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Principal's Message....

The last weeks of this year have certainly come around very quickly. We will farewell our Year 12 students at a special parade on Friday morning 21st November. We wish them all the very best as they begin the next stage of their lives. It is wonderful to see so many of them well prepared for the future as they leave with numerous qualifications, excellent references and the resources and attitude to face the many challenges of life. I thank them for the many and varied positive contributions they have made to our school over the years.

Year Ten and Year Eleven students will be required to attend classes up to and including Friday 28th November in order to complete their required assessment for this year. Year Eight and Year Nine students will also be in regular classes and completing assessment up until Thursday 11th December. We will be organising alternate activities for their final day of school this year on Friday 12th December. We will send information home regarding the program for this day at a later date. Please remember that students already have a significant holiday period at this time of year and they are required to be at school every day.

Congratulations to all students who received awards and participated in our recent Presentation Night. It was a fabulous evening and certainly showcased the many gifts and talents of our students. Well done to everyone.

Reports cards will be mailed to all students in the week following their final day of school for this year. I encourage all parents and carers to discuss these with their children and to set goals for next year. It is important that all young people recognise that the educational opportunities made available to them will only be of benefit if they fully participate in them and see them as a chance to grow and develop as an individual.

I wish everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas and a New Year that brings new opportunities, good health and great joy in the small yet wonderful moments that we experience each day.

Kind regards,

Deborah Kachel
Principal

Junior Secondary News

As we gather momentum towards the final weeks of the school year, it would be remiss of me not to look back at the wonderful things that our Junior Secondary students and leaders have done this year, and look forward to the new and exciting challenges that our new Junior Leaders will set for themselves in 2015.

I was blessed with a great lot of Junior Leaders for 2014 and have been privileged to watch their confidence and levels of dedication to the job develop. These leaders have led a group of Year 9 students who will move into Senior Secondary next year and face challenges that I hope Junior Secondary has prepared them for. Our Year 8 students will move into the leaders of Junior Secondary and will have the added benefit of working with our first group of Year 7 students at Mossman State High School.

Our Transition program steps up again in the coming weeks, with the current Year 6 students visiting the high school on Monday 1st December, followed by the current Year 7 students on Tuesday 2nd December. On Tuesday evening, a Junior Secondary disco will be hosted by our current Junior Leaders with assistance of the new incoming leaders, at the Mossman Bowls Club from 6:30 - 9:00pm. The disco's theme is 'Black & White'. Entry will be \$4 in theme, or \$5 out of theme. Drinks and nibbles will be available for purchase.

I hope that all students and their families have a successful end to 2014, a safe and happy Christmas and new year with family and friends and bring on 2015.

Tracy Butland
Head of Junior Secondary



The Mossman State High School Band has had a wonderful year in 2014. I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation for your dedication and team work throughout the year. Four well liked and popular Year 12 MSHS Band members will be leaving us this year to start their new chapters in their lives. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the rest of the band to wish Jillian, Stephanie, Marina and Charlotte the best of luck for the adventures that await them. I look forward to working with the Mossman State High Band members again in 2015.

Jenny Guyatt - Music Teacher



A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM MACKAY SUGAR

The sugar mills are crushing; please be aware of cane trains and trucks. Mackay Sugar urges all motorists to be alert when approaching cane train crossings – look out for cane trains; stop at the flashing lights, it's not worth the risk! **Children – don't play on cane train bins; near cane railway tracks, or on cane transport roads - it's not safe!** For all community enquiries, please contact Mackay Sugar on 4953 8300.

Year 8 News

How fast has 2014 gone!!

I remember writing the first year 8 newsletter item this year and wondering 'what on earth am I going to write about'? I think I've managed to keep you informed of what has been happening with your child this year.

I was looking through the photos of the year 8's from the start of the year, to where they are now, and the change has been amazing! No longer are there these puppy faced primary school kids at high school, but blooming adolescents that are just starting to realise what they themselves are made of.



It has been a busy but rewarding year. It has been really enjoyable getting to know the years 8's as well as I do. Some students have managed to slip under my radar though and I haven't had a lot to do with them, but that is generally a good thing as it means they have been keeping their head down and working hard throughout the year.

