25 July 2016

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Cashier dates to remember

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From the Principal

Welcome back for Term 3!

Staffing Changes

We have had a number of new staff join us for Semester Two as we continue to ensure we have the right teachers for the right classes to assist our students in achieving their best is the subjects they are studying. If your student has a new teacher, please do not hesitate to make a time to meet or email the teacher to discuss your student’s progress and your expectations for his/her learning.

Of particular note we have a couple of changes to our leadership team for Semester Two.

- Congratulations to Mr Bill Schneid who will be Acting Deputy Principal (behind Mr Pete Keen who is currently A/Principal at Bribie Island State School – congratulations Pete!) for Term 3.
- Congratulations to Mr Steve Mabb who will be picking up the HPE HOD role behind Mr Schneid for Term 3. Mr Mabb will also continue much of his Student Engagement and Behaviour Management work with Mr Steve Moody in Student Support Services.

Semester One Reporting

At the commencement of Week 2 you will receive an electronic and hard copy of your student’s report card. Congratulations to all of our students who achieved wonderful outcomes in their Semester One reports! The data continues to improve and this is something that should be celebrated. Our staff are
currently working with the students to review individual data and set learning goals for the term. This is an important part of building ownership and independence around learning. If you have not as yet sat down with your student and discussed his/her Semester One report, please consider doing this as soon as possible as it important that all students have support from both home and school to achieve to their potential.

As part of our commitment to providing the best possible education for our students, we endeavour to provide a range of avenues for feedback to parents/carers and students and interviews are an important element of this. Interviews with students who are at risk of achieving satisfactory results in Years 11-12 and will occur in the coming weeks. Year 10 students will participate in SET Plans interviews later this term where they will review their performance and plan their future educational pathways. Year 7-9 parent teacher interviews will occur at the beginning of Term 4. These interviews provide the opportunity for students and parents to meet with to discuss performance and areas for improvement as well as overall education direction and pathway.

Student Attendance

Ensuring our students are at school each and every day is vital to their success. Our Year Level Coordinators have been working with our students around giving them feedback on their attendance percentage and strategies for improving this where needed. We have reminded all students that a high level of attendance is required to ensure they are achieving well at school. Remember our goal for each year level to achieve greater than 90% attendance across the year. Here is a snap shot of our data for Semester One.

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The Department of Education has released updated policy information that mandates same day notification to parents and carers when a student is identified as absent from school, including confirmed responses from guardians for students in care. Our school’s text messaging system will continue to enable communication with the majority of parents/carers in relation to attendance, with email and phone calls used when a mobile number is not provided or active.

To assist us in ensuring we account for all student absences in an accurate and effective manner, please ensure that the school has the correct contact information for your student including phone and email contact details. Please remember if your student is absent from school, you are required to phone, email or write to the school to acknowledge the reason for the absence.

School Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of staff, parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. The results will help us to evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, I encourage you to complete the questionnaire to assist us in continuing to ensure high standards across all aspects of our fantastic school. Your response is completely confidential. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

Athletics Carnival

Friday 22 July saw our students participate in the annual Athletics Carnival. This was another highly successful event, with our success measured not only in terms of winning performances and strong competition, but by high levels of participation, enthusiasm and community spirit. All students were expected to attend this day and the level of participation in events and support for their peers, was great to see. There were events for each group in each time slot during the day, providing opportunities for all students to participate. If your student was absent for some reason, please ensure you have contacted the school so that this absence is explained. Students with an unexplained absence may be required to make up this time.

Congratulations to all of our event winners and age champions on their achievements!

A special thank-you to Mr Ryan Phillips and our HPE Team who led our staff in coordinating and hosting such a great day.

Student Success

Congratulations to:

- Our awesome “Voodoo Doll” BBQ team who under the leadership of Mr Jason McCormick and Ms Katie Gardiner achieved a creditable top 15 place at a recent national BBQ competition. What an achievement!
- Our successful Ski Trip team who enjoyed a fantastic time at Mt Hotham over the school holidays. A special thanks to Mr Brad Johnson, Mr Marc Timms and Ms Selina Long who led the students on this fantastic opportunity.

Leasa Smith
Principal

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBA’s and SBT’s)

Vacancies for School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships are regularly sent to students emails. Students are reminded to check their emails every couple of days.

Last week information was sent to all Year 10 students about vacancies at Metro North Hospital and Health Services for 2017 in Business Administration, Aged Care Nursing, Dental Assisting and Health Services Assistant. Application forms for these positions were attached to the email and close at 5:00pm on 5 August.

