This time of year is filled with numerous opportunities for students to become involved in representative sport. Continuing from the summer sports trials, the Fraser District winter sports trials were held on the 12th of March in Hervey Bay and the bad weather held off long enough to allow students from Maryborough and Hervey Bay to compete. Maryborough SHS had 11 successful competitors selected to represent the district and compete at the Wide Bay trials which are being held on Tuesday the 26th of March. Our Fraser District representatives are:

**HOCKEY**
- Courtney Peterson
- Jade Pailla
- Hannah Carmichael
- Rylee Williams
- Tamika Peterson

**NETBALL**
- Morgan Lockrey
- Clancy Nunan
- Abby-Leigh Kassulke
- Aisha Banewi

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**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION**

Towards the end of last year Maryborough state high school was collecting vouchers from Bi-Lo and Coles supermarkets in order to accumulate redeemable points for sporting goods. The Health and Physical Education department would like to congratulate and thank all of the students, parents and staff who brought their vouchers to the school. We achieved a total of 15,091 points, which has allowed us to stock the “Thank God it’s Friday” program run by our Chaplain, Big M. Well done to everyone who helped out with this whole promotion you have done a fantastic job helping your school.

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**Holiday fun at the new Discovery Sphere**

Meet turtles, hermit crabs and even dingoos part of your holiday fun this Easter break with a visit to the Fraser Coast Discovery Sphere. The Discovery Sphere is a fun, interactive way to discover the incredible natural wonders of the Fraser Coast. Fascinating interpretive panels and interactive displays explore Fraser Island, humpback whales, endangered marine life, the Mary River ecosystem and the local origins of the Macadamia nut. Woven throughout are dreamtime legends and artwork of the Butchulla People. The Discovery Sphere will run a full program of fun, interactive activities over the holidays, including wildlife sessions where children can pat dingoos in a safe environment, cuddle kangaroos and get up close and personal with reptiles and snakes.

Resident can receive more than 25% off the admission price and entry is free if accompanied by a visiting friend or relative. On Friday the 5th of April, 49FM will conduct a special live broadcast from the centre and to celebrate, entry will be by gold coin donation.

The Fraser Coast Discovery Sphere at 166 Old Maryborough Road is open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm.

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**YEAR 12 WORKER VACANCY - Maryborough State High Schools**

Temporary Part-Time, 25 hrs/wk

Applications are invited for the temporary part-time position of Year 12 Worker, 25 hours per week, from Monday 15 April to Friday 13 December 2013. The Year 12 Worker will assist the two Maryborough state high schools in supporting ongoing student engagement in education via flexible arrangements. Further information regarding the position and the requirements are included in the Role Description in the application pack. Application packs can be obtained from the school office; phone 4120 9333; or visit our website www.maryborough-shs.edu.au. Applicants are required to submit a maximum 2 page written response to the three selection criteria in the “How you will be assessed” section of the Role Description. The successful applicant must hold or be able to obtain a “working with children check” suitability card (blue card). Applications close 3pm, Monday 25 March, 2013.

Keep a Watch On Our School These Holidays - With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Community Notices

Doomsville Football Club is seeking new players, especially for our U13, U14/15 and U16/17 (youth) teams. Juniors train Thursday 4.45pm - 5.30pm and U17 train 6.30pm; at Gilbr. St. (off Saltwater Creek Rd). All players will receive a free hat and dress shirt. Please contact Sandy Bandy 0439 363 383 or Jamie Goodsell doomsvillespca@fastel.com.au or visit www.doomsvills.football.net.au

Futsal Football Club to verify U14’s for their 2013 season. Please sign-on at training, on Thursdays at 4pm, Sydney St (off Saltwater Creek Road). For more information please Contact Mark on 0408 199 425 or email: gfpw.futsal@gmail.com

DRAMA TRIP A SUCCESS!

