

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that you all had a wonderful Easter and that students have returned to school refreshed and ready for an exciting and busy Term 2.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Term 2 started for us with some 300 teachers attending an Information Technology Conference at Morayfield State High School on the Student Free Day. Teachers from across the District explored ways of integrating new and emerging technologies into their teaching practice. I am confident we will see the rewards of such valuable Professional Development in classrooms on a daily basis.

SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to our senior rugby league team who valiantly fought a tough opening game against Marsden SHS in Logan last week. Despite injury and other odds, all team members played well and most importantly displayed integrity and spirit on and off the field. I look forward to attending more of these games to cheer on a fabulous team.

ACADEMIC REVIEW

At the end of last term, Kerri Holzwart (Deputy Principal – Senior School), Jenny Duke (Head of Department – Senior Schooling) and I performed an academic review for year 11 & 12 students. We have engaged in conversations with all students not achieving in a single subject, or subjects, and have counselled them on work ethic and in some cases a change of subject selection and Senior Education Pathway. This process is crucial to the new Queensland Certificate of Education where students will gain credit towards a QCE for achieving an A, B or C in each subject. A copy of the new QCE requirements which apply to the current year 8-11 cohorts can be found as an attachment to this newsletter.

FACILITIES

New student chairs have been delivered and have been placed in F Block. New desks will, over the next month, be placed in B Block and F Block. M Block will be painted this week with F Block internal painting occurring at night and weekends to limit disruption to classes. New shade shelters will be appearing this term to address issues of appropriate shade and seating.

OUR TREES

Some concern has been raised in relation to the cutting down of some trees. Please be assured that the only trees removed are on the advice of an arborist who has deemed the tree dead or dangerous and in some cases, 'white ant ridden'. For every tree we remove, we will plant a new healthy one. If you have any concerns or queries please contact Jodie Blunt (Registrar).

SAFETY

As of 23rd April we will be implementing new procedures for the exiting of school grounds. This is in direct response to concerns of parents. The entry gate for the staff carpark on Aereal Crescent will be closed at 2.50pm to allow students to access only two supervised exits at the front of the school. Students who travel home via buses leaving from Aereal Crescent must assemble at the bus gate and remain on school grounds until their bus arrives and the teacher on bus duty supervises their exit from school and entry to the bus. All other students, pedestrian and bike students, must use the main gate and use the pedestrian crossing. Students waiting for parents to collect them should remain on the school grounds. Only students accessing trains and or buses departing from the train station should leave the school via the crossing and move to the station. Parents who have organised to pick up students from pick up points other than the front of the school should continue arrangements as they exist. We are seeking your support to ensure the absolute safety of all of our children.

NEW STAFF

We welcome back this term Mrs Megan Sumner from maternity leave as well as new teachers Kelly Murray, Melanie Currie, Trevor Weeks and Kevan Dawkins. Mr Alex Brain is Acting Design Technology Head of Department.

TRIENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW

The Triennial School Review committee for 2007 is Sharyn Donald (Principal), Jodie Blunt (Registrar) Natasha Van Wijk and Adrian Code (Staff Representatives), Deborah Doxanakis (Parent Representative) and Brianna Young (Student Representative). We look forward to planning with you for our future.

Thought for the week: Motivation is what gets you started. Determination is what keeps you going.

Sharyn Donald
Principal

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTY

The year is once again flying by and Year 12 students are another term closer to the end of their formal schooling years. I encourage all Year 12 students to use the full facilities and services the school has to offer in order to achieve the best possible outcomes. Students MUST be working to their full potential NOW! There is no time left to 'cruise'!

Year 11 students are currently undergoing academic review. These students are the first group to complete senior schooling under the new Queensland Certificate of Education system. It is important that students are enrolled into subjects that they enjoy, are able to succeed in and will lead to their desired vocational pathway. This will ensure that the majority of our students will leave school having achieved their QCE. If students or parents have concerns about the course of study that is being undertaken, please contact Di Gee - Guidance Officer, Jenny Duke – Head of Department Senior Schooling or myself to organise a time to discuss these concerns. Subject changes MUST be completed now, not left to the end of semester at which time these changes may impact on the ability of a student to earn their QCE while at school.

