



# Morayfield Minutes

## MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*Celebrating 25 years of educating the young people in our community*

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A very warm welcome to all returning and new students, and their families, to the Morayfield State High School Community. I trust that you had a wonderful summer holiday break and that your child has settled into school routine over the past weeks. 2007 is already shaping up to be an exciting year with everyone a buzz with the news that our Year 12 students from 2006 performed so well, with outstanding Queensland Core Skills Test and OP results. It is the direct result of commitment to their studies and the high level of teaching from experienced staff.

#### STAFF CHANGES

In 2007 we welcome Mr Peter Hoehn as Deputy Principal who is replacing Ms Julie Steel. Peter comes to us from Tullawong SHS and brings a wealth of experience to our Administration Team. Also joining us is Ms Di Gee, our new Guidance Officer; Ms Jean-Maree Pool (Head of Effective Learning and Teaching); and several new teaching staff who will profile in the next newsletter.

#### UPGRADE OF FACILITIES

2007 will see the refurbishment of B Block and F Block as well as minor upgrades in other buildings, and the development of more shade and seating for students in the playground. This will cause minimal disruption and will enhance our learning environments for students and staff. I look forward to 'showcasing' these to you later in the year.

#### LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

This Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February our Student Leaders for 2007 will be formally introduced to the student body and take the Senior Oath. I have every confidence in these fine young people and know that they will be outstanding role models and uphold the values of our school.

#### YEAR 11 20007

The new Queensland Certificate of Education comes into effect this year for the year 11 cohort. This new qualification replaces the Senior Certificate and allows students to bank credit for all learning. All students will be required to gain 20 points in order to be awarded this qualification. We will be monitoring the performance of students and their progress towards this qualification at regular junctures via an Academic Review Process. More information will be available on our website or by contacting Jenny Duke, Head of Senior Schooling.

#### PEER SKILLS

Morayfield SHS has a commitment to the holistic development of students and as such has trained a group of older students in peer mediation and today all Year 8 students will be involved in Brainstorming, a live production with a strong anti-bullying message. Follow up activities will occur across the curriculum in classrooms.

#### COMMUNICATION

One of my priorities this year is to ensure that communication is enhanced between students, staff and families. The website will soon be re-designed and made as user friendly as possible, and increasingly we will be encouraging all families to access as much information as they can electronically. This ensures that information is managed and available to you at your convenience. I would also encourage you to contact us at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

#### SAFETY

The safety of our children is paramount and I urge you to reinforce road and train safety with your child. We have been discussing this on Assembly and are encouraging all students to use the pedestrian crossing at the front of the school. A working party is being established with the Department of Transport to review the traffic situation in Aireal Crescent. Please assist us with ensuring that speed limits are adhered to and being vigilant when traffic is congested at peak drop off and pick up times.

Thankyou for entrusting your child's education with us, I look forward to working with you to ensure outstanding outcomes for your child.

Sharyn Donald



### FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTIES DESK

Welcome back to all students and parents for yet another productive year at Morayfield SHS. This year has commenced with the usual flurry of activity and students have had various opportunities to be involved in a range of activities.

On the sporting fields, Inter-school sport has commenced with teams chosen and all students training hard under the watchful eye of coaches. The students participating in the Rugby League Excellence Program are also training hard with the first games of the year not far away. The annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival has been run and won with students enjoying the opportunity to participate, cheer on their house and their friends and engage with staff in a relaxed atmosphere away from the classroom.

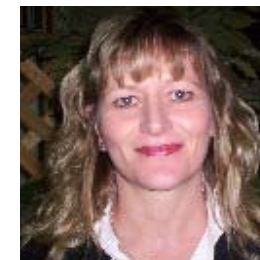
In the Performing Arts area, students and staff are already busily preparing for this year's musical and many students will be involved in a range of activities associated with this.

I encourage all students to 'Be Involved' and this will be a regular theme that students hear from me this year. Schooling provides a range of opportunities for all students to shine and to experience success and participate in activities that they enjoy. The more involvement students have in activities associated with school, the more engaged they become with their education and the stronger the relationships that develop between these students and their teachers. All this means better outcomes and more meaningful experiences for students at school.

