

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I cannot believe that we are at the end of Week 8 in Term 1. This Term has flown by with many highlights. Sara Hines, Rowena McCulloch and Aleshia Kitchener were courageous for a cause raising money for the Clip for Cancer and Shave for a Cure Charities. I would like to congratulate all 3 girls for their leadership and commitment. I would also like to thank their families who were integral in the event, Bunnings Warehouse and in particular Di Hines.

Elizabeth Blain was successful in 3 rounds of the Lions Youth of the Year speaking competition and represented Morayfield SHS to defeat many other schools in the area. She has also been asked to speak at an upcoming forum on Womens' rights. Congratulations Elizabeth !

Last Thursday Channel 9's Brisbane Extra Program was in our school doing a story on one of our 2005 graduates Joel Moon. Joel's parents, staff and our Rugby League Excellence students were featured in the program that went to air on Friday 16th March. The program not only highlighted the extraordinary rise to fame of Joel but the success of our Rugby League curriculum Program. It was also great to see Joel score in the 62nd minute of the game on Friday night.

We have had many visitors in our school over the past few weeks. Visitors from Onimichi High School in Japan have been with us for 2 weeks, immersing themselves in our language and culture, it has been a very rewarding exercise for all students. Visiting Rugby Players from Canada are also in our school and will be playing some invitational games against us, as well as engaging in cultural activities. A huge thankyou to all families who have taken billets or been host families for these visitors, it certainly is a rewarding experience and no doubt we will visit them sometime in the future.

REPORTING

Student interim reports were issued this week, highlighting the progress of your child to date. Also issued with reports was information about our Parent Teacher Interviews that will be held next Tuesday afternoon 27th March. If you are not in receipt of these documents please contact the school office as soon as possible. All teaching and support staff will be in attendance and I encourage you to make appointments with your child's Teacher to discuss progress and concerns. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can next Tuesday between 3.20 and 6pm.

As this is the last Newsletter for Term 1, I wish you and your families a safe and restful Easter break.

Sharyn Donald
Principal

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTIES DESK

Time is passing by very rapidly and as we approach the remaining weeks of Term 1, students are encouraged to 'hold it together' and always give their best attempt to all set tasks. Assignments are now due, exams are happening or beginning and deadlines need to be met. I would encourage students who are struggling in any way to see their teacher, subject area Head of Department or one of the Student Support Services staff in the school.

For Year 11 students, you need to remember that you are operating under the system of the new Queensland Certificate of Education. You need to acquire 20 points to receive a QCE on completion of Year 12. This means passing the subjects that you are studying. If you have a concern in regard to your current studies, you need to make an appointment to see Mrs Duke – Senior Schooling Head of Department, Mrs Gee – Guidance Officer or myself.

Good luck to all students in their up-coming assessment. Rather than luck, it is more about your effort and commitment to your studies; so work hard and reap the benefits.

Kerri Holzwart
Deputy Principal

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DEPUTIES DESK

The year 8 students have commenced their high school careers with enthusiasm and interest. Both the year 8 and 9 students have worked hard and many have seen the hard work translated into some excellent results. It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents who have supported the school to ensure their child has the correct classroom equipment and uniform.

I wish to compliment the middle school students who continue to come to school well presented in their uniform. I look forward to Term 2 with enthusiasm knowing that students will be working hard toward their semester reports and to continue to succeed at all they do.

Peter Hoehn
Deputy Principal

POSITIONS VACANT MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER AIDE-Vocational Education Support
40hr/fortnight 16/04/07 to 14/12/07 with possibility of extension**

**TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER AIDE – Student Services Support
52.5hr/fortnight 16/04/07 to 01/07/07 with possibility of extension**

PERMANENT PART-TIME TEACHER AIDE – Literacy/Numeracy Support 43hr/fortnight

Application packages are available at the school office

Applications Close: 3.00pm Thursday 5 April 2007

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOLING

VET information night about School-based traineeship and apprenticeship

We would like to thank the parents and students who came along to a very successful evening. A number of students are progressing along the pathway to setting up their own school-based traineeships – Congratulations!

VET information evenings are held twice each year. The night in February is aimed at year 11 and 12 students. The second night which is held in July is targeted at year 10 and 11 students.

We would like to thank the representatives from the organisations that support us to place our students for their help on the night – Judi from CASILS, Simon from HTA, Kim from Skilling, Amanda from METG and Karen from Acclaim Apprentices and Trainees

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

Good OPs are the result of excellent achievement in Authority subjects and high results on the QCS tests.

All OP eligible students must sit the test in September and other students may choose to sit. To help our students achieve their best, we have begun our QCS test preparation program.

There are benefits for students wanting to go to further study and who are not OP eligible to sit the QCS tests. For more information about these benefits, contact Di Gee (Guidance Counsellor).

At Morayfield, we expect all students who are sitting the QCS tests to practise. The practice sessions occur every Thursday and also on some Tuesdays. Due to QUT and other training commitments, some students will need to do catch up lessons during skills time on Wednesday afternoon. The eligible students have received a booklet, released by the Queensland Studies Authority, about the Queensland Core Skills test.

TEEN TRIPLE P PROGRAM

Parenting can at times seem like one of the most difficult jobs 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.

Please contact the school nurse for dates and times. 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.

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)	Varicella (Chicken Pox)
Year 10	Boostrix (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough)	Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal (Human Papillomavirus)
Year 11	Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal	
Year 12	Girls only (3 dose) Gardisal	

FREE CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE FOR YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 FEMALES

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide which is almost always caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

The good news is that a new vaccine, developed in Australia, can protect against HPV, the cause of up to 70% of cervical cancers.

This year we will be immunising the year 10, 11 and 12 females, next year will be the year 8, 9 and 10 females. The full course consists of 3 doses of the vaccine, first dose will be given on the 8th May, 2nd dose on 12th June and 3rd dose on the 11th September.

Consent forms have been handed out in form classes.

Please complete the consent form and return it by **Tuesday 27th March**, if you did not receive the form, collect one from the office.

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.

Council will be visiting the school on Tuesday 8th May, Tuesday, 12th June and Tuesday, 11th 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 (Sue Scriven) on 5428 5507

BOYS BRIGADE Fun, challenge and adventure for all school-aged males. Weekly activities organised by Boys Brigade Australia on Friday nights at Morayfield State High School. For more information call Carlisle on 5496 7522.

CABOOLTURE COUGARS HOCKEY CLUB would like to invite you to come along and try hockey! We have teams catering for all age groups – from the Minkey / Modifieds (ages 4 – 9) right up to Veterans! We are currently recruiting all ages for upcoming winter competitions.

Why not come for a "try before you buy" - on Friday nights 5.30pm for Juniors and 6.30pm for seniors, at our club house on Lindsay Rd Morayfield. Cost is \$2.00 per person and we have a BBQ at the end.

If you would like further information on our Friday night social games – or signing up for one of our teams, please contact Angie Parker on (m)0421 808 700 or check out our website at <http://www.caboolturehockey.org.au>.

WINTER CRICKET Boys and Girls wanted to play Junior Winter Cricket. Full competition with finals for ages 12-16yrs. Qualified Umpires. A great opportunity to develop your skills. For information call Barry Horne on 3283 6186 or 0404 071 017.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE Students from Italy, Sweden and Austria are due to arrive in Australia to attend high school in your area. The average age of the students is 17 years, with a variety of interests including sports, drama, music and computers. If you are interested in sharing your home, family and country with a student, please phone Margaret on 3204 2156.

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.

