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27 May 2013

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Our Year 9 students undertook NAPLAN Testing on 14-16 May. I would like to congratulate students on their attendance and report that their commitment and conduct during the testing was commendable. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Done (Deputy Principal), Ms Furlong (HOD, Junior Secondary School), Mr O’Connor (Year Level Coordinator) and Year 9 Form teachers for their efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the test.

Headphones at School

Last week I informed all students on assemblies that earphones are not to be used by students during the school day and while making their way to transport after school. I have serious concerns about student safety as they cannot hear teacher instructions while headphones are in and this has become an issue at school and particularly when making their way to buses and trains of an afternoon.

Many students have also been using headphones during lesson time which is having a negative impact on their learning. I have told students that we will not compromise on student safety or learning at Morayfield State High School and this is why I have introduced this ban. I would like to congratulate our students who have taken this on board and acted responsibly.

Year 9 STEM Camp (Science, Maths and Technology)

Last week 50 of our Year 9s attended this academic enrichment camp at Mapleton. The camp provides an environment where students can engage in real experiences that extend their mathematical and scientific thinking skills. The theme of the camp was “Reach For The Stars ... The Next Frontier”.

I have received positive feedback from visiting presenters and teachers about student behaviour and work ethic. I would like to thank QUT for their continued support of our students and the teachers who attended for efforts in giving our students this unique experience.

Chappy Week 27-31 May 2013

Chappy Week is an annual event run by SU Queensland to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains. Our school chaplain, Carina McLean, assists in providing a supportive school environment for our students. I would like to thank Carina for her outstanding work and commitment to our school and our students. I look forward to the celebrations planned during the week.

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. Visit the website to find out more about the week and how you can get involved.


Janelle Amos
Principal

FROM THE CASHIER:

The Student Resource Scheme Term 2 instalment is now overdue. Payment of $50 for each term is due on the first day of each term or $200, annually paid at the beginning of Term 1. If you have not made the payment already for Term 1 or Term 2, please make payment to the Cashier. Term 3 payments will be due on 8 July.

Some handy tips:

- Set up your internet banking to directly credit the school bank account with the $50 per term payment for the Student Resource Scheme (SRS2013). This payment is due on the first day of each new term. Term 3 start date is 8 July and Term 4 start date is 8 October.
- Set up a reminder in your smart phone calendar to remind you to pay the Student Resource Scheme for the first day of each term.

Please note the Cashier is only open 8:15am to 1:30pm Monday to Friday. No payments or enquiries can be taken outside these hours. Payment can be made by direct deposit into the school bank account, EFTPOS, cheque, cash, credit cards and Centrepay.

If you are under financial hardship please call the school office to schedule an appointment with the Business Services
Manager, to make payment arrangements. All discussions are held in confidence.

**Important Dates:**

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**UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS IN COOLER WEATHER:**

As it is becoming cooler it is timely to remind you all of our expectations for uniform.

In winter, students are permitted to wear a plain navy blue jumper or jacket. Please note that no jumpers/sweat shirts with hoods are permitted. In Terms Two and Three senior students are permitted to wear their senior jersey. Jumpers are available from the Uniform Shop, or from clothing stockists at the Morayfield Shopping Centre for as little as $11.99.

A reminder to students in regards to hair colour; it must be a natural colour as outlined on page 15 of the school diary.

Facial or other piercings must be covered at all times or removed. Spacers and spikes must also be removed.

It is important that all students understand that the Principal may withhold representation for students who are consistently not dressing appropriately/or as requested for particular events/excursions. If you have any queries regarding uniform or the school dress code, please take the time to read pages 13 and 17 of the student diary.

**Nicole O’Hearn**  
Deputy Principal

**OFF THE SHELF**

We all know that learning a new skill requires practice. We know that even the best of the best in any field continue to exercise their minds and bodies to maintain their expertise. The old adage of “practise, practise, practise” still reigns true regardless of the learning area. Teachers spend valuable time setting homework that is relevant and hones student skills. In addition to this, it is vital that students are reading regularly. It does not really matter what is read, it matters that they read.

Regular reading activity provides opportunity to practise the skills and strategies required for learning while expanding vocabulary and improving fluency. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. The best way to get your child to read for interest is to set an example. Allow your child to see you reading and enjoying it. Check out this infographic which clearly illustrates how regular reading can impact student achievement.

