Good luck to the Fraser District representatives who will be competing for a spot in the Wide Bay team. The Bundaberg carnival is held on the 28th of May and successful students will be acknowledged in the next issue of the newsletter. For those who have not collected a course map, you need to see Mr Smith in the PE staffroom.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual school athletics carnival is approaching. The MSHS Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday the 6th of August at MSHS on Kings Oval, with the wet weather back up date being Wednesday the 14th of August. Students will compete in numerous track and field events for the coveted winning house trophy. To prepare for the full school carnival during the final weeks of term 2 and the start of term 3, the ‘HPE’ department will be conducting morning tea and lunchtime events. Students need to check morning notices as well as familiarise themselves with the events program list on the notice board outside the PE staffroom. The points from these preliminary events will go towards overall house points as well as individual age championship points. The events schedule is starting on Tuesday the 28th of June.

The best advantage for each house is to have as many competing from their members as possible. Individuals get a minimum of one point each. MSHS encourages every student to do their best and perform to the best of their abilities. Good luck, and compete well.

FUTSAL

- The Fraser Coast futsal titles will be held in Hervey Bay at the PCYC on the 3rd and 4th of June. Maryborough SHS will enter seven teams. Students have been training during lunch times. Good luck to these players.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

After a short break with camps Dukes is powering on again with the very first bike ride happening Sunday morning June 2 (see details below). Over the last couple of weeks students have been learning mapping and use of a GPS. Last week as well as some students learning to create ride maps on “Map my Ride” others walked the school grounds using the GPS “Go To” function to locate items of interest in the school grounds which were marked with waypoints then they created their own waypoints.

This week we worked out how to read the co-ordinates of these waypoints from the GPS, write them up in a navigation data table on the whiteboard then enter them into Google Earth to literally see those features. Students were impressed to see the Earth on the big screen, then the earth rotate to Australia, then zoom all the way down to the flagpole in front of the school!!! The Tuesday morning group will be “Google Earthing” next week and we now have five GPS for students to use so next week students can gain plenty more experience with their own GPS for the session.

Sunday July 2 there will be a bike ride for students registered in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program only, leaving from the car park of Andy’s IGA corner of Alice and Tooley Streets at 8am. There will be a range of activities including navigation and geocaching and students can cook the BBQ as well while the adults recover from the bike ride. All Dukes students make sure you turn up for an enjoyable morning. We expect to be back at the car park by about 1:30 pm. This ride is a lead-up to an overnight bike ride/camp in Wongi State Forest in Term 3.

A letter will be going home shortly talking about the Lions sponsored “Leo Club” for teenagers and the spectacles collection program which MSHS has been running for a while. One requirement of Dukes is for students to perform some community service and the spectacles program is an ideal way to achieve this while helping people overseas less well off than us. The Leo club is of course open to all students however I would like Dukes students who don’t have any other opportunity to spend some time volunteering to join Leo’s (membership fees are being paid for by local Lions) and take part in the spectacles collection program.

Junior Council Mother’s Day Activity

The week leading up to Mother’s Day saw 30 students from our Junior Council, and their Year 11 mentors, working through their lunch times making cards and small gifts. On Friday May 10th the students spent morning tea and lunchtime handing out the gifts containing chocolates to all ladies who were shopping at Station Square. Shoppers were surprised by the kindness and generosity of our students. Thanks Junior Council for a job well done.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have recently been informed of the success of our application for The Community Heritage Grants. Congratulations to Amanda Tatam who completed the application on behalf of the school.

At Maryborough State High we believe in strong community links and last year opened the museum to the public. Since then we have had numerous visits by community members and past student reunions. Honouring the tradition of this great school is very important and this grant will help to ensure that we are able to share the wonderful stories of Maryborough State High School.

The museum holds many artefacts; some of the oldest are attendance rolls, academic records, science equipment and educational books and tools dating back to the late 1800’s. The Museum collection also includes sports trophies, academic shields, Olympic torch participation certificates, Arm Cadet artefacts, school uniforms, Corpral Punishment records, Education Queensland magazines from 1930’s to 1960’s, school Palma magazines, many photos and antique furniture. There are stories of the many legends who attended our school.