I look forward to a productive partnership with all students and parents in 2007.

Kerri Holzwart

Deputy Principal



### FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DEPUTIES DESK

#### STUDENT INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Just a brief reminder that interim student reports will be issued on Tuesday 20th March. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 27th March. Parents and Carers will be able to meet with Teachers by making an appointment either by contacting the teacher directly by phone or by requesting a time as per the appointment slip distributed with student reports. For further enquiries please contact Peter Hoehn Deputy Principal on 5428 5555.

### FROM THE BOOKSHOP

#### PRE-ORDER STATIONERY

Please collect your pre-order stationery packs from the Bookshop.

#### MENS FORMAL – ORDER ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

We are now taking orders for the men's white shirt \$20 and Navy long pants with belt \$36. Both are excellent quality with samples available for sizing and quality. Payment must be made with the order.

#### LOCKERS

Lockers will be available for hire for \$11 per year and issued in the following order

Year 11 & 12	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Year 9 & 10	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Year 8	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb

### STAEDTLER COMPASS SET

The compass set has arrived and can be collected from the Bookshop.

BOOKSHOP HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 1.45PM CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12 - 12.30PM

PH: 5428 5534

### YEAR 11 & 12 LEADERS INDUCTION

On Thursday 22nd February, we will acknowledge all year 12 students and year 11 student leaders on a special senior induction parade. All year 12 students will sign and recite a pledge on their commitment to being a positive role model and to their studies in their final year. Every year 12 student will receive a senior badge. Year 11 students will receive their leadership badges. Parents and guests are invited to a morning tea in the Café Indego following the ceremony.

Venue: Multipurpose Hall

Date: 22/2/07

Time 9:15 -10:10am approx

Morning Tea: following parade.

Mr. Warren Steel

Year 12 Coordinator

### FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Welcome everyone, I visit Morayfield High School alternate Mondays and every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students are welcome to see me about:

- general health worries - vision testing, hearing testing, stress, diet, asthma, etc.
- problems related directly to your age group – quit smoking, drugs, alcohol, stress, sexual health, family planning, men's health, women's health, friendship issues, family problems or just every day worries
- just for a chat about social issues
- help with assignments related to health issues (remember that health doesn't only mean not being sick).
- anything not included here, if you have a question just pop in and ask.

To make an appointment to see the School Nurse, all you have to do is:

- Pick a time that suits your workload
- See Sue in her room to book the time
- You will be given an appointment slip, take the slip to show your teacher for that class and have it signed
- Appointments are not needed during lunch breaks, you can just pop in
- The School Nurse's room is at the end of the Admin block and phone number is 54285507

**All visits are confidential**

### FREE IMMUNISATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Each year Caboolture Shire Council visits schools in the Shire to administer free vaccinations to students. The vaccines are administered by fully endorsed Nurse immunisers from Queensland Health and in accordance with the National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recommended immunisation schedule.

Students will be offered immunisation to protect against the following diseases:

Year 8 Hepatitis B (2-dose)

Year 8 Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Year 10 Boostrix (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)

Year 10 Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal (Human Papillomavirus)

Year 11 Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal

Year12 Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal

**Immunisation program consent forms have been given out to all year 8 and year 10 students on parade, please check with your child that they did receive it. Extra consent forms are available at**

**the school office. All students have been asked to take a consent form home to parents/guardians for signing. It is requested that even if students will not be receiving the vaccines, that the consent form be returned to the School.**

**Gardisal consent forms shall be sent home shortly.**

SIGNED CONSENT FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE 22ND FEBRUARY.

**Council will be visiting the school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

Should you require any further information, please contact Caboolture Shire Council's Public Health Management Team on 5420 0322 or Sue Scriven, School Nurse on 5428 5507

### PEER SKILLS PROGRAM

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February, 12 students completed a 2 day training workshop here at school to become Peer Leaders.