**Melissa Hughes**  
Literacy Coach

**MET FINALS**

Recently Morayfield State High School has been involved in various sports in the Metropolitan Finals, a competition that takes in all the schools within the greater Brisbane region. The teams which won through our district and have been participating are:

- Year 8, 9, 10 and Open Boys Volleyball
- Year 8 and 9 Girls Volleyball
- Year 9 Girls Basketball
- Open Boys Touch Football
- Open Boys Cricket

The Year 8 Boys Volleyball and the Open Boys Touch Football are through to semi finals to be played very soon. This is a magnificent effort and a credit to the students and their coaches. Sides that did lose their first round were invariably playing against schools that had that sport as an excellence subject or academy at their school.

We wish the Year 8 Boys Volleyball and the Open Boys Touch Football teams the best of luck in their matches coming up.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Selections are currently being held for our winter interschool sport teams. All students have the opportunity to try out for a side but unfortunately not all can be selected. Good luck to all students that are trying out and well done for having a go, irrespective of whether you get in or not.

Cost for Junior and Senior sport will be $25.

**CROSS-COUNTRY**

Recently Morayfield State High School held our school cross-country championships for all year levels. For the Seniors, Wednesday was a beautiful afternoon and the students had a great time either running or choosing to walk an alternative route. Thursday looked threatening but the weather held and we managed to complete the afternoon with not too many issues. It was great to see parents coming to watch their
students participate as well. Students who finished in the top six will be invited to be part of our cross country team and compete at Elizabeth Daniels Reserve in Buderim on 4 June.

Congratulations to the winning house for the 2013 Carnival – Stradbrooke Scorpions won a narrow victory over a fast-finishing Russell Rhinos, with Moreton Mustangs and the Bribie Bears rounding out the placings.

Steve Moody
Junior Sports Master

MORAYFIELD BOYS VOLLEYBALL HITS GREAT HEIGHTS

2013 has started as a fantastic year for Boys volleyball. All boys teams - Year 8, 9, 10 and the Senior team - were crowned District Champions, going through the competition undefeated.

The Year 9, 10 and Seniors were sadly knocked out in the second round of the Metropolitan Finals. The Year 8 team however defeated Craiglea State High School and are now playing in the third round of Metropolitan finals; we wish them all the best.

Their coach Mr Timmins and I have been very impressed with the skill, commitment and sportsmanship displayed by all our boys and the entire school community should be very proud of their achievements.

We hope to see them continue this great game in the future.

Bill Schneid
Head of Department Health & PE

CONNOR COX REPRESENTS QUEENSLAND IN STATE OF ORIGIN TEAM

Year 11 Connor Cox has been selected to represent Queensland in the Under 16 State of Origin Team. He will be on the Gold Coast on 31 May - 4 June to attend a training camp and the presentation of representative jerseys. From there the team goes to Sydney and plays the first ever State of Origin game for an Under 16 team. The game will take place on 5 June at ANZ Stadium.

AUSTRALIAN BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The first week of May saw brother and sister duo, Year 10 student Hayden Jones and Year 8 student Sara Jones, compete in the Australian BMX Championships held at the Sleeman Track, Chandler.

The week-long event saw over 1000 riders competing from across Australia. Both riders came away from the event with Australian plates. Sara was on place for No 1 when she was pushed high in the last burn (corner) from a fellow competitor, however coming home with No 2 for Australia out of 26 riders. Hayden battled 52 other riders to place fourth overall.

In the Chambikx rounds Sara faced off against 16 other riders to be triumphant with first overall and Hayden up against 37 riders with a very hard earned third placing.

These great results see Hayden and Sara heading off to New Zealand in July to compete at the UCI World BMX Championships. Awesome effort and we are very proud of them both.

Pictured from left to right: Sara Jones and Hayden Jones with their trophies

YEAR 10 HEALTH EDUCATION:

On 6 May, the students undertaking Year 10 Health Education were involved in two excursions. Our first was to the North Lakes Renal Dialysis Unit as part of our unit on Organ Donation. Students met with staff from the unit who spoke to them about the issues related to Obesity, Diabetes and ultimately CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease). This was then followed by a tour through the facility which included speaking with patients who were currently receiving dialysis. This proved to be both an eye opening and invaluable experience as students learned to appreciate their health and their bodies after seeing the devastating effects of poor lifestyle choices. Students then wrote letters to the patients and staff of the dialysis unit to convey their thanks for allowing us to visit them and interact with them during a very personal and difficult time in their lives.

