11 March 2013

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Representative Council 2013

The Student Representative Council (SRC) consists of students elected by their peers and staff of the school. The SRC works as an advocate for the structures which need to be set in place to address the needs of the school community. The SRC also addresses relevant issues and sets achievable goals, which support the whole school.

The SRC aims to:
- develop leadership skills in students
- ensure student views are heard in the decision making processes
- empower students to contribute towards a positive school culture
- strengthen the school community through active participation

Being selected as a member of the Student Representative Council is a significant achievement and I congratulate members for taking on this very important leadership role. I congratulate the following students who make up the SRC for 2013:

- President: Matthew Walk
- Vice-President: Elle Malone
- Treasurer: Taylah Daviss
- Secretary: Matthew Bradford
- P&C Liaison: Nicholas Lyons
- Fundraising Committee Liaison: Emily Upshall
- Environment Committee Liaison: Malissa Jones
- Welfare Committee Liaison: MaFhey Dongao

Year Level Representatives

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Enhancing Teaching

By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with our school community. We are developing a framework based on Robert Marzano’s “The Art and Science of Teaching” (ASOT). Our staff are working with an external coach to develop our framework which will ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

For learning to be effective, clear targets in terms of information and skill must be established and communicated to the learner. This semester, teachers are focusing on establishing and communicating learning goals, tracking student progress, giving quality feedback on progress and on celebrating success.

All students should be familiar with learning goals in every subject they study and should be able to discuss these with you.

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be issued to all students on Thursday 20 March. These reports do not contain individual comments but do give an indication of how students are progressing in their subjects at this early stage of the year. They give feedback on the student’s level of commitment through the effort they are putting in and their behaviour in class.

I encourage all parents to take the time to sit with their student and discuss their report. There will then be an opportunity for you and your student to discuss progress with individual teachers. The first parent teacher interviews for the year will take place on Wednesday 27 March.

Appointments will be available from 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm. Full details of the operation of the afternoon will be provided with the reports and will be detailed in the next newsletter. I encourage you to book this afternoon in your calendars and make the effort to discuss the progress of your student with their teachers.

Student Safety

As a staff, we are aware that we need to be extremely vigilant at all times in classrooms and on duty in the playground and after school as students catch buses and
trains. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan details school rules which are the basis for the high standards of behaviour we expect. Students have been reminded on assemblies of expectations in relation to behaviour and our shared responsibility to consider the safety of all. Students have particularly been reminded about physical play and about reporting "intruders".

All visitors to the school including parents and caregivers, are required to present to the school office to seek approval to enter our school site. A visitor's badge is issued to those who are able to proceed to other areas of the school. We take very seriously our duty of care with your children and ask that you support this school policy.

International Women’s Day 2013

International Women’s Day (IWD), is held on 8 March each year and celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, present and future.

This year, the Queensland Government’s theme for International Women’s Day is Queensland Women – Building Connections. The theme recognises that the connections women make enhance their wellbeing, improve their resilience and build stronger communities.

Schoolkids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013.

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you do not have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your child’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Janelle Amos
Principal

FROM THE CASHIER:

The Cashier hours are 8.15am – 1.30pm Monday – Friday. Payments and account enquiries can only be taken during these hours.

Important Dates:


Year 12 English 'Bard to the Bone' theatre performance 6 June cost is $6. Payment closes 17 May.

Year 10 English 'Romeo & Juliet' theatre performance 6 June cost is $6. Payment closes 17 May.

Instrumental Music Students – payment for instrument/hire and Instrumental Music Program are now being accepted.

Julie Hill
Cashier

UNIFORM AND STATIONERY 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.

HANDS OFF!

Having more than 1300 students currently enrolled at Morayfield State High School means that students are working, playing and interacting with a large number of students, often within a close proximity to each other. Even though students often do not intentionally mean to hurt someone, at times this hands on behaviour can turn dangerous and result in the student or other students getting hurt and feeling targeted or intimidated.

It is important that we re-emphasise to both students and parents that at Morayfield State High School we are a ‘hands off’ school and any physical behaviours such as striking, kicking, pushing, ‘happy slapping’, damaging others’ property, invasion of personal space and physical intimidation are seen by the school as harassment and/ or bullying. As such, bullying and harassment of any member of the Morayfield community will not be tolerated and is dealt with as outlined in the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Please speak to your student about the importance of ‘hands off’ at school and encourage your student to report this type of behaviour to any classroom teacher, their Year Level Coordinator or their Head of Year.

Carla Stevens
Year 8 Coordinator

STUDENT LATENESS

At Morayfield State High School, it is a requirement that students are on time for their school day and are ready to learn. While we understand that sometimes circumstances mean that a student may be late, the expectation is that students are at their form class no later than 8:45am. If students are going to be late, it is expected that they have a note, explaining their absence.

Students who are consistently late for school without a reasonable written explanation, will be referred to their Head of Year.

