FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I reflect on the year, I am both proud and inspired at the many achievements of Morayfield State High School as a learning community. 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.

We will continue to grow and develop through 2014 with the development of our Junior Secondary Precinct. We should see work start on our two-storey building in March and I have just received word that we were successful in our application for funding of our new basketball courts. Work will be . This will be completed in time for the commencement of the first Year 7 cohort in January 2015, and I have been working with the architects, future teachers of Year 7 and other stakeholders to ensure that this building will be functional and welcoming for students.

Our Year 8 and Year 9 students have been continuing in their classes for the final week of term and expectations in relation to attendance, behaviour and dress remain the same as always. Reports will be issued on Thursday, 12 December.

A number of teachers have completed their teaching contracts in the past week. 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.

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

We will also say farewell to Chris White, as he has been transferred to Bribie Island State High School. Chris has been an integral part of our Rugby League program for several years at the school and we wish him well in his future career. Also, our school based nurser Alex Miller will be moving on, as well as Ellie Goodwin on our guidance staff who will take up a post at Murrumba Secondary College.

I am eagerly anticipating the release of our students’ OP scores in mid-December. Our University-bound Year 12s have worked very hard during their years at the school and I look forward to sharing in their successes when their scores are released.

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 2014.

Janelle Amos
Principal
FROM THE CASHIER

All fees for 2013 or previous years should now be paid in full.

The Student Resource Scheme form must be completed and returned to the Cashier. The cost of the Student Resource Scheme for 2014 is $200. Year 11 and 12 students completing the Certificate III in Children’s Services and Certificate III in Fitness will be invoiced in February 2014 for the course fees involved in those subjects.

We are now accepting advance payment for 2014 Student Resource Scheme and Laptop hire (Years 10 – 12 only). Laptop Hire for 2014 for Years 10 – 12 is $100.00 and this amount is due by 14 February 2014.

Payments options available are:

1. Advance payment in 2013
2. $200 paid in full due by 28 January 2014
3. 2 x $100 instalments – first payment due 28 January second payment due 18 July
4. Negotiated payment instalments with the Business Services Manager

The office will be open in the week prior to starting in 2014. The Cashier will be accepting payments during the following hours:

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Please note: No textbooks will be distributed during this week. Students who have returned all 2013 resources and who have joined the scheme and made payment will be issued with textbooks.

Payment options available: Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card, Electronic Funds Transfer into the school bank account and Centrepay. If paying into the school bank account please ensure you use your child’s name or Debtor ID located on statements to uniquely identify your payment. If we are unable to uniquely identify your payment, we will not be able to credit your child’s fees. If unsure what reference to use please contact the Cashier 5428 5555 Monday – Friday 8:15am – 1:30pm.

Any families wanting to discuss payment plans please contact the school office to schedule an appointment with the Business Services Manager.

Any families wanting to pay via Centrepay (Centrelink payments) please see the Cashier for more information.

Julie Hill
Cashier

2014 Uniform Shop Hours

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Item 1: SKILLS TECH – CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

SkillsTech Australia is offering a Certificate II in Civil Construction course for students going into Year 11 or 12 in 2014. For more information contact the call centre on 1800 654 447 or email: schools.skillstech@tafe.qld.edu.au

Item 2: YEAR 12 STUDENT RESULTS

Online release - 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 14 December.

Mail out - Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 16 December.

All enquiries about Year 12 student results should be directed to the Queensland Studies Authority.

Queensland Studies Authority
Address: 154 Melbourne St, South Brisbane, Qld 4101
Post: PO Box 307, Spring Hill, Qld 4004
Phone: (07) 3864 0299
Fax: (07) 3221 2553
Email: office@qsa.qld.edu.au
Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding public holidays
Student Connect
Item 3: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CERTIFICATES

Qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by Morayfield State High School that were not available at Graduation were posted on 28 November and should have been delivered to your home address by the time this newsletter arrives. If these documents have not arrived please contact Mr Simpson, Senior Schooling Head of Department.

All inquiries about VET Certificates not issued by Morayfield State High School should be directed to the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that is issuing the qualification.