Our second excursion on 10 May, was to Clontarf Beach State High School who hosted the inaugural Regional Health Summit. This was essentially a health careers expo with many different disciplines within the health industry presenting information to around 400 students. Again this proved to be an invaluable experience as students interacted and engaged with community member who were actively involved in various areas of health. As the sole Year 10 Health Education teacher this semester I would like to thank my current cohort of students for their fantastic behaviour, attitude and work ethic both inside the classroom and out in the community. I sincerely hope these students elect to continue with their Health Education journey here at Morayfield State High School.

Natasha Galbraith
Health and Physical Education Teacher
MORAYFIELD DEBATERS VICTORIOUS

Morayfield’s combined Year 8/9 debating team has gone from strength to strength this year, having won all three of their debates so far! The team, consisting of Jay Almeroth, Jessica Bradford, Hayden Cashmore-Stewart and Zoey Saunders has represented Morayfield State High School impeccably with their intelligence, respectful behaviour and sportsmanship in the first three rounds of the Queensland Debating Union’s secondary competition.

The most recent debate was a short preparation topic, which meant that the students were put in a room with no access to teachers, technology (a new experience for them, I am sure) or anything other than their own brains, pens, blank paper and a dictionary. The opponents? A more experienced team from a local private school. My nails? Bitten down as far as possible. The result? Morayfield won!

Round four will be on Wednesday, 29 May at 8:00pm at Genesis Christian College in Bray Park. The topic is that we should ban factory farming. Depending on the result of this debate, we may see our team progress to the finals! Good luck!

Michaela Lee
Debating Coordinator

Nathan is turning a laminated wooden bowl as an extension project. The bowl is laminated with pine and meranti then once on the lathe they design it.

Connor is working on his laminated knife block. He is sanding the bottom to the desired angle using the disc sander. The knife block uses a variety of machines and power tools within the workshop including the bench saw, trimmer, surface planner, thicknesser to name a few.

James is machining the head of his meat mallet out of aluminium on the turret mill. Stefani Shortt is offering some advice. The meat mallet is entirely fabricated out of aluminium and is predominantly made with the turret mill and the metal lathe.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Year 9 Graphics are working with a CAD program called Autodesk Inventor which is 3D modelling program. The assignment is to design a children toy with a mechanical function.
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:
The Environment Committee has been working on trying to decrease the amount of litter around the school by putting up some more “Keep Calm and Collect Five” posters and running a competition to design a new poster which will also help them earn points for their house. We are also looking at other initiatives to improve the gardens and our grounds in general. Last but not least, the War Memorial renovation is being continued in conjunction with the Returned Services League (RSL) and work should be starting this term; stay tuned.

The Environment Committee is always keen to see students with an interest in our school environment at our meetings, so keep an ear out in the student notices for details of our next meeting.

MaFhey Dungao
Environment Committee Liaison

WELFARE COMMITTEE – CLUB RED YOUTH AMBASSADORS
The Red Cross Blood Donation was a success for Morayfield State High School. Thank you to all the staff, students and family members that kindly pledged their blood and plasma on the day. If you missed out, we will be having the blood van out again on 4 November. Bettina Rogers, the Community Relations Officer for Red Cross, will come out and give a school talk prior to the visit, to ensure we all know how important it is to maintain a healthy body if we want to donate blood. From our 60 pledges, we gave 37 whole blood donations out of a total of 46 presenting to donate, plus the one plasma.

Pictured: Sam Martin
Student Leader giving blood
1 donor saves three lives.

Raelene Bates
Welfare Committee Teacher Mentor

Community Notices
ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP WITH LLOYD HORNSBY GAWURA
Learn how to paint and explore your artistic talents with contemporary Australian Aboriginal artist Lloyd Hornsby Gawura. Each participant will have the opportunity to create their own work of art to take home.

Ages: 12 years and up.
To be held at Caboolture Library. Monday 24 June, 9:00am – 12:00pm.
Bookings essential - spaces limited!
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