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Principal's Message...

This term seems to have passed in a flash and yet there have been so many events and celebrations of success. Students have involved themselves in: Pink Stumps Day (raising funds for the McGrath Foundation and our local breast cancer support group, Pink in the Tropics) our Swimming Carnival (with Kurranji the Champion House); World's Greatest Shave Funky Hair Day (raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation); Lions Youth of the Year (with Rachel Goodwin as the overall winner of our area and Bryce Lomas winning the public speaking); numerous sporting trials resulting in many of our students representing our school at TCN (Trinity Coast North) and being chosen for Peninsula teams; Harmony Day to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school community and nation; and with our School Cross Country scheduled this Thursday being postponed to early next term.

Improving attendance for all students is one of our priorities this year and we have already celebrated those students who have attended 100% in the first five-six weeks of the term. We will be recognising those students with 95% and above attendance at the beginning of Term 2 when we have all of the attendance data recorded for Term 1. It is pleasing to see that students and parents are recognising the importance of attendance at school and classes every day and the direct relationship between attendance and a student's results. Our overall attendance is 89.8%. With our goal of 93% or higher, we still need to keep reminding every student that they must be at school every day.

I recently received the regional data for attendance at all Far North Queensland schools and sadly our school is still below the majority of schools in our region. Does this mean our community places less value on education of our young people than other communities, or is it that our community does not recognise that our young people will be competing for the same jobs and university places as others in our region? We need to think very carefully about these issues as the adults who guide our young people.

Another of our priorities for this year is enhancing positive behaviour for learning (PB4L). We have a committee that is developing an action plan for this year and beyond to develop strategies to improve and value positive behaviours in our school. I believe that the majority of young people in our school demonstrate our values of being safe, being respectful and being a learner however, there is always room for improvement.

Unfortunately some students have developed behaviours and attitudes that are not safe or respectful and interfere with the learning of others. Examples of these behaviours include:

- using inappropriate language and making inappropriate comments to other students and staff;
- disrupting learning by refusing to follow the instruction or re-direction of a teacher;

We acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people, and in particular the Kuboni Werna Clan, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.

- bullying or harassing other students (often through social media) by calling them names, making comments that are abusive, offensive, demeaning or insulting and excluding them from activities; and
- not engaging in classroom activities - choosing instead to talk, make unnecessary comments, throw objects and so on.

These behaviours have a major impact on those young people who are working hard to improve their opportunities for the future. They also affect the teaching and learning that can occur as the teacher has to continually stop the flow of the lesson to address these behaviours.

We will be implementing strategies from the beginning of Term 2 that will place the responsibility of positive behaviour for learning on students. We will be contacting parents and carers of those students who continue to choose to behave in a manner that is unsafe, disrespectful or interrupts the learning of others more regularly and discussing alternate arrangements for their learning to allow them time to reflect on and correct their behaviours.

I am sure as parents and carers you are aware that young people can present challenging behaviours and it is difficult when you are parenting one, two or three young people. These behaviours are amplified when we are working with twenty-five or more young people in a classroom. It is imperative that we all discuss our values of being safe, being respectful and being a learner and expectations of behaviours that demonstrate these. I look forward to the support of all parents and carers as we work together to change the behaviour of those young people who are not upholding our values and affecting other students and staff.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and look forward to every student returning in Term 2 with renewed commitment to making our school a safe, respectful, placed learning for each and every student, staff member and parent or carer.

Regards

Deborah Kachel
Principal



An invitation is extended
to

Senior School Parents
and Guardians

to attend the

Pathways
Evening

Tuesday 26th April 2016

MOSSMAN SHIRE HALL

6.00pm - 7.45pm

RSVP - Tuesday 19th April

Tea, coffee and light
refreshments will be served
on the night.

