FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I look back on 2012, I am both proud and inspired at all Morayfield State High School has achieved this year. Our students have excelled in the classroom, on the sporting field, on stage, as well as in many and various co-curricula activities. Our staff have, as always, worked tirelessly to ensure that our students have been exposed to quality learning experiences and have achieved optimal outcomes throughout the year. We are so lucky to have such a strong and committed workforce at Morayfield.

Our Year 10 and 11 students completed the 2012 school year on Friday, 30 November. Reports for these students have been completed and students are able to collect them from the Attendance Window in the school’s Administration Building.

Our Year 8 and Year 9 students will be working an alternative program this week with different faculties leading learning on particular days. A program has been designed for five days, taking us through to Friday, 14 December when school will officially break for the summer vacation. Expectations in relation to attendance, behaviour and dress remain the same as always. Their reports will be issued on Thursday, 13 December.

A number of teachers have completed their teaching contracts. I would like to thank the following staff for the contribution they have made this year and especially for their commitment to improving learning outcomes for our students.

Mark Gosling
Di Gee
Richard McHugh

Phil Dahlenburg
Audre Fogarty
Robyn McPherson

Lisa Blackmore
Vicki Blackman

Pierre Wong
Seana Reed

Luke Harris
Jo McDowell
Blair Stickland
Stephen Tyle
Anita Purves
Helen Carter
Cameron Daniel
Michael Rust
Evelynne Hooper
Casey Rebelt
Imogen Alcock
Sharon Berlin
Christina Bozzi
Kristen Pritchard
Lisa Wilson
Jason McCormick
David Alpe
June Ranger
Cheryl Nolan
Phil Osborne

Some of these teachers will return in 2014 to take up permanent or contract positions.

We will also say farewell to some of our permanent staff this year as they retire or transfer to other schools. These teachers have inspired and supported our students over many years and each of them will be missed by our school community. We wish them all the very best in their retirement or in their new locations.

During the year, we also implemented our Enrolment Management Plan which was adopted in August. As our wider community grows, so does our school community. To accommodate additional enrolments in 2013, two relocatable buildings will be erected over the holidays giving us four additional classrooms.

Main Roads has advised that the intersection upgrade at the front of our school will commence in January. This may cause some disruption in the early part of next year but we will work with Main Roads and the contractor to ensure student safety around road works. We have attached a Project Notice to this newsletter which gives details of Stage One.

I sincerely thank all members of our school community for their support of our staff, students and school in 2013 and look forward working with you again in 2013.

Janelle Amos
Principal

PROJECT NOTICE UPDATE FOR MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL
BOOKSHOP AND UNIFORM ORGANISATION DAYS 2013

The Cashier will be closed for 2012 from Wednesday 12 December. Payments cannot be accepted after 1.30 pm on Tuesday 11 December.

If parents wish to pay their fees for 2013 via Centrelink deductions, please contact the school office to schedule an appointment with the Business Services Manager to make arrangements.

Julie Hill
School Cashier

SCHOOL CASHIER

The bookshop, uniform shop and cashier will be open the week before the students return to school. The dates and times for each year level are:

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Thursday and Friday are for Parents/Carers unable to attend allocated days. There will be two rooms and four change rooms operating at all times.

NEW FORM CLASS STRUCTURE IN 2013

Morayfield State High School is moving to a year level based form class structure in 2013. Students will be in form classes based on their own year level from next year.

The Flying Start agenda requires the school to start preparing itself for the welcoming of Year 7 students in 2015. The movement to a year level based form class allows the school to provide a structure that better supports our students – especially the Junior Secondary School. Other benefits include –

- Effective targeting of programs at specific year levels and introduction of AIM pastoral care program. Form teachers will be responsible for the development and teaching of this program.
- Improved communication flow – Year level assemblies and notices able to be targeted at specific year level.
- Students working within their own levels with peer groups

The House system remains a vital part of the Morayfield State High School culture and in keeping with this every effort has been made to maintain the current house membership for each student.

Chris Dench
Deputy Principal

AB PATTERSON MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Students from Morayfield State High School, Morayfield State School and Minimbah State School attended the AB Paterson Mathematics Challenge at the Griffith University on the Gold Coast on November 22 and 23. The event is open to Year 4 through to Year 12 students from around Australia and from Singapore.

