn Macdonald.

Animal Farm Excursion
Year 11 OP students had the pleasure of attending the theatre production of George Orwell’s Animal Farm on the 30th April. The students will be studying the concepts evident in Animal Farm and many other classic pieces next year in grade 12. The opportunity to familiarise the students with this presentation of the text was too good to miss. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the performance and thank The Brolga Theatre and Shake and Stir Theatre Group for their insightful interpretation of this classic.

FREE CHILD’S ENTRY TO THE FRASER COAST SHOW!
The Fraser Coast Show, May 24-25, will be an adventure ground for children and teens - full of amazing discoveries, thrilling rides and free entertainment. To make sure as many families as possible experience all the ‘fun of the fair’, the Fraser Coast Show Society is offering free child’s entry with every paying adult.

Simply go to www.frfescoastshow.com.au/entryform to print the voucher to present at the show gate. The offer is available through Fraser Coast Show Attractions. 1986 flashback – ‘Learning to Breathe Again’

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Attendance
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MSPS – Small Change Program
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