SPORT IN 2013

Students should consider if they are interested in representing Maryborough SHS at the Fraser District trials held in term 1. The trials, known as the summer and winter trials, will be held on the 12th of February and the 6th of March respectively. Summer sports are: tennis, touch football, cricket, volleyball, squash and softball (paper nomination) scheduled to be held in Maryborough. Winter sports include: rugby league, rugby union, Australian rules football, soccer, netball, golf, hockey and basketball, convened in Hervey Bay. Term 1 is so full of sporting carnivals, representative trials and many other school activities that some students miss dates and do not get the opportunity to play a representative sport. The sign-on sheets will be available from week 1, 2013. In order to have a strong Maryborough SHS contingent, you should put the above dates on your calendars. The best way to keep up with Fraser District sport is through the dedicated website. (https://maryboroshs.eq.edu.au/wcms) a screen shot of the home page has been included below. Further information regarding the venues and costs will be distributed next year.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013

Above is the new look sport's home page for Maryborough State High School. This is found within the extracurricular activities tab of the school homepage itself (https://maryboroshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Sports.aspx) Important sport carnival dates as well as other relevant information can be found on this page from 2013 onwards, so come back in the new year and have a look.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013

A list of successful interviewees will be displayed in the final sports newsletter for 2012 on the 7th of December. These prestigious school leadership positions are a perfect way for students to further develop their leadership and management strategies and improve personal characteristic strengths. Parents should be aware that these successful applicants are used in media pamphlets, websites and newsletters.

MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS

The end of the year is upon us with our Year 12s celebrating the end of their high school years and the other year levels completing their final pieces of assessment.

Congratulations to our graduates, well done. I wish to particularly acknowledge some of the excellent results achieved in mathematics by our departing students.

Josiah Hess, Brad Nichols and Elles Gilson, through their dedication to their studies, and a fair bit of competition, have achieved extraordinary results with Brad, Josiah and Elles receiving Very High Achievement, the highest grade in Maths both B and C. Just truly awesome.

The following students achieved VHAs in their chosen subject; Sean Kaufman (Maths B), Brody Thompson (Maths B), Rhiana Kath (Maths B, Sheridan Waldock (Maths A), Lochlan Hanley (Maths A), Ashleigh Williams-Smith (Maths A), Brody Willcocks (Maths A) and Hope Somerfield (Maths A).

I would like to take this opportunity to give a personal message to the above students. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff who have been involved in your education throughout your time at MSHS. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you and you should be very proud of your achievements. Congratulations again on your excellent results and we extend to you our hopes and best wishes for a bright future.

Recently, students who participated in two Mathematics competitions were handed their certificates. Thanks to all those students who participated and special mention to George Brown who received the Australian Mathematics Competition Prizerw Award. This award is given to the student within the school who provides the most consecutively correct answers.

Mark Malone, Jess Shaw, Charlene Dinery, Megan Kaufman, Tenille Wall and James Tannard all achieved Distinctions in the UNSW Global Mathematics Competition.

Peter Murphy (Acting HOD Mathematics)
The 2012 year in review

Throughout 2012, our focus has been on improvement.

In the classroom our focus has been on excellence in teaching and learning.

We have been involved in a range of professional development activities ensuring we, as teachers, are engaged in quality teaching; and that our educational programs are current, relevant and engaging.

We will continue with this improvement agenda in 2013, with the implementation of a teaching and learning framework, “The Art and Science of Teaching”.

This framework aims to:

• Deliver a system of clear learning goals connected to student feedback and evaluation in the classroom
• Ensure effective teaching in every classroom and
• Build background knowledge for all students.

An improved learning environment

This year our facilities and grounds have been updated. We have had a complete repaint of many of our buildings, new carpet has been laid in many classrooms, the beautification of the outdoor learning centre has been extended to include Social Science in semester 2; and upgrades have been extended to include ScienceSphere in many classrooms, the beautification of the outdoor learning centre has been extended to include Social Science in many classrooms, and the beautification of the outdoor learning centre has been extended to include Science.

