

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week was education week and several major events occurred at Morayfield State High School to highlight that "State Schools are Great Schools". These included student forums, parent/student morning teas, student award ceremonies, past student guest speakers, careers expo, and the launch of our Safe School Program "Say No to Bullying". These events highlighted the talent of our students, the commitment of our wonderful staff and the support of our community. Thank you to those involved.

YEAR 12 CORE SKILLS TEST PREPARATION

Recently our Year 12 students have been involved in Queensland Core Skills Test preparation by sitting previous QCS exams. These papers are being externally professionally marked and students will receive specific individual feedback. This feedback will guide further preparation and ensure our Year 12's will be positioned to achieve their best. Jenny Duke (Head of Senior Schooling) is coordinating this program should you have any queries.

MUSICAL

It was my very great pleasure to attend our school musical "A High School Musical", once again the talent of our students overwhelmed me, from lead actors John Dartnall, Nikki Meskell, Brianna Young and Luke Allen, the chorus, cameo appearance by Ashley Bennett, dancers and backstage crew. Congratulations on a fine performance. Further congratulations must go to Cheryl Mortimer, Debbie Thorpe, Rachel Bogdanovic, Liz Rigby, and Lynda Campbell.

BLOCK EXAMS

Year 11&12 students go into Block Exams commencing Friday 8th June. All students have a copy of the exam timetable and requirements of attendance. All students should be in school uniform for all exams.

UNIFORM

As the weather cools down with the onset of winter, I would like to remind parents that school jumpers are available at the Uniform Shop or alternatively a plain navy/royal blue jumper with no logos is acceptable and available at various outlets.

STAFF MATTERS

Following a merit selection process, I would like to announce that Mr Simon Done has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Morayfield State High School. Simon comes with experience as a Deputy Principal in Gladstone and will take up appointment on the 9th of July 2007. I would like to thank Mr Peter Hoehn for all of his hard work and commitment in the past 6 months as Acting Deputy Principal and wish him all the best for the future. Congratulations also go to Warren Steel who has just been appointed to North Lakes College as Head of Science.

Sharyn Donald
Principal

ANZAC SERVICE:

On Tuesday 24th April, Morayfield State High School held our Anzac Service with the entire school community in attendance. The parade included performances from the School Band, School Choir and the Army Cadets formed a Guard of Honour. The theme for 2007 was "Australian's in the Vietnam War" and Year 12 student Aaron Williams gave a well spoken and emotional address to the school. Councillor Lynette Devereaux representing Caboolture Shire Council presented our School Captain Jodie Bryant, with a book on the Vietnam War and a World War II DVD for our library resources. To conclude the parade we heard from returned servicemen Alan Minifie representing the Caboolture/Morayfield and District RSL Sub Branch and our Special guest, Ron Snow Patron of the National Service Association (Caboolture Branch). Pictured from left to right: Rosanna Alexander, Alex Robson, Mr Alan Minifie, Mr Ron Snow, Jodie Bryant and Shannon Stephenson.



URBAN COUNTRY FESTIVAL:

Nikki Meskell, Corinna Opperman, Rebecca Burley, Katrina Burley and Troy Thorpe performed at the recent Urban Country Festival held in Caboolture. This was very well received by the large crowd, and the parents in attendance commented that it was an excellent performance. On Thursday's parade 10th May, the group performed once again and it was enjoyed by the school community.

PRIVATE TUITION:

If your child/children are experiencing difficulties at school and you wish to have private tuition you can call 1800-803-172 Freecall. They provide tuition at reasonable rates for all subjects, all schools, all suburbs in your own home. Some subjects include Maths, English, Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics and History and many more. They offer assistance with homework, assignments, essays and projects and help to improve student's grades. Teachers are asked to apply to tutors147@yahoo.com if they are interested in casual work as a tutor.

“HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL”

On 16th, 17th and 18th May our school held the production of “High School Musical” based on a Disney Channel original movie for the stage, performed entirely by the students. The storyline is the tale of two unlikely musical stars who end up performing together in their school musical. The story follows the successful and popular Troy Bolton, captain of the school basketball team (played by John Dartnall) and Gabriella Montez, a shy girl who is brilliant at Maths and Science (played by Nikki Meskell). The performance included comedy, drama and romance through song and dance.



This year's musical has seen a real team effort with everyone involved working above and beyond the call of duty. A thank you to Rachel Bogdanovic for her excellent directing and role-modelling and the hard working staff of the Arts Department who were responsible for the wonderful re-furbishment of the Performing Arts block with curtains, lights, sound, set construction and musical numbers. A special thanks also to Music Theatre International, Undurba State School for their generous offer of marching drums, our Visual Arts staff and students who contributed to the painting of the sets, the Production team, all staff contributors and the staff of Nicholson Printers especially Lee Behrens for his guidance and creativity. Well done students on your great performance it was very entertaining.

Students pictured from Left to right: John Dartnall, Nikki Meskell, Brianna Young & Luke Allen.



A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Morayfield High's production of "High School Musical" was on the 16th, 17th and 18th, May. We worked hard for 4 months and it all paid off in the end. Ms B worked very hard directing the production and Ms Thorpe directed the band with just as much work. Other teachers did a lot of extra work also to help our production to be such a success; Ms Rigby, Ms Mortimer, Ms Campbell, Ms Gibson, Ms Velnagel, Ms Blackmore, plus many more who helped on the performance nights. Some of our year 12 students also put in a lot of work directing and organising; Shannon Stephenson, Jacqui Eustace and Libby Blain. Everyone worked really hard and the performances were great. We played to sell-out audiences every night. Thanks to everyone and I hope anyone who saw it enjoyed it because we certainly enjoyed putting on the performance. Written by Paige Reeves



“A NIGHT OF ARCNESS”

The end of the first semester is approaching and we are preparing for our culminating ARC performance. Students have been working in an ON-STAGE class (studying Dance, Drama and Music) with a performing Arts teacher or an OFF-STAGE class (studying Visual Art and Media) with a Visual Art teacher during the last term of this first semester. Each of these teams has developed a theme to explore on stage with accompanying props/sets/costumes created by the Off-Stage class.

Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Mortimer's class have been creating a work that looks at how the old and the new can happily exist side-by-side in a society. Because of Mrs. Mortimer's visit to Japan at the end of last year as a guest teacher, their work centres on Japanese society and includes both traditional (Ukiyo-e) portraits and Manga portraits. Students have made large Kimonos, Origami cranes, and a huge fan in preparation for this performance. Connor Carter and Heidi Von Heydebreck have designed the logo for their performance as seen here. Students chose to call their work “Japemon” – linking it to Pokemon.

Performances will all be on Friday 15th June starting at 6 p.m. Please come along and enjoy your student's work. Entry is to be a gold coin donation.



CONSTRUCTION

Year 11 and 12 construction students have had a big semester at gaining general knowledge and skills needed for employment in the building and construction industries.

Year 11 students have been focusing on risk assessment reporting within the manufacturing sectors and basic estimating and costing tasks from house plans. Two big assignments!! Next semester will see them perform basic levelling and set out procedures that will include pipe laying and preparation for laying pavers / concrete.

Year 12 construction students have been involved in the plumbing and landscaping of the Youth Employment Services building. Students have been writing up job sheets for all tasks performed. Next week will see these students mixing concrete and concreting a pathway.

“SAY NO TO BULLYING”

As a new initiative Morayfield State High School is organizing a “Say NO to Bullying” day which was held on Thursday 31st May, 2007. Bullying is any unwelcome behaviour that causes offence, fear, harm or shame. Did you know that about 18% of students in high schools will endure bullying? That means about one in five students are being bullied. As a school community Morayfield State High is taking a strong stand and will not tolerate bullying. One of our school's most important values is “respect for ourselves and others”.

On Thursday 31st May, the school held a special parade where we launched the “No Bullying” web page that will be attached to our school web site. We handed out “No Bullying” arm bands and our newly designed posters and pamphlets. Every computer in the school now has a screen saver which clearly reads “Say NO to Bullying” and features our new poster design.

Constable Crystal Moore, our School based Police Officer has been organising the project. Art student Elizabeth Blain designed the posters and the school's peer support team has been involved in the program. The school has set up a bully buster team which consists of School based Police Officers, Guidance Councillor, School Nurse and other support team members.



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MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL SAYS NO TO BULLYING

YEAR 10 CO₂ DRAGSTER COMPETITION

On the 18th of May the students studying Year 10 Cabinet Making got the chance to test their dragsters. This was a culmination of many weeks work which included:

- Designing on paper and creating 3D models of their cars using computer aided drafting.
- Creating working templates for accurate cutting and shaping.
- Skilled use of woodworking tools to shape their designs and finally
- Attaching running gear to ensure the car would perform to it's full potential.

The testing involved students setting up a 20m track and timing each car through it's run. The top five cars are as follows:

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| 1. Ryan Verhagen | 1.47 seconds |
| 2. Ben Larkins | 1.51 seconds |
| 3. Luke Kilgus | 1.59 seconds |
| 4. Tom MacLean | 1.60 seconds |
| 5. Chris Slater | 1.61 seconds |



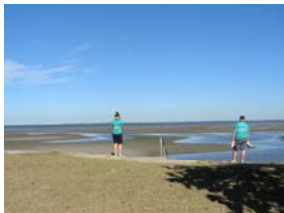
The picture on the left is Lucky Von Heydebreck's F1 dragster. The picture on the right is Hannah Wadey's car complete with carbon fibre.



GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION:

Students from Morayfield State High School challenged their geographical skills and knowledge in the annual National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. The competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographic Society of Queensland, and proudly sponsored by National Geographic Channel.

With the geographical issues of global warming and sustainable environments on everyone's minds, approximately 86,000 entries were received from schools all over Australia. Our Social Science Department said that results had just been received and the school's overall performance was very encouraging. "Some of our students really excelled this year with two High Distinctions and six Distinctions" said Mr Faolua (Acting HOD SOSE). Congratulations to all students including, Samuel Smith and Chloe Gam in Year 10 who both achieved High Distinctions.



YEAR 11/12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP ON 15TH MAY 2007:

As part of our studies on catchments, the senior geography class spent a day observing water quality and riparian vegetation, at sites in the Caboolture River catchment from Lagoon Creek at Wamuran to the boat ramp at Beachmere. We were fortunate to have with us the Catchment Care Officer from the council, Mr Glen Millar who provided much valuable information and expertise about our local water resources and how they are being affected by what we all do in our day to day lives.



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

Year 10, 11 and 12 girls will be having their 2nd dose of the Cervical Cancer immunisation on Tuesday, 12th June commencing at 10.40 for year 10's, followed by the year 11 and year 12 girls. This will be after your senior block exam. It really is important that you receive the whole course of the vaccine, which is 3 doses. Please do attend.

Year 8 students will be having their 1st dose of the Hep B vaccine as well as the Chicken Pox vaccine. Their immunisations will commence at 9am.

Students must have signed consent forms to be eligible to receive the free school based immunisation.

Please find attached a parent questionnaire that will provide the Triennial School Review Committee with valuable information to guide future decision making at Morayfield State High School. Please return this form to the school office by Friday 22nd June 2007. We thank you for your time.