15 October 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2013 NAPLAN Results

In May this year, students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, has distributed results to schools across Queensland. Every student who participated in the 2013 NAPLAN test received an individual report containing their results. These reports were distributed to students last week.

This report provides a range of information about your child’s performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important ‘point-in-time’ indicators or ‘snapshots’ of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child’s performance.

We are pleased with the Year 9 NAPLAN results for 2013 as student results have shown improvement in Reading, Writing and Spelling. Our results in Reading and Numeracy are above State and similar to National percentage and many of our students have made significant gains in comparison to their Year 7 NAPLAN results.

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<td>87.7%</td>
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One of the areas we explicitly targeted for improvement was those student who potentially could achieve Band 9 or 10 results in NAPLAN testing. Our results in students who achieved in these Upper Two Bands (U2B) for 2013 have shown improvement as the following table indicates:

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Enrolments for 2014

We are currently processing a large number of enrolment applications for students wishing to enrol in 2014. As I wrote in our last newsletter, we have an Enrolment Management Plan in place and so it is critical that enrolment applications are submitted if you wish to enrol a student for next year. Our Enrolment Management Plan and link to Catchment Area Map can be found on our website. Appointments for enrolment interviews can be made by contacting school administration on 5428 5555.

Congratulations Alex

Year 12 student, Alex Curley, has been selected as the winner of the Excellence Award for Year 12 2012/2013 by SkillsTech Australia. Alex has been completing an Electro Technology course through the college. The Electrical and Refrigeration teaching team at Bracken Ridge have recognised Alex’s efforts during his training this year and he will receive the Award at their Awards evening on Thursday, 17 October. This is a significant achievement and one that is well deserved.

Blood Donations

Last week, over 50 students and staff donated blood when the Red Cross Blood Van visited the school. Thanks to Ms Bate and our Student Ambassadors for organising this.

Blood is vital to life and for many people blood donors are their lifeline. Currently only one in 30 people give blood, but one in three people will need blood in their lifetime. One blood donation can help at least three different patients and contribute to making up to 22 different products (including potentially life-saving immunisations for chicken pox, hepatitis B and tetanus).

We are pleased that our Student Representative Council is supporting such a vital community organisation and hope that our students continue to be regular donors.

Senior Formal and Graduation

As previously announced, the Senior Formal 2013 will be held on Friday, 15 November 2013 at Glengariff Historic Estate (3234 Mt Mee Road, Dayboro Valley) from 6.00pm -10.00pm.

The process of eligibility to attend the Senior Formal has been explained to students in detail on a number of occasions. Students need to follow up on any outstanding issues that may affect eligibility as soon as possible. The first round of invitations will be distributed in the week beginning 28 October and there will be two additional rounds following this. If you have any concerns about eligibility, please see Ms Tindall or Mr Simpson. We would like to see all students attend the Formal and will support in any way we can.

The cost of the Formal is $120 and this must be paid by Friday, 8 November. The school has to provide exact numbers to the venue prior to the function, therefore students unable to comply with the deadlines may miss their opportunity to attend the Senior Formal largely due to circumstances beyond the school’s control.

Our Graduation ceremony will be held on the same day from 9.00am – 10.30am in our Multi-Purpose Building. Students will be expected to wear full formal uniform. This week students will receive information about the Graduation this week and will be asked to indicate the number of guests prior to invitations being distributed on 4 November. Due to the size of our facility, we must limit the number of family members attending so we ask that you RSVP soon after receiving your invitation so that we may invite additional guests if we have spare seats.

Every day counts!

The year seems to have raced away and we are already into our second week of Term 4. Year 12s now have just five weeks of formal schooling left. Years 10 and 11 have seven weeks and Years 8 and 9 have nine. It is our expectation that students maintain high standards and work to the best of their ability throughout the term.

Our core business is teaching and learning so to that end we will be teaching and assessing for the full term. We expect every student to be engaged fully in their learning and to maintain regular attendance and appropriate behaviour.

As outlined by the Department of Education, Training and Employment, “under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason.” You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. Missing time at the end of the school term may result in your child not completing assessment which may have a negative impact on their school achievement.

If you wish to discuss your child’s attendance, please contact the relevant Head of Year.

Awards Information

Morayfield State High School has a distinguished tradition of recognising and rewarding student achievement. Our annual Awards Night will be on Wednesday, 23 October from 6.30pm. At this event many students who have worked to their potential and met the award criteria will have their achievements formally recognised.

32nd Annual Awards Night

To celebrate the outstanding achievements of students
Wednesday 23 October 2013

5.30pm Eyeball Art Exhibition – MTTC
6.15pm Eyeball Art Exhibition official Opening – MTTC
6.30pm Awards Recipients required - Multi Purpose Building
7.00pm Awards Night Presentation - Multi Purpose Building

Janelle Amos
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

2014 Year 12 Commemorative Polo
Cost: $38.50
Orders Taken: Monday 14 October
Orders Close: Thursday 24 October
Payment must be made when placing your order.

For the latest prices and items for sale in the school shop visit the school website www.morayfieshs.eq.edu.au

Shop Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 9:00am.

