Transition for Year 6 Students

This week we will welcome over 250 Year 6 students who are visiting us as a part of our transition program. The students, predominantly from our three Coalition Schools, will be involved in signature programs as well as experiencing a simulated day at high school. We are looking forward to welcoming the new cohort to our school community.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

On Friday, November 20, the Year 12 cohort of 2015 were presented for the last time and officially farewelled at our Graduation Ceremony. Lauren Beecher was awarded Dux of School 2015.

We thank parents and relatives for their attendance as well as School Patron, Mrs Lynette Devereaux, Mr Mark Ryan, State Member for Morayfield, the many local indigenous elders, and representatives of the P&C who continue to be wonderful supporters of our students. Thanks also to Year Level Co-ordinator, Mrs Bharati Singh, who has overseen the welfare of this cohort of students since 2012 and who also organised the Formal which was held the same evening.

Regards,

Pete Keen
A/Principal

Every Day Counts

Morayfield State High School’s attendance policy aims to ensure students are actively engaged in school and attend every day to ensure optimal individual outcomes and student participation. We have high expectations of student attendance and promote 100% attendance for all students.

WORKING TOGETHER - INFORMING THE SCHOOL OF AN ABSENCE

Parents must explain all student absences. This can be done by contacting the school’s absence line on 5428 5522 or 5428 5560, absence email to info@morayfieldshs.eq.edu.au, by writing a note and having it delivered to the school by the student or responding to the absentee text message. All absences require explanation by a parent or carer.

From the Principal

As this is the last newsletter for 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of our school community for their contribution in working with our staff to provide quality learning experiences for our students. This year has been a highly successful one for our students in academic, cultural and sporting pursuits. We have also completed our Quadrennial School Review which sets our strategic direction for the next four years and we achieved pleasing results in our School Review as part of that process.

We have a number of teachers who have completed their teaching contracts. I thank those staff for their contribution, some of whom have been at our school since the beginning of the year.

Only Years 7, 8 and 9 students remain at school this week after we farewelled our Year 12s and then a week later our Years 10 and 11 cohorts. Attendance for our junior students is expected up to and including Friday 11th December.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday season and look forward to working with you again in 2016.
For more detailed information regarding the school’s attendance policy, please visit the school website.

You can visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html for more information and resources regarding school attendance.

Paul Little
A/Head of Department Junior Secondary/Languages

From the Cashier

The Cashier will close for 2015 from Tuesday 8th December at 1:30pm. The Cashier will re-open on Tuesday 19 January 2016.

Please see the Cashier & Uniform Shop trading hours below for the organisational week 19 January - 22 January 2016. During these hours you will be able to complete your Student Resource Scheme Form and make payment, students will need to retain receipts for the first 2 weeks of school when textbooks will be distributed in class groups.

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Student Resource Scheme 2016

Student Resource Scheme 2016 form will need to be completed and returned to the Cashier with payment. Forms are available to be downloaded from the link below or printed copies of the form is available for collection from the office. For any families wanting a head start on payments for the 2016 Student Resource Scheme/Laptop hire fees etc, an advance payment can be made to the Cashier.

https://morayfieshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Enrolment%202016/SRS%202016.pdf

Student Resource Scheme 2016 Terms & Conditions

Please read the terms and conditions of the Student Resource Scheme. If not participating in 2016 please advise the school office in writing by 6 February 2016. For those families who wish to not participate a full list of resources that will need to be purchased is available from the school office. Please note: This is a separate list from the stationary requirements.


Important Dates:

Grip Leadership Day - 7 December, payment closes 30 November Cost is $50.00

Cashier Closed 9 - 11 December 2015
Cashier Re-opens 19 January 2016 8.45am - 1.00pm

Julie Hill
Cashier

From the Guidance Team

Parents of year 10 to 12 students … and those a bit younger maybe!

We have seen the year 12 cohort leave. Congratulations of getting your son/ daughter to the end. Many of the year 12s have pathways beyond year 12 – some do not.

If your son or daughter is one of those who finished eir schooling on the 20th discuss their pathway with them. Some will refuse to be open or accountable till the New Year but please persevere.