On Friday the 15th of March, senior drama students travelled to Brisbane for the annual Drama Escursion. Firstly, students were privileged to partake in a two hour Physical Theatre workshop with Katrina Cornell at the Metro Arts building in Edward Street. Mrs Jiesberg and I were highly impressed with how much content the students absorbed in that short amount of time, and how much they had achieved by their final presenting task. The workshop greatly complemented the Physical Theatre Unit that year 12 is soon to be studying, and no doubt gave the year 11 students something to look forward to for next year. After dinner and a spot of shopping in Queen Street Mall, we went to the La Boite Theatre where we were absolutely blown away by the powerful performance of Holding the Man. We laughed, we cried, and we were mesmerised by the raw intensity of the actors and the plot. Overall, the entire day was fantastic, with everyone still excitedly singing and chatting all the way home, despite our arrival at just after 2am! Thank you to the students who were impeccably behaved the entire time, and how much they had achieved by their final presenting task. The workshop greatly complemented the Physical Theatre Unit that year 12 is soon to be studying, and no doubt gave the year 11 students something to look forward to for next year. After dinner and a spot of shopping in Queen Street Mall, we went to the La Boite Theatre where we were absolutely blown away by the powerful performance of Holding the Man. We laughed, we cried, and we were mesmerised by the raw intensity of the actors and the plot. Overall, the entire day was fantastic, with everyone still excitedly singing and chatting all the way home, despite our arrival at just after 2am! Thank you to the students who were impeccably behaved the entire time, and to parents and family who picked them up so late!

Hayley Caines (Drama Teacher)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

This week Maryborough High took possession of a brand new tandem bike for students who have difficulty managing a conventional bicycle (it even has suspension for rough roads!). It is on a long-term loan from Maryborough To Library and it is greatly appreciated. Our photographer found a couple of keen models to show it off in the Library courtyard last Tuesday. Term 2 helmets and gloves will be donned and the rest of the more conventional bikes we are gradually gathering will be in action for real when we get our bike training. I want all Dukes students in the Library courtyard for first break Tuesday because we will be using the LEC iPads to work on a navigation app called MotionX HD GPS. The iPads connect via Bluetooth to a Garmin Glo-GPS receiver which the school purchased recently. A huge thank you goes to Mrs A Taylor for organising the trip for the students, who were very disappointed that they could not attend due to family reasons. Thank you to Mt Livingstone for going in her place on such short notice to help with the boys.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Report

As you know Maryborough State High School has been employing “School Wide Positive Behaviour” strategies to create a better working environment for our students. To assist in that endeavour the school recognises students’ individual efforts at positive behaviour through a reward system.

In the last two weeks we have focussed on:

- RESPONSIBILITY – While in school uniform behave in a way that contributes to the positive image of Maryborough State High School.

To find out more about ‘The Three R’s’, the school’s behaviour matrix is in the student diary on page four at the front of the book.

EXCHANGE STUDENT NEWS

Hello, my name is Lotte and I am an exchange student from Belgium. The reason why I chose to do this exchange program is because I want to see as much as possible from the world. Also because I wanted the language English become my second language. I am now here for about 5 weeks and I really feel my English is already improved. Also I learned a lot about how the Australian people live, what is quite different then in Belgium. In Australia people live outdoors, what people in Belgium don’t do. This is of course because of the difference in climate. In winter it becomes very cold, till about minus 10 and snow. School is also different. In my school, we have 12 subjects instead of 5. We start earlier (8.20) and end earlier (3.30) and on the way home I use the bus. In my school, we have 12 subjects instead of 5. We start earlier (8.20) and finish later (4.20). What I love the most about Australia is her beautiful nature and wild animals. I’ve been to rainbow beach and on the way there I saw so much nature, that we certainly don’t have in Belgium. In about 3 weeks I’m returning to Belgium, I’m very sad leaving Australia but I’m also going to be happy when I see my friends and family back. When I arrive in Belgium, I have to go back to school there. I have to catch up subjects materials and prepare for the finals, because we finish school in June. After that I’m thinking of taking a gap-year and go travelling to maybe the USA.

I want to thank the school for giving me a great time in MBHS! Also I want to thank my host family, who really took good care of me, and my parents in Belgium, for the chance they gave me to do this!

POSITION VACANT

We are looking for applicants to fill our Tuckshop Convenor’s position with a training period to commence the week starting Monday 22 April and the paid position to start the following week.

If you are interested in applying for this position please email the school, by Wednesday 27th March, with the subject line reading “tuckshop application please” to admin@sunburydcs.edu.au. Alternatively you can collect an application package from the school office.

Applications close on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at 3.00pm.