25 February 2013

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Day 8 Enrolment Figures

Our official student enrolment at Day 8 was 1344. The enrolment return was completed showing total students enrolled and in attendance at our school on Thursday, February 7. Enrolment per year level was as follows:

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Of total students enrolled, 83 are registered as a Student with a Disability with an entitlement to a program or service provided through our Special Education Program.

Our growing student numbers resulted in our staffing entitlement increasing to 84.

Senior Induction

Our Senior Induction Ceremony was held on Monday, 18 February. The occasion was a special one for our Year 12 cohort and for our Year 11 student leaders. The ceremony was hosted by 2013 School Captains Tanith Underwood and Zac McLean.

I would like to thank our special guests for their attendance and participation in the ceremony: our School Patron, Ms Lyn Deveraux; Mr Wyatt Roy (Federal Member for Longman), Mr Darren Grimwade (State Member for Morayfield), Ms Meredith Dootson (P&C President), Ms Gail Martin (P&C Secretary), Aunty Lynne Matsen (local Indigenous Elder), Mr Michael Douglas (Police Liaison Officer), Ms Trudy Cooper and local area Primary Principals (Ms Vicky Gahan, Ms Judy Menary and Mr Sean Bennett).

I am very proud of our Year 12 students who took the Senior Oath and I am confident that our newly inducted student leaders will lead with pride and integrity and will have a positive influence on our school culture. Congratulations to the following students who take up leadership positions:

Thanks to Parents for Support with School Uniform

I would like to thank parents/caregivers for your support in outfitting your children in the full school uniform as required. I understand that it is an expensive time of the year for families, but I am pleased to report that almost all of our students have the full casual and formal uniforms.

It is our intention to promote student pride in their dress and in their school and we ask for your continued cooperation with the school to ensure that this very high standard of dress is sustained throughout the year. We wish to ensure that our energy is invested in student learning and improvement in student outcomes, not following up on uniform issues.

Contact Details

It is vitally important that we are kept up to date with any changes of address or contact details for all of our families and emergency contacts. Throughout the year, if there is a change to any of your details please contact the school office so that we can update our database.

Regional Volleyball

Regional Volleyball Trials were held on Tuesday 19 February in Caloundra. We had good representation with James Fruean, Palu Letoa, Jed Motu and Robert Papalaua-Pati representing our district in the 15 Boys and Vicky Taufa a district rep for the Open Girls. All students performed well on the day and were excellent ambassadors for our school and our district.
Congratulations to Robert Papalaua-Pati who was selected in the Sunshine Coast Under 16 Boys Volleyball team. Robert goes on to represent our Region at the State trials in May.

Club Red Youth Ambassadors

This year the Australian Red Cross Blood Service launched the Youth Ambassador Program. Four of our SRC representatives (Matthew Walk, Jessica Hulm, Jean Palandt and Malissa Jones) attended training in Brisbane which highlighted community leadership, social responsibility, marketing, project management and the important role of blood donors.

From age 16, students can become blood donors and help the Australian Red Cross Blood Service improve the lives of thousands of Australians who need blood or blood treatments regularly. Our Ambassadors will work with a Blood Service Representative throughout the year to coordinate blood drives and raise awareness about the need for blood donors within our community.

Janelle Amos
Principal

FROM THE BOOKSHOP

UNIFORM & STATIONERY

Orders are currently being taken for the Year 12 Commemorative Polo. The cost is $38.50 to be paid when you place your order. Orders must be placed by Tuesday 5 March.

SHOP HOURS FOR 2013

Monday – Thursday: 8.00am – 9.00am.

Please note that the Bookshop will also be open between 10.10am-10.30am Monday – Thursday for students requiring textbooks.

P & C NEWS

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Parents’ and Citizens’ Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 11 March at 6.00 pm in J Block.

The following positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted in writing prior to the meeting or from the floor – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information regarding any position, please leave your details with the school office and a member of the current executive will contact you or information can be found on the QCPCA website.

The AGM will be followed by our March General Meeting which will commence at 6.30 pm. I encourage you to become involved in the P&C and assure you that your support is valued.