Simon Done
Deputy Principal

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – SRC REPORT

In February the Fundraising Committee sold and delivered just over 600 roses for Valentine’s Day and raised $575 for the Student Representative Council (SRC). This money will be used by the Environmental Committee to continue with various improvement projects around the school. Last year all money raised by the SRC was funnelled into several projects. These include the House points boards, House bins, new railings, gardening, seating and much more. The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all students who supported their Valentine’s Day fundraising venture. Our biggest thanks must go to the Music department, who gave up their lunch hours singing their hearts out delivering personal serenades over several days.
The Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave is on again this year. The Fundraising Committee will be getting behind those students who want to make a difference. We have a brave student who is going to shave his head for this fantastic cause and, as part of the Morayfield community, we would like your help in supporting his bravery.

Friday 15 March we will be having a Uniform Free Day for a gold coin donation, with each dollar raised going to the Leukaemia Foundation. Every dollar your House raises will also go towards House points. We will also be doing Crazy Hair at lunch for gold coin donations.

Remember: Uniform Free Day on 15 March bring a few gold coins - raise money for a worthy cause, support your house and go home with crazy hair.

**MATHS IN ACTION CLASS**

**From Weeds to Seeds**

In our Year 8 Maths class we are restoring a garden area on Thursday afternoons. The garden was full of weeds and overgrown garden beds. We spent one of our lessons cleaning it up. Some of us filled up a 240 litre wheelie bin with grass clippings, which we will use for compost. The rest of us filled up 6 x 60 litre bins with weeds. We still have more weeds to pull out before we can start on our garden.

**CERTIFICATE HORTICULTURAL COURSE**

This year Zac Leech has started a Certificate Horticultural course at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE Caboolture Campus. It is only early days for Zac but already he has shown a strong understanding of the knowledge and practical base for Horticulture. Even more impressive is his willingness to support peers and help after class.

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**CLUB RED YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

**Australia Red Cross**

2012 collected approximately 200,000 deposits in Queensland.

This assisted 1.34 million patients in Australia.

All donations and collections are voluntary.

Each week 27,000 blood donations are needed to meet the need of patients.

1 in 3 people need blood

1 in 30 people give blood

Every donation can save three lives.

‘How often can blood be given?’

**Whole blood** – can be given by an adult every 12 weeks. A student under the age of 18 years can give twice a year.

**Plasma** – can be given every two weeks

**Platelets** – can be given every 2 – 4 weeks (you must be 18 years old if you are male and 20 years for a female)

‘Who receives the donation?’

- 34% Cancer and blood disease
- 19% Anaemia
- 18% Surgical – open heart and burns
- 13% Surgical – heart, stomach and kidney disease
- 10% Fractures
- 4% Pregnant women and young children
- 2% Trauma

‘How can our Morayfield State High School assist?’

Support the Red Cross and have at least one day of donating blood, we will save many lives. If people do not want to give blood they can donate to the organisation.

The van has been booked for 6 May for any student other the age of 16 years. The Club Red Ambassadors will complete all necessary paperwork, organise the students on the day and invite parents, staff and local business to engage in this event. The Ambassadors will assist the students on how to fill in the necessary paperwork and will encourage all students over the age of 16 years to give blood. As an incentive for the rest of the school on this day we will organise a gold coin donation for other year levels (8 – 11) and the Red Cross will give out small tokens of their appreciation.

The aim of the Ambassadors is to raise at least $1000 and have a minimum of 60 donors. We believe this is achievable. We will be holding a second donating day later in the year and increase the number of donors. Once students have given blood, they will be issued with a Red Cross card and the Ambassadors ask that they register online, noting that Morayfield State High School is their centre. This will then be tallied against the other schools involved in Club Red and a final prize will be given to the best supporting school in the program.

Matt Walk, Pascal Palandt, Malissa Jones and Jessica Hulm

Prefects and Club Red Ambassadors
Students compete in the annual QUT Science and Engineering Challenge

Twenty-six students and two staff members from Morayfield State High School attended the QUT Science and Engineering Challenge which was held on 15 February at the QUT Campus at Caboolture. Students competed against other local high schools to demonstrate their knowledge of construction by building bridges, hovercraft, homes, vehicles, aircraft, satellite dishes, power and water distributions systems from common household materials (eg rubber bands, tubing, balsa wood, polystyrene, paper clips).

Competition between the schools was fierce and we were proud of the efforts put forward by our students on the day. However we were knocked out of first place in the competition in the last leg and ran third on the day. Our students will be working towards another outstanding performance in the 2014 competition.

This activity forms part of a broader area known as STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – and these fields of study are emerging as major employers of Australian students over the next decade.

We are running our annual three day STEM camp for Year 9 students in May this year. Invitations will be issued in the next week.