The challenges involved using helium balloons to move heavy objects (Years 4 and 5), design of wind turbines for maximum efficiency (Years 6 and 7), and design of plane wings, water rockets or models to prove/disprove global warming (Year 8 and 9). The students were placed in groups so that they worked with people from other schools and given the two days to carry out experiments, compile the data and then give a presentation of their findings.

The two days ended with students in two groups from both our coalition primary schools winning their category. Our students were very successful with four of our student ending up in the same group and winning their task.

The challenge given to these students was around global warming and was a very complex task. This group included Katey Hayes, Ireland Reibel, Meg Breen and Leah Griffin and they won a graphics calculator each. The other winner from our school was Alec Scells who joined with other students to design a plane.
The competition involved 450 students and the level of competition was very high. The teachers involved are very proud of the conduct and perseverance shown by our students.

Larry Forman
STEM Co-Ordinator

Jane Irvin
Head of Department Mathematics

TRANSITION DAY – 3 DECEMBER

Our Transition Day provided an opportunity for Year 7 students to experience a day at their new high school. Students spent a significant part of the day in classes with their 2013 Form teachers, and interacted with student mentors as well as the school Prefects who were with them as guides for the day.

By the end of the day students left with an understanding of our school’s core values and were familiar with the physical layout of the school. Students also understood key requirements for them and for their entry into the school such as our expectations around uniform, behaviour and classroom routines. They interacted with key staff and student mentors with whom they will be working next year.

As the Junior Secondary School Head of Department, I am looking forward to working with our newest members of the Morayfield State High community in 2013.

Kerri Furlong
Head of Department Junior Secondary School

SPORT STRUCTURE FOR 2013

As we come to the close of 2012 I would like to thank those students in both the junior and senior years who participated in the interschool sport program this year, whether it was summer or winter. Our region is extremely fortunate to have a senior interschool sport competition at all, being one of the only regions in Queensland that still continues with sport timetabled into the curriculum.

I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the students who were award winners at our annual Sports Awards night and the coaches of the school teams who created such a positive environment for our students to participate in every week.

The new year will see a small change to how the school timetable is set up. There will be no “Skills” classes in 2013 in either Junior or Senior and therefore students who do not participate in an interschool sports team will continue in normal classes at school on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This change will not disadvantage those students participating in sport because it will be the fourth lesson in that subject for the week (instead of the usual three). No new content will be taught during this lesson to ensure students in sports teams are not academically disadvantaged. Our belief is that the school sport teams will be a lot stronger and more competitive, which hopefully bodes well for 2013.

Please feel free to call the HPE department if you require any further information about the structure for sport in 2013.

Steve Moody
Senior Sports Coordinator

SOCIAL SCIENCES REPORT

Our highlights for 2013 have been many. A number of students across all year levels sat for the Australian Geography competition. Bradley Robinson and Meg Breen in Year 9 received High Distinctions, while Tristan Stimson and Aaron Reader in Year 12 also secured High Distinctions. Jordan O’Neil was the only Year 10 student to receive such an award this year.

We also secured five Distinctions and 10 Credits for the competition. Congratulations to all who participated.

Our Year 12s have only recently left. The big prize for the Social Sciences – Active and Informed Citizenship Prize was presented to Rebecca Cohen. This is presented to the Year 12 student with the highest Grade Point Average over two or more Senior Social Science subjects.

The other prize winners were:

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The Social Science department congratulates you for your efforts and wishes you every success for 2013.

Some classes have attended interesting and valuable excursions/field trips this year including:

- Year 10 Introduction to Legal Studies visited the Magistrates Court
- Year 11 Legal Studies visited the Supreme Court in Brisbane
- Year 11/12 Senior Geographers visited the inner city of Brisbane this year as part of their Urban/Town planning studies.
- While the Year 8 and 10 History classes were treated to a medieval incursion.

My sincere thanks to Ms Norman and Mrs Krummins for organising these trips. There is so much preparation involved.