Shoes:

The wearing of school shoes has started to become an issue for some students, and it just shouldn't be so. Part of the agreement of coming to Mossman High is that they agree to wear the correct uniform. This includes shoes. This is just a reminder that for the beginning of 2015, I strongly encourage everyone to have the correct shoes. There are a number of appropriate shoes available locally for purchase, which complies with the school shoe OHS policy. They need to be all black (including sides of the soles – if looking from the top and side on, no other colour than black can be seen), with full leather or synthetic leather coverings (no mesh panelling). As a PE teacher and a parent of school age children, I understand the importance of quality shoes for students. There are good quality sports shoes that comply (in particular the Asics I have seen). So that your child is covered in terms of OHS and are allowed to do their practical subjects (Science, HPE, Home Economics, Industrial Studies, Manual Arts, Art), your child needs to have the correct shoes. This also means I, or whoever their Year 9 Co-Ordinator is, can spend their time planning and organising other events for your child, rather than chasing up shoes on a daily basis.

There are only a few short weeks of school left for 2014, and that time will be filled with multiple assessments. Normal classes will continue right up to and including the last week of school. It is important that your child attends school every day so they do not miss out on vital information. Yes it is getting hot, tempers are starting to flare and disagreements are starting to be had, but maintaining a clear head and focus is extremely important to finish off the school year well.

For those parents I have had contact with, thank you for your positive interactions, and for allowing me to help out your child. For those I haven't been able to meet or talk to, thank you for keeping your child on track and being successful this year.

I have had a great year, and I look forward to seeing what happens in 2015.

Ben Vikionkorpi

Year 8 Coordinator

Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow

Throughout this year there has been a select few senior Indigenous students who have been striving towards giving the indigenous students of Mossman State High a voice. A group started this journey in May where there was a conference that gave them some of the skills they would need to go back to their schools and inspire change. They have worked on different projects throughout the year that has developed their leadership skills, and has prepared them to fulfil future leadership roles within the school. This is an ISSU supported program that tracks and monitors indigenous students throughout their senior schooling, and gives them opportunities to succeed. Throughout the year our students have been involved in NAIDOC week, completing the yarning circle, helping with selection process for future Indigenous leaders from the year 10 cohort as well as helping in facilitating junior indigenous programs within the school.

On October 31st the ILT students (as well as some perspective year 10 ILT students) travelled to Cairns and gave a 10 minute speech as to what we have been doing throughout the year. This was a nerve wracking experience, with an audience of over 200 people in attendance. There was over 12 schools participating, and our students were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. A big congratulations to the Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow for all your efforts throughout this year and I hope that it has been a rewarding experience. Also a thank-you to Eileen Burchill, our Community Education Counsellor, who has been invaluable in keeping this mob organised!!

Anita Harrold

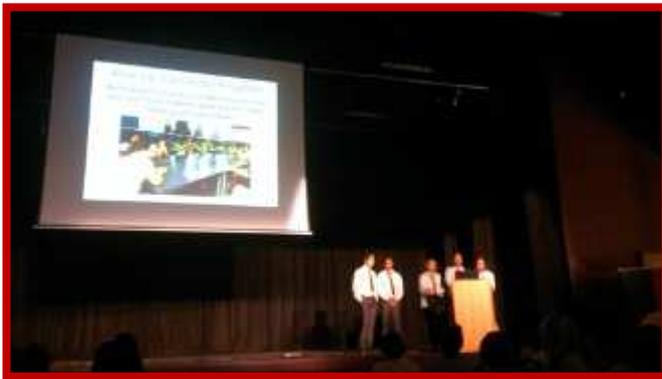
Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow



Students attending the Sharing success day on 31st Oct.

Front: Quinlyn Cannon, Brydie Trages, Sasha Schonenberger, Wayne Oui, Khyll Walker.

Back: Ayesha Seaton, Samaria Denman, Noel Emery, Ryan Walker, Alexis Sheldrick-Port, Levi Williams, Aleyah Sheldrick-Port, Uki Burchill



Uki, Alexis, Brydie Noel and Quinlyn presenting Mossman's efforts



The Cairns Conference in May of this year.

Front to Back: Marley, Brydie, Alexis, Noel, Uki, Eileen, Doug, Anita



The Cairns Conference in May of this year.

Group Photo

Science International Mole Day

The 23rd of October was International Mole Day.