World's Greatest Shave Funky Hair Day

Mossman State High School hosted a Funky
Hair Day on Monday 14th March. Staff
members Jodie Marsh and Andrew Davis
'Shaved for a Cure' and staff

and students joined
in the Funky Hair
Day.

Approximately
\$1,000 was raised
for Leukaemia.



Agricultural Practices

Grade 10 students are starting Agricultural Practices this week. Students are starting the seed raising process to make a market garden which will sell produce to staff, Home Economics and the Tuckshop. Although we've been hampered by rain, a huge thank you must go out to Carlo Pilat from A&C Bobcat who came and donated his time and equipment to clear our Agricultural area, ready for new garden beds. Another big thank you needs to be given to Bill Bellerio for donating a truck full of soil to the school. The aim for the program will be to develop an understanding about the types of produce that is available to grow in this region, as well as the benefits of growing organically. We'll keep you updated on the progress as winter sets in up in the tropics!

Christina Uhlik

HOD – Social Sciences, Business Studies, Film Television and New Media, Music and Agriculture



Cleared Patch



Making a no dig garden bed

DATE CLAIMER

Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 24th March

First Day of Term 2

Monday 11th April

Year 8 Camp

Tuesday 12th April - Friday 15th April

Cross Country

Tuesday 19th April

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21st April 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Bookings Close on Tuesday 19th April

Pre-ANZAC Day Service

Friday 22nd April 9.00am Indoor Sports Centre

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 25th April

Pathways Evening

Tuesday 26th April – RSVP Tuesday 19th April

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd May

Year 12 Biology Camp

Wednesday 4th May - Friday 6th May

Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN

Tuesday 10th May - Thursday 12th May

Year 11 RYDA Course

Tuesday 24th May

Year 11/12 Block Exams

Monday 13th June - Friday 17th June

School Athletics Carnival

Thursday 23rd June 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Friday 24th June 8.45am - 3.00pm

Reports Posted and Last Day of Term 2

Friday 24th June

First Day of Term 3

Monday 11th July

Junior Secondary News

It has been great to see all students settling into the routines of high school. It feels like the Year Sevens have been at the high school longer than the eight weeks. By the end of this term, we will have finalised our Student Council representatives for each class and will be preparing to hold our first meeting early next term.

There are still some issues and concerns that need to be addressed:

UNIFORMS: Uniforms have improved as the term has progressed. If students need to be out of uniform for a day, a note must come to school from parents. If students will be out of uniform for a period of time, a note is required to explain this and indicate a date that the uniform issue will be rectified.

ATTENDANCE: Students should only be absent from school due to illness or emergency situations. Students are having days off for a range of issues, thus interfering in their school work. Reports will be finalised for all students on Monday Week 9, meaning that new units of work will commence in the last week of term.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Could I please remind parents that student's social media accounts should be monitored and checked regularly.

Tracy Butland
Junior Secondary Student Services

Pathways Evening

The annual **Pathways Evening** will be held at **6pm on Tuesday 26th April** at the **Mossman Shire Hall**. Parents and guardians of senior students will be sent an invitation by mail and are strongly encouraged to RSVP to ensure adequate seating and catering is provided on the night.

The program for the night will include:

- Brief presentations by selected career representatives
- Information and explanation about VETiS funding and current opportunities
- An opportunity to speak with a range of guests including local trades people and local employers, JCU and CQU representatives, Australian Apprenticeship consultants and providers of vocational qualifications.

On the night, the school provides light finger food at the beginning and a selection of sweet treats. Be sure to RSVP and come along for an informative evening.

USI Numbers

All Year 10, 11 and 12 students need a USI (Unique Student Identifier). These numbers are required for all vocational qualifications. Having these numbers on file at the High School allows easier access for any students wishing to complete a vocational qualification (e.g. Cert II Visual Art, Cert II Tourism, and Cert III Fitness), a First Aid Certificate or White Card. If your student doesn't have a USI, please visit the government website www.usi.gov.au. A form of ID e.g. Birth Certificate, Drivers Licence or Medicare Card will be required to complete the application. It only takes a couple of minutes and your student should receive a 10 digit number e.g. 5MNXY7NPZ2. Please email the name of your student and the number to ghami9@eq.edu.au or have the student drop the number in at the Pathways Office.