As part of Education Week (May 28 to June 1), Morayfield will celebrate the success of students who are putting their best foot forward, not just academically but in terms of upholding the school values, contributing to the enhancement of school life, exhibiting respect for fellow students and staff, etc. Students will be nominated by their teachers. Students and parents will be informed in early May if they are to receive an award. Morning teas will be held each day of this week for each year level to acknowledge the great efforts of these students with parents invited to attend. Stay tuned for more information!!!

I am very much looking forward to another successful term at Morayfield State High School.

Kerri Holzwart
Deputy Principal

FROM THE DESK OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DEPUTY

I wish to welcome back all our year 8 and 9 students. Term 2 has already begun at a busy pace and students have settled back into a school routine. I wish to say thank you to all students for the standard of uniform in term 1. I look forward to maintaining this standard in term 2. Just a reminder to students that with winter on its way, the correct navy blue jumper is required. In addition, students should also follow the school's jewellery policy.

With semester reports be distributed at the end of this term, students will need to complete assignment tasks as per their assignment schedules. It will be important for students to concentrate on their studies to achieve the best possible result in each of their subjects. Term 2 promises to be an exciting one and I look forward to encouraging students with their achievements.

Peter Hoehn
Deputy Principal

FROM THE BOOKSHOP

THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL POLOS ONLY \$10. The original polo is jade with stripes.

As of the end of Term 1 we have replenished all of our uniform stock. Please feel free to come in and browse or phone for any information. Our winter jackets are available for \$40 and junior jerseys are \$32.

Can you check that your child has returned all his/her textbooks from last year as we have students currently waiting for these books. Please note a change to our hours for the next few months to allow for a major textbook stocktake.

CHANGES TO BOOKSHOP HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Before school 8am – 9am
Morning Tea 10.10am – 10.40am
Lunch 1.00pm – 1.40pm

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FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOLING

Year 12 Core Skills Preparation

For Year 12 students, one of their most important events is the Core Skills Test (QCS) which will occur on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September 2007. The test is targeted at students who wish to go on to tertiary studies after year 12 and provides vital statistical information so that the QSA can calculate Overall Position (OP) scores for eligible students.

The Core Skills Test is a common state-wide test based on a range of skills that are grounded in the Queensland Senior Curriculum. These skills are referred to as the CCEs or the Common Curriculum Elements. Some of these elements include analysing, evaluating, classifying, comparing and contrasting.

Year 12 students who are OP eligible and a small number of OP-ineligible but who wish to receive a rank, sit the QCS test. The results of the Core Skills test are used by the QSA to rescale students' results in each subject. For example, how far above the state mean the Chemistry or Art students perform on the QCS test will determine the extent to which their school results in those two subjects are rescaled to the benefit of those students. This occurs in each subject.

Our school has a comprehensive Core Skills Test Preparation Programme for our Year 12s. Each Thursday, in their QCS lesson, the Year 12s will undertake this preparation. It includes specialised lessons, group discussion, handouts, presentations by external staff and practice tests.

The first presentation by external staff will be on Friday 4 May. (*All other year 12s who are not practising for the core skills test will be in normal classes*). During this presentation, skills for the short response paper and multiple choice paper will be introduced and practised.

A full day practice test will occur on Tuesday 15 May. (*All other year 12s who are not practicing for the core skills test will be in normal classes*). Students practising for the core skills test will take a two hour Short Response test followed by a one and a half hour Multiple Choice test. These tests will be marked and individual feedback will be provided to every student.

SOUTHBANK INSTITUTE:

Southbank Institute will be holding a Creative Careers Day on Monday April 16, to coincide with the student free day. The program will consist of; career talks at 11am, 2pm & 6pm, individual career and course counselling, open studios & student demonstrations plus campus tours. This will be held at Morningside Campus, Clearview Terrace, Morningside. Staff will be on hand to advise about courses,

careers, university pathways and our new Creative Gap year. We encourage students from Years 10, 11 and 12 and their parents. For more information refer to the "Creative Careers Day" poster on display in the school noticeboard.



JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL:

In March 2007, Morayfield State High School hosted a visit by 10 students and a teacher from Onomichi Higashi High School in Japan. This visit was organized by the AIU. They attended classes to improve their English and spent time in regular classes at Morayfield High. Students were hosted by families of children at the school and we extend our thanks to those families for being actively involved.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST:

On the 27th February, three Morayfield State High School Year 12 students participated in the "Lions Youth of the Year Quest". It is one of the largest Lions Youth programmes at both District and Multiple District levels. The aim of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest is to encourage, foster and develop leadership and good citizenship qualities in our youth. They were judged on their academic attainment, leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship. The students firstly were given an overview of the judging process; which included the informal component held on Saturday 24th where they were judged on their Leadership, sport, community and cultural attributes, then the public speaking component on Tuesday 27th. The students involved were Alex Robson, Rosanna Alexander and Elizabeth Blain who was the successful Club level winner on the night, therefore, moving her onto the Zone level which she won on the 10th March 2007. She tested her skills in the Regional level competition on the 15th March and was awarded 2nd place. Congratulations to Elizabeth for an outstanding effort.



CLIP FOR CANCER & WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE:



A huge thank you to Sara Hines and Rowena McCulloch (Clip for Cancer) and Aleshia Kitchener (World's Greatest Shave For A Cure) for raising well over \$800.00 to help with cancer research at a recent parade. Also thanks to Steve Moody (Physical Education teacher) who pledged support to the students in their fundraising.



AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS 161 AVIATION DET – BRISBANE:

The Australian Army Cadets are currently recruiting for 161 Aviation Det – Brisbane and are looking for people 12 years & 6 months of age who would like to learn about compass navigation by day and night, people management, leadership, radio communications, military history, basic bush skills, self discipline and aviation skills. For further information please contact: Capt (AAC) Richard Leahy 0417-758-492 or LT (AAC) Charles Martin 0411-247-544. Next enrolment/information day will be Sunday 25/03/07. Refer to the flyer in the school noticeboard.



CANADIAN BILLETS VISIT MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL:

Morayfield High recently hosted a visiting Rugby Team from the Nepean High School in Ottawa, Canada. The boys stayed with local families and had the opportunity to train with Caboolture's A Grade coach Steve Payne. The boys learnt a lot about Australian Rugby and really enjoyed their stay. Before returning to Canada, Captain Kiefer Weir presented our library with a book on Ottawa, Canada.

Back Row Left to right: Kiefer Weir (Captain), Matt Ellis, Marc McBane
Front Row Left to right: Liani McCarthy, Kiara Stegman, Marissa Price.

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

The end of term 1, 2007, saw our Arts students taking valuable opportunities to enrich their learning in the arts and to develop their Arts Practice under the direction of visiting artists.

SENIOR VISUAL ART CAMP

75 of our Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students took the opportunity to get an uninterrupted 3 days head start on their making tasks under the guidance of 5 visiting, practising artists.

Peter Hudson returned to the Art Camp this year after just returning from the prestigious Archibald Art Competition in Sydney where his work was selected to be amongst the finalists. Peter worked with the Year 12 art students in the painting medium. Also returning this year was Ruth Park, a sculptor who is finalizing her Masters in Art. Ruth worked with the students in a variety of 3-D ways.

Cheryl Boody is a practising mixed-media artist who introduced the students, in her workshop, to a wide range of new and exciting media. Two new artists to Morayfield this year were Kate French and Penelope Gilbert-Ng. Kate had her students create very large clay portraits and Penny demonstrated and showed students her skills in pastel painting.

At the end of the 3 days, all were very tired but energized about their work next term.

Meanwhile Performing Arts students were working alongside the talented and dedicated artists from Opera Queensland in the "Moving Opera" workshop. 25 of our Performing Arts students developed skills in performance, stagecraft and projection which culminated in a short performance on Thursday afternoon. This is such an uplifting way to end the term as our students performed with the Opera stars in a range of musical styles. Congratulations on these students for taking these opportunities to learn more and develop skills in their disciplines.

“HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL” comes to our school next month. Miss B has been feverishly directing our student cast to create an exciting and polished performance. Once again these students have taken the opportunity to learn more and have a great experience. We had a rehearsal morning over the Easter holidays and the characters are certainly developing strongly. Watch this space for more information on how you can book your tickets to this fabulous show.