Item 4: SCHOOL LEAVERS

The Certificate 3 Guarantee provides subsidies to assist Queenslanders obtain their first post school certificate level III qualification.

A Certificate 3 is the first level of post-school qualification shown to have a significant impact on a person’s employment and earnings. It is also the level of qualification usually required to get a job in industries like aged care, child care, hospitality and small business.

To help students who may need to develop skills before undertaking a certificate III course, the Certificate 3 Guarantee will also cover foundation skills including language, literacy and numeracy as well as certificate 1 and 2 qualifications that lead to the Certificate 3.

Eligibility

The Certificate 3 Guarantee is for students who commence a Certificate 3 course on or after 1 July 2013.

To be eligible for the Certificate 3 Guarantee, a student must:

- not hold or be already undertaking a Certificate 3 or higher level qualification (Certificate 3 qualifications completed at school are not counted)
- be 15 years of age or older
- have finished secondary school or left school
- Queensland resident - an Australian Citizen or permanent resident living in Queensland, or a New Zealand citizen permanently residing in Queensland.
- Employment status does not matter and nor is there any minimum education requirement, only the standard entry requirements for the course of study.

Cost

Under the Certificate 3 Guarantee, the Queensland Government will subsidise the training costs for a range of Certificate 3 courses.

The amount of subsidy provided will depend on the demand for skilled workers in the area of study. Some students, including those with a health care or pensioner concession card, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will receive a higher subsidy.

The remainder of the course cost must be met by the student. This means students should expect to contribute to the cost of their training through a student contribution fee.


Ken Simpson
HOD Senior Schooling

SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

[Geography, Economics, Legal Studies, Ancient and Modern History, and Civics]

The Social Sciences Department would like to remind everyone of the incredible advantages of taking Social Science subjects through the course of their five years at Morayfield State High School.

Recently, History has become a favoured subject because of its push through the Australian Curriculum. However there are other very worthy and valuable Social Science subjects and students may do themselves a great disservice by ignoring them.

To find out more about these subjects, please read through the Junior and Senior handbooks which are available from the school and online.

Many Social Science subjects have a direct application to many careers. Of equal importance is that completing Social Science subjects will:

- Support improvement in literacy and numeracy skills
- enhance critical thinking skills
- enhance public speaking skills
- boost student’s performance in the Queensland Core Skills Test
- provide relevance to other subjects
- make us more actively-informed citizens

On behalf of the Social Sciences Department, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for supporting their children throughout the year. We hope all of you have a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a health-filled 2014.

Lou Mackay-Payne
Head of Department Social Science

Students watching a Medieval demonstration
Students were required to participate in a number of training sessions with the Queensland Reds Development Officers in the lead up to the event. This training helped them prepare for the speed at which 7s Rugby is played and the contact situations which are involved. Senior students were assigned to each team as coaches and showed leadership and house pride to help train their teams in the lead up to the event. The students embraced these sessions and were brilliant ambassadors for our school and the game of rugby union.

The boys’ competition on the day of the tournament was fierce with each team playing three games during a round robin competition in a bid to reach the final. The final saw the Bribie Bears play the Russell Rhinos in an exhilarating encounter. The Bears took the early lead and were then chased down late in the second half by the flying Rhinos, who held the narrow lead to take the tournament. Well done to the boys from Russell, who displayed patience, persistence, skill and determination throughout the tournament and were deserved winners.

The 16 girls who participated in the tournament were a combination of Year 8 and 9 students. The girls were split into two even teams and played three engaging and enthraling matches. Speed, skill, strength and grit were shown in each game with many of the girls showing why Rugby 7s is becoming a worldwide phenomenon and is now part of the Olympic Games.

The tournament was a great success and I would like to extend a very big thank you to all of the Senior students who gave up their personal time to help coach the Junior teams in the lead up to and during this event. Thank you to the Caboolture Snakes Rugby Union Club and the Queensland Reds, especially Greig Munroe, for all his support and assistance in training the students during the lead up to the event.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the event and we look forward to this event becoming a regular event at Morayfield State High School for many years to come.

