Each term has a main sporting event, Term Four is no exception. On Wednesday the 30th of October Maryborough State High School is holding its annual sports presentation evening at the Broga Theatre starting at 6.30pm. We will honour our age champions, sporting houses, sporting teams, meritorious award recipients, Wide Bay representatives and many others who deserve recognition for their efforts in 2013. The quiz master will once again have a series of 20 questions for the audience, allowing each table of guests the chance at the major prize. As always, a visit from the school’s stage band that will delight us with their musical talents.

All students who intend on applying for the house captain positions must collect an application form PE staff and return it ASAP. Students who are currently in this position still need to apply to indicate their desire to continue the role.

HOCKEY

Mrs C. Taylor is taking a boys’ and girls’ team to the hockey carnival on Friday October 25th. There will be teams from Hervey Bay & Maryborough schools areas competing against each other in a round robin style tournament. Games will start at 9.00am and finish around 2.30pm. Parents should be aware that students have received the necessary documentation regarding transport, cost and procedure on the day. If you have any questions, contact the HPE department.

Year 10 Reward Trip – DREAMWORLD

As the end of the year approaches, the School is looking to recognize those Year 10 students who have shown commitment to the “Positive Behaviour Program” and have attended classes at >90% and demonstrated satisfactory behaviour. We are offering these students a trip to DREAMWORLD on the Gold Coast on the 2nd of December. This is after the official end date for Year 10s and will make sure that no students are left behind. This prevents any disruption to final assessment.

More information will be available closer to the date regarding the cost of the trip and arrangements for payment. An approximate cost would be $80. Parents will be giving their consent if their child is able to go on this trip.

SCIENTIFIC OPERATIONS OFFICER VACANCY

Maryborough State High School permanent part-time, 29 hours per week. Applicants must address the five selection criteria in the ‘How you will be assessed’ section of the Role Description.

To obtain an application pack phone 4120 9333; or visit our website www.maryboroshs.eq.edu.au.

Applications close 3:00pm, Friday 25 October 2013.

Are You Looking for Something that is Exciting, Dynamic and FUN?

Rhee Taekwondo is hosting, two Free Trial Lessons for Beginners. Imagine being a Black Belt in one of Australia’s Most Popular Martial Arts! Become a Leader amongst your peers as you cultivate stronger Confidence and a healthy Self Esteem. For more information visit our Website: rhee.net.au or call 41 247 835 m: 0404 747 413.

Maryborough State High School Museum and Hall will be open to the public on Saturday October 26th from 10am to 4pm.

Great state. Great opportunity.
Term 4 has begun with a flurry of activity. Last week we saw our talented music students off on their annual music tour where they performed at a number of events and schools. This was a great opportunity for our students to perform and showcase their talents.

Last night, students performed for our community in the annual Gala concert. Congratulations must go to all involved in the 2014 Gala. It was a great evening due to the hard work of students and teachers.

The commitment and dedication of our teachers to the students at Maryborough State High make our Arts program one providing a variety of opportunities for our talented students to excel. Thank you all to those staff who supported our Arts students and staff backstage, in the production and organisation, the transporting of instruments, the photography and all the other important “bits and pieces”, and thank you parents and carers for the support you provide, attending concerts, and transporting to and from practices and events.

Congratulations to Ebony Keene who has been successful in making the Australian Open Youth Futsal team. She will compete in America, and to Bray Bulmer and Khody Birt who have also made the Australian Futsal side and will be travelling to Brazil to compete.

Last week, I had the opportunity of attending the Rotary National Youth Science dinner at the Maryborough Golf Club where a number of successful science students were invited to attend a dinner. Maryborough State High School Student, Sophie Noble was selected from the Maryborough district and will travel to Perth or Canberra in January. One of our previous successful applicants, Cassie Scott presented to the group the wonderful experiences she took part in earlier this year. Congratulations to Sophie Noble and we look forward to hearing about her trip early next year.

This year Maryborough State High Museum is opening its doors to the public on 26th October. We are very pleased to be a part of this wonderful Heritage initiative.

Year 8, 9 and 11 individual learning pathway interviews are beginning in the coming weeks. Year 11 begins on Tuesday the 22nd October, from 3pm – 5:30 pm. Year 9 on Tuesday 29th October and for Year 8 students on Tuesday 5th November. The intent of these interviews is for teachers, parents and carers and students to identify strengths, set goals and develop an individualised learning pathway that caters to each individual student. Interview times can be booked online or by contacting the office.