From Senior School
Every Day Counts

At Morayfield State High School we have high expectations of student attendance and promote 100% attendance for all students.

Form teachers will be talking with students regarding absences and requesting that students bring a note from home to explain any absence from school where previous contact by a parent or care giver has not been made.

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, emailing the absence to info@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au or by writing a note and having it delivered to the school by the student. All absences require explanation by a parent or guardian. For more detailed information regarding the school’s attendance policy, please visit the school website.


Paul Little
Head of Department Junior Secondary/Languages

Year Level Co-Ordinators

Morayfield’s Year 10s head to University

At the end of Week Seven Term 2, 25 Year 10 students from Morayfield State High School joined over a hundred other students from local schools at an ‘Explore Uni’ camp run by the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). The camp, which was fully funded by QUT, gave students the rewarding opportunity of experiencing first-hand a range of courses offered by QUT as well as the chance to meet other students from the region and hear current QUT students talk about their own learning journeys through high school and into university.

The students along with two teachers from Morayfield State High School, left the school early on Friday morning for QUT Caboolture Campus. Once there, students were broken into a number of groups which they stayed with for the remainder of the camp. Throughout the day, students engaged in a range of activities centred on different study areas offered by QUT and had the opportunity to consider their future study plans. That afternoon, we left by bus to Camp Warrawee at Joyner where students enjoyed team-building activities, a nutritious dinner and even a talent show in which some of our girls presented a modern rendition of Romeo and Juliet (much to the camp’s approval).

The following day, we travelled to the Brisbane Convention Centre to explore a study and careers expo, before walking over to QUT Gardens Point for a second round of study area activities. It was clear that most students found the expo a very worthwhile experience, with many expressing excitement regarding their future study and career options.

Over the two days, it was extremely pleasing to see the exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes exhibited by students from Morayfield State High School. The students, once again, proved to the team from QUT that students from Morayfield State High School are respectful, responsible and cooperative.

Cameron Daniel
Year 10 Year Level Coordinator

From the Cashier

A reminder for those families that haven’t paid the 2016 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) in full, payment is now overdue. This payment will also need to include the annual laptop hire fees, Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate III in Children’s Services courses and any fees owing from previous years. Payment will ensure your student has continued access to resources
provided by the Scheme as well as ensure your student remains financially eligible to participate in school activities not included as part of the Student Resource Scheme for example interschool sport and excursions.

For any account enquiries or payments, please contact the Cashier. The Cashier hours are 8:15am - 1:30pm Monday - Friday. Ph: 5428 5555.

Payment options available are via direct deposit, credit card, EFTPOS, cash, cheque, Bpoint and Centrelink deductions (Centrepay).

If paying via Bpoint please ensure your payment is made prior to excursion deadlines as Bpoint takes 3 business days to be processed by the bank.

Any families that may be suffering financial difficulties at this time are encouraged to contact the school office to book an appointment with the Business Services Manager, payment plans can be arranged and discussions are confidential.

Julie Hill  
Cashier

Q Parents

Morayfield State High school is proud to offer QParents!

Reports cards will be available from QParents once data from last Semester is finalised. No more crumpled up report cards at the bottom of your student’s school bag!

The QParents web and mobile application (available from the iTunes and Google Play Stores) provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents/guardians will have secure, online access to their student’s information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their student’s information, including:

- Attendance and absence details as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence;
- Behaviour details;
- Academic report cards;
- Class timetables;
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history and making payments online; and
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address.

QParents assists both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

To register for QParents, simply complete the QParents registration form and submit it to the school. You will then receive an invitation email from us containing your unique invitation code. Simply follow the instructions in that email to complete the QParents account registration process.

Rebecca Malone  
MSHS Administration

From the Guidance Team

Welcome back to Semester Two

We hope that all the students had a well-deserved break and are coming back for the second half of the year happy and healthy.

Term 3 is always an incredibly busy one for our senior students. There are a number of information sessions, interviews and timelines that must be followed. Just a quick look at some of the things that are happening this term for students that the Guidance Team are involved with.