YEAR TO SUBJECT SELECTION SEMESTER TWO

Students have received an information booklet and subject selection sheet to choose their electives for semester two. Students will have the opportunity to study four electives in semester two. All subjects have been more closely aligned with subject offerings in Year 11 and 12 and it is anticipated that students will view this as an opportunity to experience these subjects, and then use this to make a more informed decision regarding subject choices for their final two years of high school.

YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION SEMESTER TWO

Students have received their subject selection sheet and will be allocated two electives for next semester. Information booklets were distributed to students last year and contain the information for all Year 9 subjects. Spare copies are available from the Student Services Office.

WINTER UNIFORMS – The cooler weather has arrived and it is important that students have the correct uniform. Students have been reminded several times this term about the correct winter uniform. The school fleecy jumper or spray jacket is available at a range of suppliers – B & H Designs, Sauers Uniforms, and Lowes (These are the only winter jumpers permitted). Students are permitted to wear long grey pants, dress pants or cargo style pants. These can be sourced locally at uniform suppliers, as well as other retail outlets such as Big W, Best & Less, Fashion Fair. They must be plain grey. Jeans are not permitted. The school has a supply of day loan uniforms if students need to borrow for the day. School policy requires students, where possible, to change if they are not in the correct uniform. Students who correctly uniform promote a positive image of our school in the community, and shows students how pride and a sense of belonging in their school.

Jewellery Made in Science

Mr Heinricht’s 8F science class spent a lesson learning about crystals as part of a unit on Rocks and Mining. The students made concentrated copper sulphate and dangled a seed crystal into the solution to make the beautiful crystals in the photo.

We endevour to help every student to participate in work placement, however if you can assist with this process it would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the following businesses that have taken students this year:

- Comet Industries
- Tanner’s Electrical
- Bombardier
- Advanced Diesel
- ACF Welding
- R.G. Electrical
- Customised Kitchens
- Warren Jacobsen
- Wroe’s Creative Metals
- Maryborough Building Supplies
- Fraser Coast Motor Centre
- Persal and Co.
- Cam Dombrow Electrical
- Global Engineering
- Hi-Way One Truck and Tractor

Year 12 Update

Jerseys

The students who ordered Jerseys/Senior shirts, in the second order need to have them paid for by the end of Term 2. The cost of the Jersey is $85 and $105 for both.

Attendance

A reminder to all students and parents, that if students arrive or come to school late, they MUST sign in at the Student Services office before going to class. If students know they are going to be away, the school MUST be contacted by telephone, email, text or note.

RSPCA-Millionpawswalk

Thank you to all those students from Maryborough SHS who attended the Million Paws Walk on Sunday May 19th. It was fantastic to see so many in attendance to help raise money for this wonderful foundation.

Formal/Graduation

The formal committee is looking at their next fundraiser which will be announced at the end of the term. More information will be given out in the coming weeks.

Exam Week

Reminder to parents and students that exam week will be from Wednesday June 12th to Wednesday June 19th. Then there will be QCS practice on Thursday and Friday.

Huge thank you

Keri-Anne Demelt who has so generously hand made and donated 10 beautiful brown bands for the school equestrian team.

LEC Camp

Recently ten students and three staff from the LEC joined with about forty other students plus staff from Anglesea State High for a great camp at the Cumirumi Local Active Recreation Centre near Caloundra. Activities included body boarding at Dickey Beach, lots of beach walks and beach games, many traditional games during the night activities and an amazing high ropes course and giant swing. This high ropes course is around the height of your suburban power poles or higher and it was an incredible experience watching students take on the challenge of climbing up a range of ladders, rope lines and nets while supported at all times by belay ropes manned by their fellow team mates. Cumirumi camp located in the sand dunes within sound of the surf is palatial to say the least and the good dining room meals were appreciated by all.

MHS LEC students and staff are currently busy helping the Lions distribute the new phone books around town to raise funds to enable a larger group of students to enjoy this superb camp next year.