In 2013 we will continue to develop our facilities to ensure we have the very best learning environments for our students.

Exciting Changes in place for 2013

From the beginning of 2013, our new timetable will begin. Features of the new timetable are:

• 5 minute lessons - this allows students to have at least one more lesson for each subject each week.
• HPE and History will be compulsory for Junior Secondary Years 8 & 9.
• There will no longer be a Thursday afternoon flex for years 11 and 12 – every day and every lesson counts.
• The school day will begin with form class beginning at 8:45am and the school day ending at 2:55pm.
• Students in certificate courses who are allocated spares will be required to attend a specified classroom, supervised by a teacher where they can utilise this time to work on assessment.
• First and second breaks will be of similar length and for Junior Secondary there will be a schedule of supervised activities throughout the breaks.
• The new curriculum advancement program – “GEM” will begin and has been extended to include Social Science.
• In semester 2 of 2013; year 10 students will have the opportunity to select transition-to-semester courses in preparation for year 11 and 12 subjects.

Uniform:

This is just a reminder that our new uniform policy takes effect from 2013. This is the phase in year and both the current blue polo and the new junior school shirts can be worn.

Year 10 students, as this is the beginning of senior secondary may continue to wear the blue shirts or begin to wear white shirts. Only Year 11 and 12 students may wear the sports uniform as is the case this year. Years 11 and 12 may wear a tie.

Students will be required to wear totally black lace up shoes and white socks. Reasonably priced totally black lace up shoes are available from a range of local shops, please don’t hesitate to contact the office for details about the shoes that are available.

On Friday last week we farewelled our Senior class of 2012. The Graduation ceremony was a great send off to our students. I would publically like to acknowledge Mrs Denise Pommeranz the year 12 coordinator. Throughout the year Denise worked with these students on many projects, guiding and mentoring them in organisational, role-modeling and leadership skills. Denise with the help of Cecilia Esterhuizin, Maree McKaskill, Kyle Hood, Robyn Ryan Natasha Rowland and Jodi Rosden put together the end of year program for the students and organised the Graduation ceremony.

Denise has decided to take a break from the year coordinator role and I would like to thank her for her leadership in the role of Year coordinator and the dedication to the students in Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

Christmas Ham Spins

Tickets only $2.00 Saturday 15th Dec from 5pm Granville Football Clubhouse River end of Banana Street Sausage Sizzle, cheap drinks & lollies for the kids…..Special appearance by Santa  All Welcome!

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Volunteers Required

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Year 11 Leadership Camp

The Year 11 Leadership Camp is being run from Tuesday November 27th – Thursday November 29th. The students will be spending their time at the Aldenhof Scout Camp during those days. Students will be participating in a number of activities to prepare them to take on leadership roles within the school in 2013. A reminder to parents who are attending the Thursday night barbeque that they must notify the school before Monday as we need to know numbers for catering! The students will be leaving the school by 9am on Tuesday morning and returning to school on Thursday around 4.30pm to attend the night activities, to be completed by 7pm.

Year 11 2012 Jerseys and Class shirts

A reminder to students and parents that money needs to be paid to the office by the end of week 9 (Friday December 7th) to ensure your child receives their jersey in the next year! Jerseys are $55, shirts $45 or $109 for both. If they are ordered next year the cost of these will triple.

Year 8 Showcase

What did you do at school today?

“Not much.”

Have you been wondering what your Year 8 student has been learning about and doing at school this year? Here’s a great chance to find out more!

All Year 8 students and their families are invited to the Year 8 Showcase evening, to be held on December 5 at 5.30pm.

The Showcase will start with a sausage sizzle, and the opportunity to browse displays of student work and activities in all subject areas, including slide shows and other multi-modal presentations. At 6pm there will be a special awards ceremony acknowledging the efforts of students from each class. Year 8 teachers will bring home more details in a note next week.

Please join us to celebrate the Year 8 students’ first year at Maryborough State High School!!

If you would like to attend a family showcase, please call your child’s teacher.

From the Principal

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