15 July - Year 12 Explore University Camp  
16 to 17 July - Tertiary Expo RNA grounds. Free. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
19 July - Tertiary Expo USC Sports centre. Free. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.  
18 July - Year 12 QTAC presentation. Helping students decide what preferences to put down in regards to their future study.  
28 July - Year 11 future leader talk with Guidance Team and School Nurse. Helping future leaders manage work, school and study commitments while maintaining healthy mental health.  
1 August - QUT talks to Year 12s.  
2 August - QTAC applications open for Year 12s selecting tertiary courses ($37).  
10 August - Australian Defence Force Talks to Year 11 and 12 students.  
16 and 17 August - SET Plan (Subject Selection Interviews) with all Year 10 students.  
30 and 31 August - QCS Test for Year 1’s.  
30 September - Last day before late fees ($101) apply for QTAC applications (total $139).

During this time it is important students look after themselves. This means taking the time to balance the things they enjoy doing with work commitments and study schedules. If you notice your student behaving differently in any way, encourage them to seek support. This could be an appointment with the Guidance Officer, a check in with the Chaplin Jesse or School Health Nurse, Helen. Or you could seek outside agencies such as Kids School Help Line, Headspace, the Caboolture Community Centre or your local doctor.

If you have any questions about the dates above don’t hesitate to contact us. We wish all our students the best for this busy term. Take care of yourselves.

From the Guidance Team - Simon Braiden (Years 8, 10 and 12) and Chenoa Matthews (Year 7, 9 and 11).
From the Library

Term 3 is a busy one for the library. We have two guest speakers coming. Paula Weston works as a journalist and the author of the Rephaim series. She will provide fantastic insight for some of our Year 10 students who would like to pursue a career in the writing field. Pat Flynn, author of the Alex Jackson series will visit some of our Year 7 and 8 students to share his love of reading and writing.

New books are arriving all the time. Come in and check them out. Some are listed below.

Please return all books from last term.

Julie Mabb
Teacher Librarian

From Student Leadership

Hello parents!

The tuckshop is currently accepting donations of vegemite, jam, milo and butter for the breakfast club. Donations will be collected from now until the end of Week 6. The drop off days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00am-8:30am. Any donation, small or large would be greatly appreciated. Please note we can only accept food items; money cannot be accepted. We greatly appreciate your donations as the breakfast club would not be successful without them. Please note: there is a little competition running between form classes and the form class with the most donations will receive a pancake breakfast in Week 7; so get donating!

Thank-you for your support.

Brianna Meehan
Welfare Committee Chair

On the July 28, the Year 10 and Year 11 student leaders will participate in an event to develop their interpersonal and leadership skills. The student leadership program is developing as we welcome new students. The leadership event will include a guest speaker, David Burton, a session with our school support staff about managing the demands of senior schooling and extra-curricular activities and a workshop on communication and presentation skills. The day will also outline the structure of student leadership for 2017. The day promises to be valuable and rewarding for everyone involved.

Leadership committee.
Julie Mabb

From English Department

A Report from the Year 8 Extension class

Within our English Extension class, Mrs Crouch is informing us about the events that occurred in the tragic time period when Adolf Hitler wreaked havoc upon millions of lives. Throughout this unit, we are hoping to establish a thorough understanding of the book The Boy In the Striped Pyjamas which fictionally portrays facts of the events that occurred during Hitler’s reign of terror. We will then commence writing a short story from the perspective of a marginalised character in the novel.

Previously within this class, we have learned how different forms of media are able to portray a particular subject and position the reader’s opinions through the use of various visual and language features.

During our remaining time in this class, we hope to obtain further knowledge and understanding of the portrayal of characters and issues as well as continue our passion for English.

Shenice Gosden and Ruby Papworth
Verushka Torrens
English HOD

From the Health & Physical Education Department

Winter Interschool Sport Finals

Our Senior and Junior District Winter Sport Finals will be held on the 17 and 18 August respectively. Some of our sport teams are sitting close to the top of the ladder and preparations are continuing into what is shaping up as a close finals series.

Good luck to our Interschool Sport teams who continue to turn up and represent our school with pride and passion every single week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Melia Larkin who was recently selected in the Australian Touch Football Girls 17 years Youth Squad. This is an amazing achievement and is a credit to the hours of commitment and dedication needed to achieve at such an elite level of the sport.

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 22 of July. A full carnival report will follow in the next newsletter.

District Athletics

The School Athletics Team will be selected following our Inter-House Athletics Carnival. The team will then compete at the South District Trials on the 15 and 16 August, 2016.
Selection in this team will be based around both qualifying and finishing positions at our carnival. We are hopeful of travelling with one of our largest and strongest teams assembled in the recent history of our school. Notes for the District Athletics team will be handed out to students on July 25 2016.