TAFE or University

I have been contacting many of the year 12s who are choosing TAFE Diploma or University pathways. I still have concerns for a number of students regards receiving an offer at TAFE or university in 2016.

Year 12s OPs come out on the 18th December. For non-OP students their ranks (SR) are available on the 29th December.

After the respective date please encourage your son/daughter to go back into their QTAC application and make sure their 6 choices make sense in light of the received OP or SR. Please make sure their 6th choice is at least 3 OPs (based on the 2015 cut-offs) below their OP or 6 SRs below the previous SR cut-off. … or make sure the 6th QTAC preference is an option where every eligible applicant receives an offer (e.g. most TAFE Diplomas, University Sunshine Coast Tertiary Preparation Program – google USC TPP).

Please note that the OP or SR does not determine the student’s future. Most careers (or more specifically the University courses leading to those careers) are able to be upgraded. For example, a student may wish to become an architect by going through QUT (Bachelor Design in Architectural Studies). Last year the major offer round cut-off for this course was OP 7 or SR 87. If your son/ daughter received an OP 10 or SR 79 he or she will not receive an offer into Architecture at QUT. By choosing another course (e.g. B Design Landscape Design at QUT OP 12 last year) he or she can spend a year in that course and then upgrade the following year. Success at university will give the student a more competitive rank for university allowing the move across. For most upgrading courses some credit will be given for what was studied in that first year.
Years 10-11
Parents of year 10 and 11 students: now is a really good time to discuss futures with your son or daughter. If your son or daughter is currently "lost" about his or her future – please have them come see me by appointment (even though they finish on the 27th I’ll be here till the 11th December). If they are university or TAFE bound for example, I have resources I can offer to help them explore options over the break. … There are no easy answers – it takes time to concrete in a future!

Take care,
Simon Braiden
Guidance Officer

From the Library
All textbooks and library books need to be returned before the holiday period. This allows us time for any repairs and to check the resources available for students in 2016. If resources are not returned in an appropriate conditioned then students are invoiced for a replacement item.

We still encourage you to enjoy reading over the break, but unfortunately, we can’t loan books over these holidays. The Moreton Bay Libraries have a wonderful selection available to all residents. The membership procedure is simple. You can find out further information through their website.


Mrs Mabb
Teacher Librarian

From the Sports Coordinator
Safe holidays and healthy life for the school break to all students and parents. If you are involved in sport over the summer go hard and do your best!

Reminder that the school swimming carnival will be in Monday February 8, week 3 of term 1 on return to school.

Merry Xmas from the MSHS Sports Department.

Steve Moody
Sports Coordinator

From The Arts Department
Term 4 has been a busy time for the Arts Department. Eyeball Art Exhibition displayed the extraordinary talents of the Senior Art students during Awards Week, as did the band and choir performances.

Dance Night 2015 was a huge success with over 120 dance and drama students participating in the two-night show at Redcliffe Cultural Centre. Students performed extremely well in front of family, friends and staff. Thank you to all who supported this event, the parents who assisted and especially the students who demonstrated their skills and talents performing in a professional theatre.

Year 9 Drama students demonstrated their skills in children’s theatre with live performances to students from Morayfield State School. They entertained year 1 students with adaptions from various fairytales. Thank you to all who have supported the Arts this year and we look forward to an exciting 2016.

Kate Jessup
Performing Arts Teacher

“Miss World Oceania 2014” Visit
Students were treated to a special visit from Miss World Oceania, Courtney Thorpe on Monday 16 November.

Courtney spoke to students in the junior school on various aspects of bullying, sharing experiences from her own life while she was at school. Her advice to students was that one of the best forms of retribution one can have on a former bully, is living a good life and achieving personal success in the future. Not only is success a great form of revenge, it also brings a great deal of personal satisfaction.

Courtney then spoke to the years 10 and 11 students on achieving their dreams. She again reflected on experiences from her own life, including being an author of a children’s book, working as a journalist and training as a teacher. Although Courtney has changed her mind on a career path several times, she has stayed committed to her dream of becoming a lawyer. Her main message to the senior students was to not let anyone “stomp on your dreams” - Never give up!