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Term 2 looks just as busy as Term 1 for sport. Summer sport is coming to a close, with finals being played over the next couple of weeks. Good luck to all students involved. We have been quite competitive throughout the summer season across all age groups and have a number of teams competing. Winter season nominations will be held about mid term and the season will commence straight after.

The school cross country event will be held in week 5 and I encourage all students to get involved. The top 6 place getters for each age group go on to represent the school at the Regional carnival.

Those students keen to be part of this team need to get in some training if they are not already.

We have a number of students representing Sunshine Coast at State carnivals over the next month or so. Good luck to the following:

Rugby League - Alex Braun, Trent Pattern and Ryley Kajewski.

Volleyball – Rachel Kosiak, Tamara Taviuni – Fa’amoe, Jolanda Van Der Maas, Moegi Yoshioka and Nicole Genrich.



Swimming – Nicole Genrich

State cup competitions are in full swing. We have teams competing in Golden Glove softball, Jonathon Brown AFL (Year8 boys and girls), Lions Cup AFL, Indoor Cricket (Open and 15 years) Rugby Union, Rugby League (boys and girls), Ten Pin bowling and Bill Turner cup soccer (boys and girls). Well done to all those students who have become involved and given up some of their time for training and competition. There will be further State Cup competitions next term.

There are plenty of reasons to get involved in sport and heaps of opportunity to here at Morayfield SHS. Encourage your students to be part of it.



Alan Bradford
(Sport Coordinator)

NEXT STEP 2007

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its statewide annual destination survey of all students who completed Year 12, or the equivalent, in 2006. The Next Step destination survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland School leavers.

Any person who completed Year 12, or the equivalent, last year, can expect to receive a telephone call or paper-based survey by mail, during April and May 2007. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step destination survey in 2007. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

FROM THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Last Tuesday, two teams of Year 12 Hospitality students from Morayfield High competed in a prestigious Chef's competition at the Convention Centre in Brisbane.

The competition – ‘THE RISING CHEFS OF AUSTRALIA CULINARY CHALLENGE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS’ was organised by Les Torques Blanches Qld Chapter and the Hospitality Training Association. The competition is the largest in Australia and is comparable to Chefs' competitions held overseas. The judges for the competition were international Executive Chefs from France, Germany, Austria and Japan. The MC for the night was Allister McLeod – Executive Chef and owner of Brett's Wharf Restaurant in Brisbane and also a regular on the Australian version of Ready Steady Cook.

There were 48 high schools from around Queensland competing in the ‘Challenge’. It was an intense competitive environment with very high standards and skills exhibited. Morayfield's teams were Daniel Kelly & Shannon Stephenson and Aaron L'Estrange & Libby Blain.

Each team was required to prepare and cook a two course meal – a main and a dessert – with four portions per course to be presented. The teams were also required to submit a menu with full description of what they were preparing and serving, recipes, menu costing of all ingredients, individual portion costing, workplans, workflows and tent cards. Everything submitted to the judges was thoroughly scrutinised. For example, the description written on the menu of what was being prepared and served, had to be exactly what was placed on the plate. Ingredients listed in the recipes had to exactly match the workplans and the costing.

Daniel's main consisted of:

Tasmanian Salmon wrapped in Prosciutto and served on a bed of Baby Spinach and Lentils and accompanied with a natural Yoghurt Lemon Dressing

Shannon's dessert consisted of:

Soft centered Chocolate Pudding topped with Mars Bar Slices and garnished with fresh Cream, Seasonal Berries and a Raspberry Coulis

Aaron's main consisted of:

Atlantic Salmon with Mango and Mint on a bed of Rocket Salad Leaves and Sauteed Baby Chat Potatoes and garnished with a Caramelised Lemon Syrup

Libby's dessert consisted of:

Chocolate Sponge Disks layered with Mascarpone, Whipped Cream, Cream Cheese and Seasonal Berries and garnished with a Peach Coulis

The boys had one hour and fifteen minutes to prepare, cook and serve their mains, while the girls had one hour and thirty minutes to prepare, cook and serve their desserts. All teams were scored out of 100 using a strict criteria. Both Morayfield's teams scored 78, which gave each of them a Bronze Medallion. The highest score of Gold Distinction was 90.