Meredith Dootson
P & C President

YEAR 8 WELCOME BBQ

On Tuesday 12 February, Morayfield State High School held our ‘Welcome to High School’ BBQ for Year 8 parents and students to casually meet and have a chat with their teachers and support staff. It was great to see many families taking the opportunity to attend for not only a chat, but to provide the school with very helpful feedback in relation to Secondary School transition.

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank Andrew and Tavita from Intercept for running the BBQ, Lorna Lukey for providing the bread and the Year 9 leaders and 11 student mentors for assisting at the event.

If you were unable to make it on the evening but would still like to be in contact with your student’s teacher, Year Level Coordinator or other key staff, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office on 5428 5555.

Carla Stevens
Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 9 AIM PROGRAM – CYBERBULLYING

On Monday mornings the school has introduced AIM (Aspiration, Improvement, Management) lessons. Key lessons are designed to help students cope with challenges they face and aid personal and social development. This week Year 9s are looking at healthy eating and sleep for young people.

Poor diet choices and sleep habits make success at school almost impossible. Teenagers need a balanced diet of mainly natural foods and at least eight hours sleep every night to help their brains and bodies cope with the rigours of school life. I encourage you to ask students about the topics we cover. Last week we looked at Cyberbullying – a vital topic for the following reasons:

1. It can occur 24/7 and invade home/personal space;
2. The audience can be very large and reached rapidly;
3. People who cyberbully may attempt to remain anonymous;
4. Cyberbullying can take place both between peers and across generations;
5. Some cyberbullying is unintentional – jokes and online comments can be forwarded to the wrong people or misinterpreted.

There are some steps that can be taken to prevent cyberbullying:

1. Always respect others;
2. Think before you send;
3. Treat your password like your toothbrush.

We also talked about some strategies students can employ in response to cyberbullying:

1. Block the bully;
2. Do not retaliate or reply;
3. Make sure you report it.

For more information about any of the topics we cover do not hesitate to contact me.

Tim O’Connor
Year 9 Co-ordinator
PEER SKILLS PROGRAM

Toward the end of last year, 27 student leaders completed a two day training workshop to become Peer Leaders.

The program was developed by Kids Help Line in 1994 in response to young callers’ concerns about how to best help their friends. The development of the program was supported by national and international research that showed that young people often talk or turn to a friend when they have a problem, before (or instead of) seeking help from adults or helping services. The program is now under the carriage of Lifeline Community Care Queensland and was facilitated by the school nurse and the chaplain.

Over the two days students covered topics including; exploring values, really listening, problem solving, looking after yourself and getting help.

This training will benefit these student leaders in their role, as many students turn to their peers for help and advice. The workshop was designed to acknowledge and build on the students’ existing skills with ideas, knowledge and strategies for assisting their fellow students with some of the issues that trouble them on a daily basis as well as in times of crisis.

Peer Skills workbooks were provided for the students who participated in the workshop. These provide a good reference for these students and follow up support will always be provided to the Peer Leaders with regular meetings.

We would like to congratulate the following students: Emma Barnwell, Matthew Bradford, Tiana Davey, Nastassja Dootson, Brennan Griffin, Tiana Hamlin- Beveridge, Jennifer Heddles, Jessica Hulm, Xanthe Johnston, Megan Jones, Chris Kaehne, Chris Lakerdis, Tanielle Larkin, Elle Malone, Sam Martin, Rebekah Meiklejohn, Carly Moore, Jordan O’Neill, Trisha Prasad, Sam Stokes, Blake Taylor, Liam Theunissen, Luke Wagner, Jasmyn Waldock, Libby Grant, Sam Signorini and Lucy Doxanakis.

We look forward to our new Peer Leaders being able to further support the students here at Morayfield State High School.