The program was developed by Kids Help Line in 1994 in response to young callers concerns about how to best help their friends. The development of the program was supported by national and international research that showed that young people often talk or turn to a friend when they have a problem, before, or instead of, seeking help from adults or helping services. The program is now under the carriage of Lifeline Community Care Qld. and was facilitated by the school nurse and the chaplain.

Over the 2 days students covered topics including:

Exploring values  
Really listening  
Problem solving  
Looking after yourself  
Getting help

This training will benefit these students in their role as many students turn to their peers for help and advice. The workshop was designed to acknowledge and build on the students existing skills with ideas, knowledge and strategies for assisting their fellow students with some of the issues that trouble them on a daily basis as well as in times of crisis.

Peer Skills workbooks were provided for the students who participate in the workshop, these provide a good reference for them, and, of course follow up support will always be provided to the Peer Leaders.

We would like to congratulate Rebecca Gould, Troy Thorpe, Liam Barnes, Nikki Meskell, Liza Kelly, Shaye Yuill, Elizabeth Blain, Rosanna Alexander, Natalie Lukey, Corey Miller, Kirk Mapperson and Brianna Young.

Sue Scriven (School Nurse) and Carina McLean (School Chaplain)

### TEEN TRIPLE P PROGRAM

Parenting can at times seem like one of the most difficult hobs on the planet. Thankfully it can also be one of the most rewarding.

We are pleased to be able to offer parents at our school the opportunity to participate in the **Teen Triple P Program**, which aims to make parenting easier. The Positive Parenting Program for parents of teenagers offers suggestions and ideas on positive parenting to help you to promote your teenager's development.

Often one of the challenges is to provide a home environment that guides and supports teenagers as they strive to become independent, well adjusted young adults. This will often mean finding ways to deal with conflicts that may occur when the views and wishes of parents and teenagers differ. There is no single right way to be a parent and there are many different views on how parents should go about raising a teenager.

Teen Triple P is an evidence based program, which has been helpful for many parents and may give you some helpful ideas to help you meet the challenges of raising teenagers.

The Teen Triple P parenting group will commence on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and will run over 4 weeks from 1pm until 2.45pm in the school library. The program is for parents of Year 7, 8 or 9 students and is fun and supportive. Sue Scriven, School Nurse, and Kristen Ellis, School Nurse will facilitate the course. There is an optional \$10.00 charge to cover the workbook. Please ring the school on 5428 555 to reserve a place, as numbers are limited.

Sue Scriven

### **CLIP FOR CANCER**

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2007, Sara Hines Year 10 and Rowena McCulloch Year 9 will be doing the Clip for Cancer on assembly. They will be running a Free Dress Day/CrAzY Hair day to raise funds. This will be a gold coin donation. If anyone would like to make a donation anything over \$2 is tax deductible and receipts can be issued.

### **FROM THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

Year 12 accounting students recently visited QUT, Gardens Point Campus to attend the annual Student Accounting Forum. Speakers from industry and the tertiary sector addressed a group of over 750 students who had travelled from all parts of Queensland for the event.

Our students particularly enjoyed the presentation on the share market and investments, where a number of key issues were identified and explored. Other topics of interest included Career Opportunities in the Finance Sector, Analytical Problem Solving in Accounting, and Digital Accounting.

During the day the students represented their school in a most exemplary manner and they were at all times professional in their conduct and participation in the forum. In fact their quality appearance and demeanour was commented on by one of the organisers.



Anne Nunan  
HOD, BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### **FROM THE P&C**

The Morayfield State High School P&C need your help. We need more parents or carers to attend our monthly meetings. You don't have to be an executive member, but your support and input would be greatly appreciated. Your children are the ones who benefit the most, just by your contribution of a few hours each month. Our next meeting is in the Library at school at 7.00pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Coffee (and sometimes cake) is provided.

John Miller  
Secretary

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

A small group of volunteers assist our Tuckshop Convenor to feed our children. We extend an invitation to new parents to join them. Please contact the school on 5428 5555 if you would like to assist.

**CANCER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2007.