This term we have a number of culminating events, the sports awards evening, the annual whole school awards evening and the graduation and formal for year 12 students. It’s a hectic term, with all these important events and for students it is important to keep up to date with the day to day classroom learning, keeping on top of assessment items and very importantly – being at school each and every day.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

The names of twelve students who are ready to receive their Bridge Awards have been passed on for Awards Night on 8th November 2013. Any of the Duke’s students who have not completed their record book are urgently required to see Mr McLeod at the C Block staffroom.

**National Gallery of Australia scholarships for visual arts students**

The National Gallery of Australia is offering the National Summer Art Scholarship for students entering Year 12 in 2014 who are interested in the visual arts. Two students from Queensland will be selected to spend a week in Canberra to learn how the gallery operates, join workshops with artists and participate in practices and events. If your student is interested in applying or needs more information, they can come and see me at my staffroom. Year 12’s need to be looking into nominating for any school awards as well, as our school Awards night is Friday November 8th.

**Raymond Lodge-Residential College**

This College is an activity of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia and it provides comfortable and safe accommodation services for tertiary students within a supportive community based on Christian values. They are located in Auchenflower, which is close to major universities and colleges in Brisbane. They are also located a few minutes’ walk from major train and bus routes. If you are interested and need more information you can visit www.raymont.com.au or contact the college on (07) 3377 9903.

**Jellybean Contest- Formal Fundraiser**

Thank you to all those students and staff, if students arrive late to school they MUST sign in at the Student Services before going to class. If students know they are going to be away, the school MUST be contacted by telephone, email, text or note.

**Formal/Graduation**

The Year 12 students have received their formal letter detailing on the cost of the night ($50). Those who are attending the formal with an outside partner or Year 11 student will also need to purchase a ticket for them at the same price. They need to have these tickets purchased by November 1st as we have to finalise catering numbers. Also a reminder to all students that if they or their partner have any special dietary requirements, they will also need to let me know by this date!

The students have been asked to bring in a baby, a toddler and a recent photo of themselves for the formal and graduation PowerPoint. If they only have a few photos or even one, that will be sufficient for the intention of this presentation. They need to have these to me (Mrs C Taylor) ASAP, as the Year 12’s designing the presentation need to get started on the project. They also should have submitted their quote, comment or inspirational words they want with their photo in the Palma Magazine at the end of the year. If your student has not handed any baby or toddler photos, they will still do so.

Students also have to make sure they have booked their arrival time for the Formal and their table seating allocation as these are both being finalised. If you do have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me at school.

The Year 12 students will be given a timetable and a permission note soon in regards to their last week at school. They will also be given information on their Grad lunch that will occur on the on the last day. We will be going to the West Side Tavern on the last Friday of school (15 November). After the Graduation Ceremony. Students will be receiving a letter home in the next week regarding their last week of school and the graduation lunch. Parents will need to let me know if they are going to attend the luncheon once they receive the information.

**Year 12 Formal Class Photos**

The Year 12’s will be having their form photos taken on Thursday October 24th by the Chronicle in the Multipurpose Gym starting at 10:30am.

**Girls Leadership Day**

The Girls Leadership Day was a fantastic day for all those students involved. The girls were challenged with different activities and enjoyed learning new skills. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Calhurt and Mrs A Taylor for assisting me with the girls on the day. Also to Lynette York and the Holistic Hub for all their assistance in organising the day!

**Zonta – Year 12 Girls**

On Wednesday October 16th, ladies from Zonta organised a luncheon with the girls in Year 12. We were very fortunate to have ladies from Head Space come and talk to the group. A huge thank you goes to the ladies from Zonta for organising this event and to Head Space for presenting to the Year 12 girls and staff.

Mrs C Taylor (Year 12 Co-ordinator)

**Scholarships**

There are many scholarships available for the Year 12’s to apply for.

- Charles Hawker Scholarships opens December 9th. This demonstrates a commitment to the wider community and is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.
- The Australian Veterans Children’s Assistance Trust is a not-for-profit organisation that helps children and grandchildren of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time tertiary education. Applications opened August 18th.
- If your student is interested in applying or needs more information, they can come and see me at my staffroom. Year 12’s need to be looking into nominating for any school awards as well, as our school Awards night is Friday November 8th.

**School wide Positive Behaviour Report**

Welcome to Term 4. We start this term by focusing on the basics. Respect, Results and Responsibility. Respect not only for yourself and others but our school as well – wear your uniform with pride. Results are always important, work hard in class and do your best. Responsibility, be prepared for class, have all of your equipment, be prepared for recess, have your hat – it is up to you. Have a great Term 4.