Carina McLean (School Chaplain) and Sue Scriven (School Nurse)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

It was a drizzly Friday morning that was the setting for the 2013 Morayfield Swimming Carnival. The “ocean” theme promised lots of creative outfits, with lifeguards, an octopus and a Pirate dancing Gangnam Style all highlights. The 13s and 14s started in the pool, while the 15s, 16s and Opens got into the outdoor activities (beach touch, futsal, cricket, leisure pool). Te Huia Stephen, Jaycob Betts, Asheleigh O’Meley and Dusty Cooper cleaned up in the pool, winning their 13s and 14s age championships.

After a brief lunch break the Seniors made their way to the pool deck, while the 13s and 14s got into the leisure activities outside. Leap Frog and Bull Rush ensued outside with mass participation and lots of laughs. Meanwhile, the Seniors got into the business end of the afternoon; with both championship and participation races on offer. Age champions (15s: Bethany English and Alec Scells, 16s: Jordan O’Neil and Alex English, Opens: Emma Barnwell and Alex Albert) all performed exceedingly well, winning a majority of the events on offer, and adding valuable points for their house tallies.

Bribie house came out on top with a massive 768 points, with Russell house (2nd) on 631, Stradbroke house (3rd) on 561, and Moreton house (4th) running a close last (528 points). All of these points contribute to the House Cup, to be decided later in the year through a range of school-based initiatives and carnivals. These carnivals are always a great day for our school, and it is exciting for us as staff to see record participation numbers at our first carnival of 2013.

Marc Timmins
Health and Physical Education Teacher

PAST STUDENT SUCCESS!

It is with great pride that we are able to congratulate 2012 Year 12 graduate Sarah Norman for successfully attaining scholarships to assist her with her studies for the next 4 years while at University. Sarah is the recipient of not one, but two major scholarships:

- University of Sunshine Coast Vice-Chancellor’s Merit Scholarship and
- Women in Engineering Scholarship from Skills Queensland.

Each scholarship is highly prestigious and valuable. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Sarah all the very best in her studies and for her future.

PREPARE NOW FOR THE PREMIER’S ANZAC DAY PRIZE

Students in Years 8-11 History, SOSE and IT should start preparing a multimedia submission for the Premier’s Anzac Prize 2014. While entries do not officially open until Monday 8 July, students can begin researching and developing their submission addressing how the Anzac tradition shaped our nation and why it is still important. For more information visit the Premier’s Anzac Prize website. Entries close Friday 20 September 2013.

(education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/pdfs/promo-poster-2014.pdf)

Community Notices

GET INTO TABLE TENNIS !’

The Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association is inviting all new players to ‘Come and Try’ Table Tennis Friday nights at 6:30pm. The club has many options available for coaching, fixtures and social play for Juniors and Seniors.

Please contact Peter on 0414 401 253 or moretonbay@tabletennisqld.org for more information. The club is located at Shaftesbury Campus Sports Hall, located at Cnr Deception Bay Rd & Bruce Highway. Come along and experience a great social atmosphere and one of the fastest racquet sports in the world.

Jason Walsh
Regional Club Coordinator

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PLAY THE MAIN STAGE AT URBAN COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Ever wanted the opportunity to open the main stage of a Festival? - Well here is your chance. You will be playing alongside country music greats Lee Kernaghan and John Williamson! Urban Country is looking for a local band (at least one member must live in the Moreton Bay Region) to open the Saturday night concert at this year’s festival. All you need to do is upload a video of your band to YouTube, then head to www.urbancountry.com.au to complete your application form. Open to all ages at this year’s 10th Urban Country Music Festival. Entries close 4 March 2013 so get uploading!

Lauren Ballard
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BOY’S BRIGADE COMPANY

“Making the men of tomorrow”

At your local Boys’ Brigade Company, there are plenty of opportunities through the weekly program to have fun, become great friends with others, develop your leadership skills, work well in a team, be introduced to many different types of activities, earn badges (like the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award), and develop very practical skills. Also regular parts of the program are different sorts of camps and expeditions that allow you to experience life in very unique ways. Meetings on Friday nights 7.00pm during school terms at the Morayfield State High School. For further information, please contact Carlisle Wyllie on 5496 7522 or check out our website http://boys.brigadeaustralia.org/3c