Debbie Thorpe
Music Teacher

Junior Reading Program
Throughout Term 4, Morayfield State High School has been trialling a reading program where, once per fortnight, Year 8 English classes spend a lesson practising reading strategies to comprehend meaning in a variety of situations. These lessons are designed to explicitly teach students the cognitive process of inferring meanings in texts, whether written, visual or spoken, through modelled and cooperative practices. Since reading is fundamental to functioning in today’s society, the reading skills taught and consolidated in this program will not only support students’ learning across the curriculum, but benefit students far beyond the classroom.

Laura Healy
Literacy and Numeracy Team
Social Science Matters

Year 11 Legal Studies students go to court.

Earlier this term, the Year 11 Legal Studies students visited the Brisbane District and Supreme Court building. This provided an excellent opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of the law in action. They sat in the public gallery while trials were in progress; students witnessed the role of the Judge, Prosecutor, and Defence Barristers in the court room. They heard witnesses being questioned and cross-examined.

Excursions such as these, allow students to connect the classroom learning with the real world around them. The Social Science Faculty is helping to educate active and informed citizens through the variety of subjects offered – Geography, Economics, Legal Studies, History, Civics & Citizenship and Business.

Murri Medical

We would like to thank the dedicated team from Murri Medical who completed another successful visit undertaking the health screening for many of our Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

ARTIE News

Our Indigenous students are really excited; those who achieved 90% attendance in term 3 will be attending the ARTIE Beetson Fun Day at White Water World on Friday 27 November. This day is enjoyed enormously by all.

At the beginning of this term we had our last ARTIE Yarn Out for the year. We started by congratulating and farewelling our year 12s. Then all the students worked with Aunty Bev and Aunty Joy exploring their Indigenous culture and connections as well as creating an amazing painting which celebrated achieving 90% attendance.

BYOx Program for 2016

The school has had it confirmed that our BYOx infrastructure will be installed over the school vacation and will be ready to go from the start of the new school year. There are a number of documents available on the school website in relation to this. Please check them out and contact Bill McIntyre if you have any further queries about the program.

Regards
Bill McIntyre
HOD IT/Home Economics

Indigenous Department News

Bond University Scholarship Recipient

We would like to congratulate Shania Eddy who received a scholarship from Bond University, which will cover half her course fees and her accommodation for half the year. All Shania’s hard work and family support and enabled her to achieve this success. Bond University successfully mentors their Indigenous students achieving a 95% graduation rate. We would like to wish Shania all the best.
Dance Night 2015

Dance Night 2015, our biannual Dance Night, was held on November 10 and 11 at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre and once again a fantastic show was experienced by all involved.

Over 120 students from our school and Morayfield East State School joined forces to produce a show that combined a variety of dance styles and drama around the theme of the Oscars.

Many of the performers involved took their first steps onto a professional stage during these performances. It was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves and trying their hardest to remember the sequences whilst smiling at the same time.

To our year 12 students we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work and commitment you have given to the Arts during your time here. We are very proud of the skills you have developed during your time in our department and we wish you all the best for the future.

Thank you also to the parents and guardians who stayed behind to clean up and also to take loads of costumes and props back to the school – without your continued help these events would not run as smoothly.

Finally a quick note in relation to the DVD – it is currently being produced and will be available to purchase within the next week. Once your student receives a letter advising the price, they will be able to make a payment to secure a copy. Please remember that the school cashier closes at 1.30 daily and final day for payment this year is Tuesday 9 December.

Karen Scott
Indigenous Coordinator

Year Level Coordinator News

Year 7

The end of year is coming to a close and transition to Year 8 is eminent. This year has been historical in that this was the first cohort of Year Sevens to be included in the High School. The year has been successful for the students and the school. The year group has contributed to the school community and the experiences gained by both students and staff will create a strong foundation for the following years.

I would like to thank all staff teaching and non-teaching for their hard work and commitment to the students of Year 7. The planning and delivery of lessons by staff have been reflected in the composition of curriculum which has taken hours of work to plan and prepare. This was evident in the academic achievement of students, especially on awards night where student’s hard work was recognised.