Carrolyn Reiter
Uniform Convenor

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

YEAR 9 SCIENCE:

During Term 3, Year 9 SEP students studied the some of the forces that can change the surface of the Earth. These forces included earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunami. The students then selected one of these forces and did additional research regarding that force.

On completion of their research, the students prepared a visual presentation based on their findings. The presentations included an explanation of what the force is, where it occurs and what causes it. The presentations also included details of a recent occurrence of the chosen force and recommended steps to take to be prepared when the selected force occurs. The student created computer based graphic presentations, models and posters to present the results of their research.

In the final week of Term 3, the result of this work was reported when the students exhibited their visual presentation to the other students in the class.

Tony Kitts
SEP Teacher

YEAR 11 PHYSICS DREAMWORLD EXCURSION

On Wednesday 9 October, the Year 11 Physics class spent the day at Dreamworld as a key component of their studies this term. The students were responsible for measuring the acceleration experienced at various points on the rides using electronic data loggers worth hundreds of dollars. The class will spend this term analysing the data and then designing their own theme park rides as part of their assessment.

The highlight of the day was riding the ‘Wipeout’ as a class. The students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and should be proud of their behaviour on the day. Thanks must go to Larry Forman for his assistance and for driving the bus.

Andrew Lindsay
Physics teacher

NATIONAL ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN BRISBANE

Morayfield State High School achieves quarter final place at an Australian event:

Eight students making up five teams represented Morayfield State High School in Robotics at the National Championships this year. These eight formed part of our bigger group who spent months beforehand in the design, programming and preparation of the robots. A team consists of two or three students which functions best if the members have complementary skills in design, programming construction and problem solving.

There were about 160 teams from around Australia at this event in September and we competed in Robotics Soccer matches
and Robotics Rescue. Our soccer team made the quarter finals at the Nationals which is an amazing achievement in just their second year of soccer. Their final match was arguably the most exciting of the day and they only narrowly lost. Their robots were chasing the ball at high speed and scored multiple times. There were 45 teams in the soccer event over three divisions including several Chinese and Korean teams.

Our four rescue teams also represented Morayfield State High School with distinction and held their own in the massive group of 95 rescue teams.

Preparing for a national event is a huge task and could not be achieved without the dedication of the students and teachers. Thanks in particular go to Larry Forman as STEM coordinator and Colin Gilbert from the Technology Department for help with construction of the soccer robots.

Warren Steel
Head of Department
Teaching and Learning

MORAYFIELD STATE HIGH STUDENTS EXCEL AGAIN

In the last week, two of our students have excelled in two different fields outside of school. Both of these students are true ambassadors of our school and live and breathe our values of respectful and responsible behaviour. They are always more than willing to cooperate with any requests their teachers may have.

Trisha Prasad was selected as a student delegate for Northern Brisbane for the Queensland Plan Summit, held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on 9-10 October. The delegates, from all fields and areas of Queensland, looked at submissions from the consultation process held over the last few months and will be given as a series of recommendations to the State Government for action in the next 30 years.

Rhyan Cook, after a long career developing his skills in futsal, has been selected for a place in the Australian Futsal Team for the upcoming World Championships. This is a massive achievement for a student of his age and we wish him every success.

As usual, the students were great ambassadors for our school. Our next event is on a weekend in November at QUT - so no rest it seems!

Team members were:
Year 8: Mitchell Bracegirdle, Jack Stanyer and Jordan Head
Year 9: Tyler Nugent
Year 10: Emily Griffin and Kate Hayes
Year 11: Chris Kaehne and Luke Stewart

Robotics is just one aspect of our larger, Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) agenda that runs across Year 8-12 at Morayfield State High School.

Simon Done
Deputy Principal

Community Notices:
WEP Student Exchange Program

Experience Life As A French Teenager with WEP

From Jonathon in France:

My summer holidays have started really well and I seem to be getting a lot into them. I think that today must be one of the first days I have had to just be around the house. The school year rounded out nicely with some great
memories including the school ball which was a great event with all my friends and I from school dressed up and having a good time to enjoy freedom one last time before they had to study for the Baccalaureate. The teachers were very pleased with how I was progressing and although my marks are not officially counted in the system I think that the school side of the program is going well.

I have had the chance to do some really interesting things and see some wonderful places with my host family and friends and just yesterday I saw for the first time Le Mont Saint Michel which is exactly as incredible as it is acclaimed to be. I have been able to be a bit more autonomous as the time has passed and especially now that it is light until nearly 11 and the weather is warm enough to allow me to ride or walk to friend’s houses nearby or to the local towns.

So basically the point is that my exchange is still going very well and it is incredible how fast the first six months have already passed, it does not at all feel like such a long time.

Find Out More!

WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs give secondary students the opportunity to choose from over 20 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or even a year. Our programs are designed to fit into the academic schedule to complement your secondary studies with an international exchange experience!

Request Information

If you would like to go overseas or invite an exchange student into your family, simply request a FREE information pack, including our brochure, fee sheet and FREE application form:

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- call 1300 884 733