**Ryan Phillips**  
*Sports Co-Ordinator*

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**From the Business Department**

**Simulated Office Helping Business Students Learn Real Life Skills**

This year the business department has been working hard to create a simulated office space for students enrolled in the Certificate I and II in Business Courses. This new space provides students with multiple opportunities to work in an office environment. This allows students to learn valuable skills that will enhance their employability. Students have been making full use of the office by completing an array of administrative tasks such as; making business calls, shredding documents, completing typing tasks, filing documents, completing paperwork, note taking and learning to work in teams.

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**Portia – Answering the office phone**

Students in the Certificate I Business classes came up with an office name – **Think MBS.** MBS stand for Morayfield Business Students. They also have a very catchy motto – *Your Business Is Our Business.*

This is a very exciting opportunity for students who are all very keen to have their scheduled turn working in the office and completing tasks to a high business standard.

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**Amanda Nowland**  
*Senior Business Teacher*

**From the Literacy and Numeracy**

**Morayfield State High School Junior Spelling Bee 2016**

The Spelling Bee took place at the end of Term 2 for Year 7, 8 and 9 students and was extremely successful. Winning students were awarded with either an iTunes voucher or a tuckshop voucher. We are very proud of our students for their achievement!

Below (left to right): Tatum Taylor (1st), Sarah Haansbergen-Fair (2nd) and Chakri Prak (3rd).

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**From the School Based Police Officer**

Parents/carers are reminded that the area directly out the front of the school is a bus zone. This area also includes a pedestrian crossing and a yellow line on either side of the crossing. These areas are NOT for dropping off your child. There is ample parking available to the left and right of the school zone. Those
parents who utilize the Sports Club/Harvey Norman car park are reminded that this area is for customers of those businesses and I ask you to be respectful of that.

I understand that at times, especially as students commence driving themselves, parking is of premium. Afternoon pickup time would have to be the most confusing and congested period of the day around the school. Leaving pickup for ten minutes would elevate this problem greatly as most of the traffic has left the area, including the school buses. There are teachers on duty at the front of the school until 3.25pm, therefore if your child feels anxious they can always approach the teacher and speak with them.

I reiterate with parents that school zones around drop off and pick up are the most hazardous times and are the same in all school areas. Parking is not easily gained. We are fortunate that Queensland Rail allows staff, parents and students to utilise the two parking areas out the front of the school.

I ask all parents to be mindful of this matter as stopping in a bus zone, on a pedestrian crossing or on a yellow line are all traffic related offences and a ticket can be issued.

Senior Constable Kris Parker

From the School Nurse

Some tips for a good night sleep

If you’re having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, here are a few things you can try:

• Aim to get to bed and wake up around the same time each day, including on the weekend. This helps your body to get into a routine. Try not to take naps in the day as this affects your body’s routine.

• Turn off your screens (such as your phone, TV and laptop) at least 30 minutes before bed time. The light from screens can stop your brain producing the sleep chemical melatonin, which is important in helping you get to sleep.

• Try not to worry about having a bad sleep. A lot of people underestimate how much sleep they get – so you might find it useful to use a sleep app to see how much sleep you’re getting. However, if you find that this makes you focus on how much sleep you’re not getting, you may be better off without it.

• Natural sleep cycles are based on your body clock, which is mainly set by when you’re exposed to light. Light is needed in the morning, so aim to be outside for 30 minutes, sit by a bright window, or use specially designed artificial light sources. In the evening, your body needs less stimulation, so try dimming the lights.

• Exercising during the day is a good way to make you tired at night. This might mean going to the gym, walking around the block at lunchtime or playing sport. Try to avoid exercising last thing at night though, as this can keep you awake.

• It’s best to try and keep your bed for sleep. Working, watching TV or being online in bed can cause your brain to associate bed with being alert and awake.

• Your bedroom should be dark, cool (around 16-18°C) and quiet.

• Try to limit how much caffeine you have, including coffee, energy drinks and soft drinks. Also, try to avoid caffeine entirely after lunchtime.

http://www.headspace.org.au

Helen Baxter
School Nurse

From SEP Science

My Year 7 SEP science class has been very creative over the past 11 weeks in their science extension lessons. They all enjoyed it and can’t wait for this term to find out what I have planned for them.

Kerstin Shepherd
SEP Teacher