VETiS Funding

Vocational education and training in school (VETiS) funding is available to all Senior Secondary students. This funding allows students to receive training offered by an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO) for little or no cost. The funding usually covers up to Certificate II level qualifications. Students can only access this funding once. Currently Mossman State High students are using this funding to access the following qualifications:

- Cert II Engineering (TAFE North / Cairns)
- Cert II Hairdressing (TAFE North / Cairns)
- Cert II Aviation (Aviation Australia / Cairns)
- Cert II Tourism (CTIA / Training at school + Gold Coast Camp)
- Cert II Rural Operations (Rural Training Australia / Mareeba)
- Cert II Hospitality Operations (CAPTA - provided in normal timetabled lessons)

We have also been approached about Cert II Outdoor Recreation (Scuba Diving) and Cert I Construction. All students should access this funding as these qualifications provide valuable QCE points. Parents and guardians should discuss their options with their student to determine which course might be the most useful for their future career.

Further information regarding these options will be available at the Pathways Evening.

Greg Hamilton

Pathways

Art



The art excursion to Cairns Regional Gallery and Tanks Art Space on Wednesday 9th March for seniors was amazing. We had a full bus and good fun. **CREAM:** Four decades of Australian Art *Cream* is a touring exhibition of major

works by some of Australia's finest 20th century artists in the Rockhampton Art Gallery's Collection. The exhibition chronicles the development of modernism in Australia between 1940–1980. Artists represented in the exhibition include Arthur Boyd, Sidney Nolan, Fred Williams, Russell Drysdale, Charles Blackman, William Dobell, John Brack, Lloyd Rees, Margaret Olley, Donald Friend and Brett Whiteley. 'We were in Art Heaven' **LIGHT MOVES: CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN VIDEO ART** which intrigued many with the still lives that were time lapsed creating a mesmerising effect on the kids, Peaceful!, **BILL VIOLA: PASSAGE INTO NIGHT** Spooky Videos, **YEAR OF THE MONKEY: HAYLEY GILLESPIE AND YIXUAN RUAN** This exhibition was interactive and the boys got into the spirit dressing up, with many others writing their wishes celebrating the Chinese New Year (of the Monkey). We then went to Tank 4 and saw the **COMMON THREADS** exhibition with collaboration of many cultural groups celebrating Women's Week along with the REACH arts award winner Lisa Vue from Trinity Bay, **KUV YOG HOOMB (I AM HMONG) EXHIBITION**. Lisa won this solo exhibition in 2015 reach competition where 5 of our students also exhibited last year. She worked for 6 weeks with a master printmaker, Cairns based Hannah Parker, over the school holidays before going to college on this stunningly powerful exhibition telling of the plight of her parents who immigrated to Australia escaping war. The Hmong people are an ethnic group from the mountainous regions of China, Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. Maccas' was the HIT of the day for many! Others were in strong protest Mrs Previte and I would like to commend all the students for their impeccable behaviour.

Written by Carol Bennett



Above: Ms Bennett and the Year 12 Visual Art Class



Left: Common Threads

Right: Lisa Vue – I am Hmoong



HISTORIC HERBERTON: AN OLD TIME



Year 11 Photography students had a great opportunity to escape the inclement wet weather and experience a gorgeous day at Herberton Historical Village. This photography excursion started with a 7.15am departure, and students returned to school at 5.00pm. It was a long day, but the students who went were amazing! They had some fun looking around the Village, and most of them dressed up too! The photos they were expected to take covered six different genres and had to include people in historical costumes – not school uniform. This meant we all took along costumes and accessories and then got dressed up at the venue. The manager and staff, as well as other visitors all appreciated the costume efforts, and we had some very positive and encouraging feedback from other people. Students were taking part as both



photographers and as models, with resulting images forming a major part of their term one practical assessment. Well done and a huge thanks to all students and also to Cheryl Previte for her help and expertise. Nada Petrasevic

