ATHLETICS

Maryborough State High School will once again hold the athletics carnival on Kings Oval, Tuesday the 7th of August (week 5). Parents are welcome and access will be through the Sussex street gate. Morning tea and lunch time events are still being conducted, wet weather has postponed many of them so students should check the notices each day to check the updated event schedule. Pay close attention to the electronic notice board for overall house points Morton Harrington are currently leading by only 4. These points will go toward the overall points collected on the day of the carnival.

FUTSAL
Mr. Cameron took the Open Boys team to Ipswich on Thursday to compete in the Southern Queensland Champion of Champions tournament. Results from this competition will be published in the next newsletter.

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS
Maryborough SHS is once again involved in the Sports for schools voucher programme. If you shop at Bi-Lo or Coles bring your vouchers into the office and put them collection bin. 2011 saw MSHS collect 15,000 vouchers. Let’s make 2012 just as successful. All sporting equipment received from this programme will be used for the Chaplain’s “Thank God It’s Friday” activities held in the MIPS.

TEACHER BIOS
Returning from the wilds of Africa, Mr. Cameron has been gallivanting around this part of the world for the past 7 months. He has been wrestling gorillas in Rwanda, riding ostriches in South Africa, having his iphone stolen on the first day in Zambia, white water rafting in Uganda, going on safari in Tanzania, dune boarding in Namibia, dressing like a Masai warrior in Kenya. However the highlight of the trip from this sports reporter’s point of view would have to be Mr Cameron showing his dedication to the department while wearing his Maryborough SHS, Health & Physical Education shirt during a pyramid moving exercise in Egypt as seen below. That’s the way, keep up the Queensland schools’ public relations effort. Welcome back, we are all happy to see you back in Australia safe and sound.

Sunbury State School PREP OPEN DAYS
Sunbury SS is holding 2 prep open days this year with the first one on the 1st of August and the second on the 1st of November. Children and parents are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions to experience what Sunbury has to offer your child as they join in the various activities with this year’s prep students. You and your child can stay for 5 min or all day. (Parents are required to attend with their child). On Wednesday the 1st of August the current prep children have PE and music and visiting children will be welcome to attend these lessons. During this time our prep teacher will be available to talk to parents. If you have any queries please contact the school on 41220777.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Thanks to those lovely school members and other folk from the community that have been putting stickers into the box at the supermarket and here at school. We have already exceeded our target, I didn’t think we would get so much!! Please keep them coming.
From Wednesday the 18th - 24th July, you will get double the amount of stickers by just spending $10 or more and including at least one Kellogg’s, Dairy Farmers, Be Natural, Pura or Berri product in your basket.
The program will close on the 12th August, so there’s still time!
Thanks very much.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS - Mid-Year School Uniform Sale @ The Workers Wardrobe.
Junior Polos only $20 each & Junior Skirts only $20 each.
The Workers Wardrobe 229 Adelaide Street Maryborough Phone 41224100
Changes to our school uniform

We are currently seeking input from parents on the new design for our junior shirt. Students have had their chance to have their say and would like some feedback from parents. The samples of the shirts will be on display in the office for the next week and there will be a feedback box available for parents to have their say. Alternatively, there are some photos on the website for you to view and vote on. The new shirt will be phased in over the 2013 year.

At the end of 2011 and the beginning of this year, many parents requested that Maryborough State High become a sun safety school and hats made compulsory. Hats have been designed, and will become compulsory from the beginning of 2013, they will be available from most uniform suppliers in Maryborough.

The final change to the uniform is to ensure our students are wearing the correct footwear for growing and developing feet and to meet the workplace health and safety regulations for many of the activities students participate in each day.

From the beginning of 2012, totally black lace up shoes with an impervious upper will be compulsory. There are many types of black joggers available and we will be working with local businesses to ensure affordable, comfortable and safe shoes will be available for purchase. If your student requires new shoes between the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013, please keep this change in mind.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the students, parents and staff who made the musical such a success. The show was fabulous, the food was delicious and the set and costumes looked terrific. Both nights were booked out and I know that several people were found who dropped in on the Saturday evening performance. I would like to wish our choir and Brianna Ryan all the best for their performances in Creative Generations, they will be well supported by 20 students who will be in the audience on Friday and a number of others on Saturday.

This term we welcome some new and returning teachers to the school. Welcome back to Mr Ben Cameron and Mrs Belinda McDonald and also welcome to Gail Jenkins who is teaching in the Science and Home Economics areas.

I was fortunate enough to help award certificates to our toastmaster graduates this week. These students have been working on their public speaking skills for the last seven weeks and have successfully completed the course.

Five senior students have represented Maryborough State High School in the Quota Student of the Year Competition. The students had to sit for an interview and were required to compete against other schools in the area in public speaking. The students found the event helpful and are inspired now.

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YEAR 10 SENIOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLANS

Students in Year 10 will formally commence the process of planning for their senior phase, leading to decisions about future pathways after they leave school. For the majority of students, it will be to return to school and complete Year 11 and 12, but there are other pathways that some students will consider. During this term, students and parents will receive information to help with this choice.

Information will be sent home regarding dates, timelines, information evenings, etc.