We are extremely proud of these students, not only for the dedication and commitment both teams showed during practices to prepare for the competition, but also for the way in which they conducted themselves and represented our school throughout the Challenge. Congratulations to Daniel, Shannon, Aaron and Libby for their wonderful achievement.

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Some lucky Year 12 Accounting students spent Monday (the last day of their holidays!) participating in a photo shoot in the Queen Street Mall. The occasion was to celebrate the funding given by Collection House to the Financial Basics Foundation, an organisation which promotes financial literacy education for school students. Morayfield SHS was one of the first schools to introduce this program over 5 years ago. This important part of the year 8 curriculum is designed to equip students with the financial skills to negotiate a successful pathway through life.

Students are pictured here with Tony Aveling (Managing Director of Collection House) in the vault downstairs at the Bank of Queensland. They were "given" \$7000 for props and spent the morning enjoying the cash and working like supermodels! Look out for photos and words in the Courier Mail and on the Financial Basics Foundation web site and promotions.

Anne Nunan
Head of Department

YEAR 12 FORMAL

The 2007 Formal and Graduation ceremony will take place on Friday 16th November at Morayfield State High School in the Multi-purpose shelter. The ceremony will begin at 5.00 pm – all students are required to be at the school at 4.15 pm. The ceremony will finish at 6.30 pm. Students may bring 2 guests (seated) to the Graduation ceremony; however there will be standing room for others. At the end of the Graduation ceremony students will then make their way by limousine or bus (provided) to the Formal.

This year the formal will be held at the Tivoli Theatre, 52 Costin Street Fortitude Valley. Information about the venue can be seen on the web site at: www.thetivoli.net.au. All students return to school on the buses provided. Only current year 12 students of Morayfield State High School can attend the Formal at the Tivoli.

The cost this year is \$100.00. This includes the venue, dinner, DJ, bus transport and security at the door of the Tivoli.

Warren Steel
Year 12 Coordinator

CAREERS EXPO

As part of the Senior Curriculum, year 10 and 11 students are required to participate in the Careers Expo at Morayfield Community Hall on Monday 28th May 2007. Students will be walked to and from this location. They will have access to valuable and pertinent information which will assist in their decision making for a career path. If you object to your child's participation in this Expo, please contact the school in reference to this matter.

Di Gee
Guidance Officer

SAY NO TO BULLYING DAY the 31st of May 2007

Did you know that about 18% of students in high schools will endure bullying? This means that about one in five students are being bullied. As a school community, we want that to stop. We say "no to bullying". So what is bullying? Bullying is any unwelcome behaviour that causes offence, fear, harm or shame. On "Say no to bullying day", 31st of May we are going to launch our new web page, posters, arm bands and brochures on school parade.

Morayfield High does not tolerate bullying. Every student has the right to feel safe and supported whilst at school.

CABOULTURE RUGBY UNION have Walla Rugby and Mini Rugby games starting in April. We are seeking players for Under 6 through to Under 9 games which are played on Saturday mornings. If you would like to play Rugby Union please contact Michael Mawson on 0412 677 284.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students from Italy, Sweden and Germany are among a number of students attending a high school in your area. The students, aged 16 to 17 years, have a variety of interests including dancing, music, sports and photography. They have come to experience our country, culture and education system. If you can help or would like further information please phone Margaret on 3204 2154.

IMMUNISATION DATES

Year Level	Tuesday 8 May	Tuesday 12 June	Tuesday 11 September
Year 8		Hep B 1 st dose, Varicella	Hep B 2 nd dose
Year 10			Boostrix
Year 10 Girls	Gardisal 1 st dose	Gardisal 2 nd dose	Gardisal 3 rd dose
Year 11 Girls	Gardisal 1 st dose	Gardisal 2 nd dose	Gardisal 3 rd dose
Year 12 Girls	Gardisal 1 st dose	Gardisal 2 nd dose	Gardisal 3 rd dose