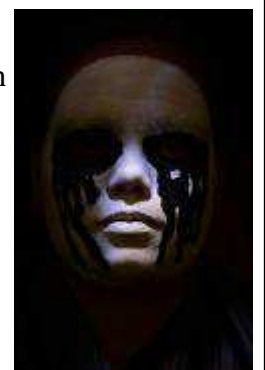


Night Shooters

Year 12 Photography students were given a huge opportunity to explore the tricks and skills in taking photos at night on Thursday 3rd March. Teacher Nada Petrasevic coordinated with Melanie Goodman, Keonie Clinton, Cheryl Previte, and Jim Murdoch to host this great event. Students started off with a ‘Scary Movie’ with pizza, popcorn and drinks. This was followed by three hours of costumes, make up, accessories and intense workshop situations around the school grounds that students used to create their Film Noir and Horror imagery for their photojournalism folios for term one. Students were creative, engaged and excited by this opportunity, producing some amazing images, many of which have gone well above and

beyond expectations. Photography students have had a lot to learn about camera skills, and this opportunity allowed for some serious experimentation with a variety of settings and light conditions. Well done to all who attended and a great thank you for your efforts.

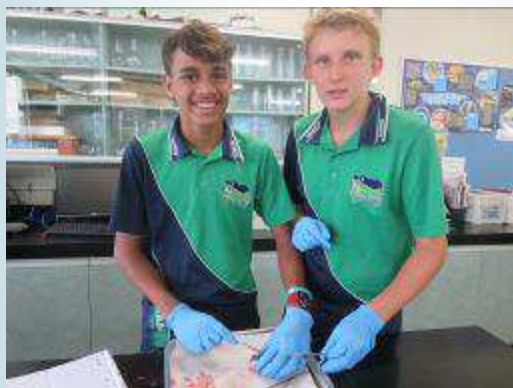
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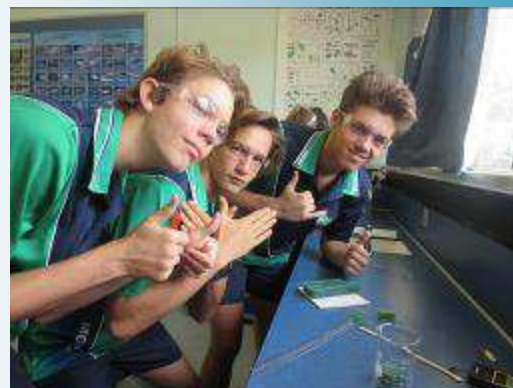
Science



Daintree Ulcer research with past student Salome Villiger - 6th Year Medicine Graduate JCU



Year 9 - Eye dissection



Year 11 Biology – Surface area volume ratio



Year 7 - Viewing Solar Eclipse



Year 10 - Making Ionic Compounds



Year 12 Biology - Investigation homeostasis through Yoga



Year 8 - Dry Ice

News from the Music Department

The music students got off to an early start this year playing for the Douglas Shire's Australia Day Ceremony at the Port Douglas Community Hall. Next was the Student Leader Induction Ceremony where the Jazzband and grade 7 student, Arianne entertained the crowd.

On Friday, March 4th, eight of our finest participated at St.Mary's College in a long weekend of advanced Concertband along with another 92 students selected from schools as far south as Mackay and north to Weipa.

They worked hard and rewarded the parents and teachers with an amazing concert of very intense music. Next up is Harmony Day, where the Concertband and Jazzband will be providing the music.

Preparations are underway for next term which will include Anzac Day, Music Camp and the Cairns Eisteddfod.