INDIGENOUS NEWS

Mentoring and Leadership

A very exciting project has been launched. Some of our Year 11 and 12 students have stepped forward to take on mentoring and leadership roles within our school. They will be organising our celebration days and events like the ARTIE Shout Outs. The first Shout Out was held on Tuesday,
ARTIE Academy
This year has started really well. Our students attended the ARTIE Launch and committed to achieve this semester’s goals. They have consolidated this by signing up and the majority our students have returned their forms. This will enable them to participate in the tutoring program which we know improves our students’ results. We are looking forward to the tutors from University of Queensland returning in Term 2. Students who achieve success will be going to Suncorp Stadium to watch the Sydney Origin game streamed live. This semester’s goals are:

- 90% attendance (70% physical presence in class)
- minimum of a “C” in Effort and Behaviour in both Maths and English

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund) Scholarship Recipient Breakfast
Nicole O’Hearn (Deputy Principal), Julie Stimson (Indigenous Teacher Aide) and I were delighted and proud to attend this breakfast at the State Library with five of our Year 11 recipients: Skye-Lee Kennedy, Jamie Moreton, Chantelle Morgan, Renae Rivett and Hayley Smith.

These young women were excellent representatives for our school and showed their potential to be future role models and mentors for young Indigenous people. They went beyond the call of duty, arriving at the Morayfield Train Station at 5.50am to be at the State Library for a 7.30am start. We all enjoyed this event and came away empowered and proud to participate in a great scholarship program and a proud culture.

Great Mining Opportunity - One Key Resources
A great opportunity is available for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are participating in the ARTIE academy. Current Year 12 students have been invited by One Key to apply for the ‘One Key Resources Training initiative’ 2013.

One Key Resources is a lead recruitment and training firm for the mining industry in both trades and administration areas. They will be holding an information session early Term 2 where they will provide:

- Information about the mining industry
- Facilitate a questions and answers session
- Provide students with the opportunity to meet with either Darren Lockyer or another rugby league legend involved with FOGS or One Key Resources.

Students, family and Elders are invited to attend this information session to learn more and ask as many questions as necessary.

REGIONAL TRIAL DAY 1
Despite the weather Volleyball trials went ahead on 19 February at Caloundra Indoor Sports centre. Morayfield State High School had four boys attend the 15 Boys Volleyball trials. The boys, Robert Papalua, Palu Letoa, James Freuan, and Jed Motu were fantastic in their behaviour and performance with Robert being selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional side. More details will follow in the next newsletter regarding success of our other students.

Regional Trial Day 2 will be held on Tuesday 19 March. If you were successful at the District trials, you will attend the Regional trials for Sunshine Coast selection. Other sports which will trial on this day are:

- Open Girls and Boys Hockey (Ballinger Park, Buderim)
- 15 Boys Australian Football (Maroochydore)
- Open Golf (Horton Park, Maroochydore)

Students will need to obtain a permission slip from the HPE Department to trial for these sports. Any queries can be directed to the HPE Department on 5428 5527.

Steve Moody
Junior Sports Master

SMARTPHONES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY WARNINGS
In this modern age of technology, the majority of us have access to a smart phone, a phone with a camera and access to the internet via that phone. I for one use my mobile phone as a camera at times when I want to take the one-off photo. We then sometimes place these photos on social media sites such as Facebook/Twitter/Instagram etc. Unfortunately, with current technology criminals have found a way to abuse it. They are now able to track children/adults via this technology to the location to where the photo was taken. This may be in your home, your place of work, your school or that part of the park you like to visit because it is quiet. I urge everyone reading this who has internet access to view the footage from the site address below so that you can learn more.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2vARzvWxwY

Constable Kris Parker
School Based Police Officer

AUSTRALIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS
The 2013 Australian Boxing Championships were held at the Magic Millions Auditorium in Adelaide from 10-16 February. For six days 250 boxers from the eight states and territories competed in the Elite, Youth, Junior and Under 15 divisions to become one of sixty Australian Champions. It is with pride that Morayfield State High School can boast that one of those Champions is Year 9 student Misty Halley.

Misty trains at Caboolture Boxing Club and she is the first female Australian Champion at the Caboolture Club in 26 years. Misty proved to be an outstanding athlete who can attribute her success to her dedication to training and competing regularly.

Secondary Science Teacher and Year 12 Coordinator Ms Christine Tindall also attended as she was selected to officiate (Referee and Judge) at the Championships as one of 20 of Australia’s best referees and judges.

The Australian Championships are Boxing Australia’s marquee event each year. The event is often used to select National Teams to attend the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games. Boxing Australia is affiliated with the International Boxing
Community Notices

BRISBANE NORTH INSTITUTE OF TAFE

Many parents may be currently volunteering as helpers in the classrooms. They may be interested in gaining a formal qualification as a Teacher Aide.

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE offer an affordable, self-paced course through open learning. Existing Teacher Aides may be interested in gaining their formal Teacher Aide qualification through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning).

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