Those teachers involved with Year 7 directly as form tutors have guided students, not just academically but personally. Students who found the large school challenging have been supported by form tutors in one to one discussions or as a group. I would like to thank these teachers for their efforts in giving up their time outside the classroom and forming stronger relationships with students which will help them in future years.

Teachers and non-teaching staff have developed students beyond the classroom from sport to academic challenges. This is a credit to the staff who have given up lunch times, after school and weekends to exhibit a commitment to students. Students have succeeded on various levels locally and nationally.

Lastly, a big thank you to you as parents and carers. Getting your child ready for school and supporting us is a task in it’s own; That occasional morning mayhem!

I look forward to further success next year in developing your child academically and socially within the school community. Have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mark Waudby
Year 7 Year Level Coordinator

Year 8

It just seems like yesterday that the current year 8 cohort were anxiously milling around the Multi-Purpose Shelter, waiting to start their first day of high school, yet here we are at the end of 2015. The students are taller, smarter and stronger than they were at the start of the year. They have made friends, formed bonds and come a long way from the nervous boys and girls they were on their first day. Now, as I look at them, I see confident young adults. Yes, they still have a long journey ahead of them at MSSH but they have reached the first check point and I am very proud of the progress they have made this year.

Our year 8s have led the way for the junior school in their attendance and positive behaviour in 2015, with many students attaining their Gold and Platinum cards early in the year. I know many of these young people are excited about their reward for their consistent demonstration of the school’s values (being respectful, being responsible and being cooperative): a day at Wet ‘n’ Wild on the Gold Coast on 4th December. I hope they have a safe and enjoyable trip!

In addition to this, we have inducted a number of Junior Leaders from this cohort, with many students putting their hand up to help make MSSH a better place. In 2016, these young people will take on more responsibilities by helping out at community fundraisers, acting as greeters and ushers at Parent-Teacher interviews and representing the school at community events like the ANZAC Day march in Caboolture. Some of these students will even take on Junior House Captain positions, as well as Junior Committee Chair positions for our Fundraising, Environment and Welfare committees. These
students will work with a senior mentor to increase the impact our leaders have right throughout their school lives.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holidays, and look forward to the exciting new challenges 2016 will bring!

Michaela Lee
Year 8 Year Level Coordinator

Year 12

FAREWELL AND ALL THE BEST TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015!!!

On Friday, 20 November, we bid farewell to our graduating class of 2015 in what can only be described as a joyful celebration that marked the culmination of 12 years of schooling. The graduation ceremony started the day on a serious note where students took their final roll call and crossed the stage as graduates of Morayfield State High School, and it concluded 12 hours later, with students having danced the night away at Royal on the Park.

A few hours later, although the temperature soared, this did not deter the students from donning their beautiful dresses and smart suits to attend the School Formal. The pre-formal was held at school, and for a few hours, it was like the Oscars' red carpet event! The local papparazi (aka Mr Forman and Ms Russell) were out and about to capture some of the glamorous outfits that were worn.

It was indeed a bittersweet moment for me as their YLC, as I have watched these students flourish and grow to become successful, independent young men and women, but whom I now have to release into the “real world”. I have truly enjoyed my time as your Year Level Coordinator but as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. I truly do wish all the graduates every success in the future and I cannot wait to hear and read about your successes in life.

Mrs B Singh
Year 12 Year Level Coordinator

Student Leadership 2016

Congratulations to the following students. They have been selected in these leadership positions for 2016. The selection process required students to write an application, present a speech, attend an interview and have a commendable school record. We have faith that these students will prove to be successful leaders and make 2016 positive for the school.

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Joe Kuhn, Brendan Parker, Jordan Gouldthorpe and Joe Harrison
I will meet with the students and key staff early in 2016 to help the students with their planning.

Mrs Mabb
Student Leadership

P&C News

The latest Price List and information can be located on the school website www.morayfieshs.eq.edu.au

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TERM 1 WEEK 1: Starts Monday 25th January 2016

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Carolyn Reiter
Uniform Shop Convenor