Written by Jenny Guyatt



Concertband



Arianne

Course Outlines

Parents - Follow your student's studies in each subject

Course Outlines for Term 1 (Junior Secondary - Years 7, 8 & 9) and Semester 1 (Senior Secondary - Years 10, 11 & 12) are available on the Mossman State High School Website. You can access the course outlines by following the link below:

mossmanshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/teachingandlearning - then select the relevant year level and subject required.

The course outlines are updated each term and give information on units being studied, assessment and their due dates in each subject.

From the Sports desk.....

Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 26th February 2016. Everything pointed in the right direction for some fast races and a great day to be had by all students at the pool. We had an improvement in attendance from previous years, however we still see too many parents allowing their students to have the day off for a school sports carnival rather than send them along to participate with their mates. Looking at participation across the school, 72.7% of the Jalbil 12 year girls were participating and present on the day. Well done.

There were several records broken on the day and congratulations to the following students:

Event	Student	Previous record	New record
M 12yr 50m Breast	Daniel Harrington	56.25sec (Harry O’Gorman - Petrack - 2015)	54.65sec
F 12yr 50m Free	Sophie Knight	37.50sec (Taleisha Onley - 2015)	36.20sec
M 19yr Ind Medley	Mitchell Knight	2:40.90sec (T. Thorburn - 1998)	2:40.85sec
F 12yr 50m Back	Sophie Knight	47.50sec (Jorja Harvey - 2015)	46.09sec
M 12yr 100m Free	Daniel Harrington	1:42.97sec (Luke Twomey - 2015)	1:36.88sec
M 16yr 100m Free	Mitchell Knight	1:15.60 (Brett McKeown - 2012)	1:01.16sec

This year, we also introduced age champion medallions for the top three age champions. Congratulations to:

Age group	Student	Age group	Student
12 year Girls	Tali Hoyer Sophie Knight Michela Nisbet	12 year Boys	Daniel Harrington Ryan Hawking Journey Castro-Clarke
13 year Girls	Jorja Harvey Michaelyn Parkes Jazlyn Ketteringham	13 year Boys	Heath Duncan Harry O’Gorman-Petrack Manu Cook
14 year Girls	Kate Padovan Melissa Callander Leilani Gawn	14 year Boys	Billy Foster Derek Sorensen Connor Berzinski
15 year Girls	Kalani Revell Toneisha Phillips Keely Harold	15 year Boys	Jye Schrieber Che Innes-Collins Amos Lilley
16 year Girls	Tiah McLean Georgia Kelly Krystal Schulz	16 year Boys	Mitchell Knight Taiga Hewett Daniel Plumbe
Open Girls	Abby Day Simone Schouller Sheena Langley	Open Boys	Conrad Hinz Caleb Winspear Keel Sorensen

The major announcement of Champion house and Supporters Trophy were very well received on the day. Congratulations to:

Supporters Trophy:

Bilngkumu

Champion House:

Kurranji

Pink Stumps Day

It was a sea of pink as Mossman SHS celebrated Pink Stumps Day on Friday 19th February. Due to the extreme weather we were experiencing, the cricket games were postponed, but the students and staff still were able to raise \$569. We are proud to announce that we will be donating \$250 to the ‘McGrath Foundation’ and the balance to ‘Pink in the Tropics’.

Representative Sport

Students from Mossman SHS have been very successful in gaining selection into Douglas, TCN and Peninsula teams. We are still only 50% of the way through the selection sessions with several sports starting the process in Term 2.

Students and parents are reminded that School Sport policy states that all students MUST attend district trials (or submit exemption paperwork) to be eligible to attend Peninsula trials. Students MUST listen to the student notices and collect information from the HPE staffroom. This paperwork needs to be completed fully and correctly and returned to the school office for the principal to sign.

Tracy Butland
H.O.D. H.P.E., Dance and
Junior Secondary Student Services