Presently, the Social Science team is hard at work preparing new ACARA units of study for next year’s students. On behalf of the Social Science Department, we wish to pass onto parents and students our best Christmas and New Year’s greetings.

Louis Mackay-Payne
Head of Department Social Science

BRISBANE MAGISTRATE COURT FIELD TRIP

Going to Court – Guilty or Not Guilty?

The Year 10 Guilty, Not Guilty Social Science class experienced the court room first hand during this term. The students travelled to the city to visit the Brisbane Magistrates’ Courts as well as the Brisbane Police Museum. They gained a realistic insight into our legal system in action with this real world connection to the classroom. Students witnessed a court case in progress and at the museum, some very interesting displays related to the history of crime and policing in Queensland were studied, as well as a staged crime scene. The information gathered provided resources to help the students write a report for assessment. Praise must be given to the students, who were fantastic representatives of Morayfield State High School throughout the day. Emma Reely commented, “Our class is really grateful for the experience. It was awesome.”

Ms Teena Norman
Classroom Teacher
Pictured are students with the statue of the Goddess of Justice.

Left to right: Andrew Duncan, Colleen Gillespie, Kaila Finch, Trisha Prasad, Brooke Revell, Sheila Pancito, Chez Eiao, Quileah Pompey, Sara-Lee Pule, Emma Reely, Teena Leigh, Ashley Adcock, Kayla Hansen-Austen.

STUDENT TAKE HOME LAPTOP PROGRAM

Last week Year 9 students were given information about our take home laptop program. Our Year 10 – 12 students have an option to have a laptop computer to take home. This laptop comes with 3G Internet access and for students without Internet access at home this is a great opportunity for them and their families to access the wealth of information available on the net.

If you were away and missed getting the letter and information about the program last week or are in Years 10 or 11 this year and did not have a notebook but would like one for next year you can collect a set of booklets from Mr McIntyre in F block.

A requirement of the program is that you are financially eligible. This means your school fees must be up to date and you have paid the $100 laptop take home payment.

To find out more about the program, I invite you to an information evening about the program on Wednesday, 30 January, 2013 at 6.00pm in the library. You will be able to view the devices at this evening and I will be able to provide more detail on how the devices will be issued to students and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to reinforce that I believe this is a great opportunity to unveil a new era in education where we can encourage students to be engaged in learning and I hope that your family can become a part of this exciting program.

Bill McIntyre
Head of Department Bus/IT/Home Economics

ARTIE FUN DAY

Our indigenous students who met the ARTIE challenge of 90% attendance in Term 3 were rewarded with the ARTIE Fun Day trip to White Water World. The kids had a wonderful time and were very excited to spend time with and meet Former Origin Greats Sam Thaiday, Wendell Sailor and Steve Price. They also enjoyed a variety of different games and animals provided for the day by the staff at Dream World.

Students observed a minutes silence in memory of Mr Arthur Beetson (FOGS#1) and were extremely well behaved and respectful at all times throughout the day.

ARTIE TUTORS

We would like to give a huge thanks to all our ARTIE tutors who have worked so well with our teachers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait students this year. They have helped many of our students to achieve great academic results and display fantastic learning behaviour. These amazing first and second year teaching students who volunteered as our ARTIE tutors are: Emilio Raffaele, Zoe Wood, Tiffany Rabbit, Kristian Mitev, Chantelle Currie, Caitlin Beanland, Karina Doolan, Tom Lunn, Hannah Brennan-Silwood, Justin Corser, David Kilcarn, Anthony Lynn, Charlene Cornell, Caitlin Beanland, Claire Joseph, Sarah Parkin, Lucy Waldron, David Athanassiou, Megann Puller, Georgia Hooi, Kate Kowitz, Rachel Winter, Jessamyn Scales, Samantha Daley, and Courtney Sneyd. We owe a huge debt of gratitude and wish them all the best for studies and as future teachers.

Pictured: Romy Le Brocq and Emily Nooitgedagt and Steve Price

Pictured: Sam King and Wendell Sailor

Pictured: Tyler Nugent with Sam Thaiday
RELEASE OF YEAR 12 RESULTS

Online
All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and OPs and FPs will be available in students’ learning accounts on the Student Connect website https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au from 9.00 am on Saturday 15 December 2012.

Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their learning account. Year 12 MIS email will no longer work so it is essential that Year 12 students change their contact details if they have not already done so.

Mailout
Students will receive their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 17 December 2012. Profile contents depend on student participation and results, and will be made up of one or more of the following documents: QCE, Tertiary Entrance Statement, Senior Statement, Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

Universities and Careers
University Scholarships
For a full list of Universities visit the Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre QTAC website, Universities are currently offering a wide range of Scholarships.

Expos and Career Markets
For a full list of Career Days visit the Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre QTAC website

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please do not intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Vocational Education and Training
Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Service
The national Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships information Service (www.aatinfo.com.au) operate under funding from the Australian Government. It is a free information service and has many useful resources to help educate and support students, schools, parents, employers and industry on Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

One of the features of the service is the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website (www.aapathways.com.au). The site allows people to search through around 3,000 examples of apprenticeship and traineeship job and training descriptions. Also accessible are careers resources such as industry based job pathway charts (www.aapathways.com.au) and practice aptitude quizzes (www.aapathways.com.au/ipc).

The site is free to use, offering an additional avenue for service providers to communicate their Australian Apprenticeships related activities.

EDUCATION SUPPORT/TEACHER AIDE PROGRAM
TAFE Open Learning is pleased to announce the offering of the government-subsidised CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support program commencing from 7 January 2013 with rolling enrolments to suit you. This program is offered through distance with two options: either online or paper-based for your convenience – no classes to attend, study when you want to across a 90 day cycle. Friendly supportive teaching staff are just a phone call/email away to support you through the program. Learn how to support your children through their schooling years while at the same time achieving the industry-standard qualification for employment as a Teacher Aide. If you are already working as a teacher aide, or have supported reading in a school environment you may be able to RPL some units towards the qualification! Enrol from 7 January 2013 by phoning TAFE Open Learning free call 1800 657 387.

Stay cool, be shady and protect your health
Queensland Health is urging families to take care of their health as the state heads into summer holidays.

Measures such as staying indoors or in the shade in very hot weather, taking cool showers or baths, limiting strenuous outdoor activity and drinking plenty of fluids can help to prevent heat-related illness.

It is equally important to monitor family, friends and neighbours who may be more prone to heat-related illness. These include the elderly, infants, overweight and obese people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with some pre-existing health conditions.

Queensland Health is also urging families to avoid any summer tragedies by remembering how quickly the temperature inside a vehicle can rise. If you have to leave the car always take children and/or animals with you.

For further information on staying healthy and safe during hot weather visit http://www.health.qld.gov.au.

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CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS
Saturday, 14 December 2012
Caboolture Town Square, King Street, Caboolture
5pm to 9.30pm
Free Entry

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas spirit at Christmas under the Stars held at Town Square, Caboolture on Friday 14 December 2012.

Christmas under the Stars has a little something for everyone, it’s a free night out that the whole family will enjoy with local stage entertainment, classic Christmas carols, Santa, rides, an animal farm, pony rides, kids Christmas activities, markets and a big fireworks spectacular.

After exploring what this event has to offer, wind down with a Christmas movie ‘The Polar Express’ on the big screen to end a magical night.

For more details visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/christmas or follow us on Facebook and ‘like’ us at MBRC.Events

If you require more information please ask.

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SHAFT JANUARY 2013 HOLIDAY PROGRAM
7 January to 18 January 2013

Looking for something exciting to do these school holidays?
SHAFT is a program introduced by the Moreton Bay Regional Council for high school aged students who reside in or attend high school in the Moreton Bay Region. The exciting range of activities are subsidised by Council, making them enjoyable and affordable.

Activities range from Go-Karting to Windsurfing. Abseiling to Rock Climbing. Sailing to Golf, all at an affordable price, ranging from $5 to $30 (depending on the activity).

The complete program for January’s SHAFT Program will be available online or in the current SHAFT brochure, located at libraries and Council foyers around the region, from late November.

Bookings for the January 2013 SHAFT Program open 9am Tuesday 11 December 2012! You can make bookings online at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft or by calling 5433 2052. Book early to avoid disappointment!