Brendan Macauley
HOD Student Support Services

WET AND WILD AIM HIGH EXCURSION

This term students who have achieved either GOLD or PLATINUM status as part of our AIM HIGH program, were invited to Wet and Wild for their Rewards Day. Students collected stamps throughout the year by displaying the schools’ core values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation in a variety of settings. Students who received 75 stamps and had an attendance record of 85% were eligible to become GOLD status; once they received 150 stamps with a 90% attendance then they can become PLATINUM status. 127 students from years 8-11 attended the Rewards days at Wet and Wild this year. This is a much anticipated highlight of the school year for
students who are consistently doing the right thing and are in regular attendance.

Brendan Macaulay
HOD Student Support Services

A.B. PATERSON MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CHALLENGE 2013

On Thursday 28 November and Friday 29 November 20 of our top Year 8 and 9 Mathematics and Science students travelled to Griffith University on the Gold Coast to compete in the annual AB Paterson Mathematical and Science Challenge. Altogether 337 students in Years 4 to 12 competed from 20 schools from Singapore, New Zealand, New South Wales, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Ipswich.

For the Mathematics Challenge our students were placed into groups of four with students from different schools. For the Science Challenge our students formed teams of three and competed against other schools’ teams of three. Each group was given a task to investigate which involved formulating hypotheses, gathering and analysing data and creating a poster showing their thinking. At the end of the two days each group was required to present their investigation to the other groups in a five minute oral presentation.

The tasks our students investigated were quite varied:

- **Crumpling Cars: Getting into the Zone** – Zoey Saunders.
- **Wind Powered Sail Vehicle** – Melia Larkin, Shanae Turner, Matthew Duff, Dusty Cooper, Blair Downey, Jessica Bradford, Robert Fraser, Kelly Quarman, Kane Pavlic, Dayne Coyne.
- **A car accident (Forensic Science)** – Tegan Barnard, Liam Quinn, Shaun Wilson, Amy Rogers, Rachelle Buckley, Kaili Thompson.

On the Friday afternoon all students and teachers assembled in the main lecture theatre and we were treated to a Science show to celebrate the end of the Challenges. We saw hydrogen filled balloons and cans set alight and wonders with dry ice, liquid nitrogen and titanium.

Finally, groups that demonstrated the best thinking in their rooms were recognised and awarded Texas Instruments Inspire Computer Algebra Systems as prizes. Congratulations to Kane Pavlic and Jessica Bradford who were in Award winning groups!

It was a most rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Jane Irvin and Alan Bradford

Students and Staff who attended AB Paterson Mathematics and Science Challenge.

Front: Matthew Duff, Blair Downey, Dayne Coyne, Kane Pavlic, Liam Quinn, Robert Fraser, Shaun Wilson.

Standing: Brooke Duvesteyn, Jane Irvin - Teacher, Brianna Meehan, Melia Larkin, Zoey Saunders, Kelly Quarman, Shanae Turner, Chantel Pullen-Cameron, Jessica Bradford, Alan Bradford - Teacher, Amy Rogers, Kaili Thompson, Rachelle Buckley, Dusty Cooper, Tegan Barnard.

‘YOUTH OFF THE STREETS’

Did you know that 6 in every 11 young people in Australia who are homeless and seek help are turned away? Just because there simply isn’t enough resources to help them.

Most of us are lucky enough to have a roof over our heads, but there are more than 47,000 young Australians who are homeless and sleeping rough in the freezing cold on our streets each night.

Our school community has committed to supporting this very worthwhile organisation which is run by Father Chris Riley, to raise awareness and funds to assist in reducing the number of homeless youths in our area. We had a gold coin collection day prior to our Year 12 students leaving and have promoted the links to the website where online donations can be made.


Our Welfare Committee prepared individual ‘Homeless Kits’ which were made up of donations from our students. This overwhelming support from our school community reinforces our school values and shows our students are responsible and compassionate community leaders.

If you would like to make an online donation, it is not too late to give – just use the link above.