The Science Department treated the Chemistry students to a whole Table of Chocolate - in the form of the TimTam Periodic Table - to celebrate a very famous number, 6.02×10^{23} , this being the number of particles in any one mole of a substance.

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National Secondary School Computer Fund

Parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students for 2015 are reminded of the Laptop take home program operated by Mossman State High School. Next year will be the fourth and final year that the Acer 1830t laptops will be offered to students as part of this program.

If your student currently in year 10 or 11 wishes to retain their assigned laptop over the Christmas break, please ensure the 2015CFSLP invoice is paid prior to 28th November.

Year 10 students in 2015 will be invited to participate in the program early in Term 1.

Please return your student's laptop if they will not be attending Mossman State High next year.

Outstanding Library Books, Textbooks and Laptops

As the year is coming to a close we would ask if you would check with your students for any outstanding books and laptops to be returned to the Library Resource Centre. There is a notice board in the library listing any outstanding books for all year levels. Thankyou for your co-operation.

JCU Young Language Ambassador Conference

On Tuesday 21 October, a delegation from our school attended the JCU Young Language Ambassadors Conference in Cairns.

Approximately 155 students from across the Cairns region had the opportunity to come together to encourage each other in their language learning endeavours. Channel 7 Cairns covered the event. The aim of the Conference was to encourage students engaged in language learning to realise potential benefits and applications of language learning in both their future professional and personal lives.

Keynote speakers were a multilingual diplomat with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, a bilingual lecturer in Italian/Linguistics and a multi-lingual engineering student currently studying at JCU's Townsville campus. All were living proof of how language skills can be incorporated to enhance professional and personal capabilities. In a lead up to this conference delegates undertook activities to promote the benefits of language learning in their school community. Mossman delegates created posters encouraging people to see the world through new eyes through learning a language.

Lily Davis, Year 10.



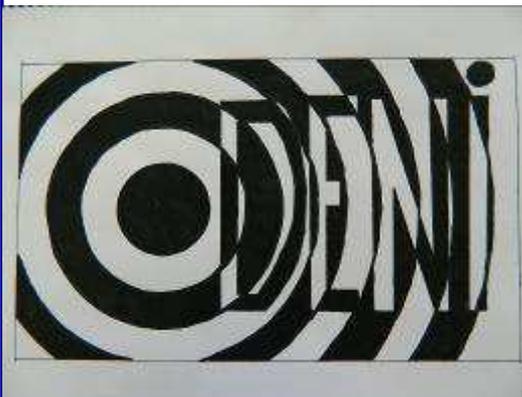
Art Department



It has been an amazing year for all of our students and staff in the Art Department. We have seen stunning artworks produced across all year levels and with lots of different materials, subject matter and styles. Our students have been working very hard to develop their knowledge of arts practices and techniques, while enjoying the creative process and finding out about artists and arts workers across the world. From zany 'minions' sculptures to stunning animal and portrait drawings, many forms of printmaking to paintings large and small, our students have excelled. Here you see a collage of artworks from a small cross section of our students. We are certain that you too will celebrate their talent, creativity and diversity. The Art teachers would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all of our students for their passion and effort, their humour and commitment. Be inspired! Also congratulations to the first recipients of the Certificate II in Visual Arts, a new VET course being offered at Mossman that began in 2013 in achieving 100% success rate from our year 12 students. The year 11 students are also well on their way to hopefully the same success for next year.



Nada Petrusevic, Fiona Cairns, Carol Bennett



Regional roadshow

Inform. Engage. Inspire.

The Information and Technologies Branch of the Department of Education, Training and Employment is delivering a one-day workshop in Cairns for parents in the Far North Queensland region.

As part this roadshow, we would like to engage with the school community by providing an update on key information technology initiatives and being available to answer your questions.

Community sessions aimed at parents and school communities are being held from 10am-2:30pm on Monday 1st December 2014 at the Cairns Convention Centre.

- Discover how QParents can give you the latest information and data at the touch of a button.
- Learn from cybersafety experts what you can do to make sure your child is safe online, both at home and on mobile devices.
- For parents of distance education students, there is an opportunity to have your computers inspected to ensure maximum performance and learn tips for online learning.

Entry to the community sessions is free. For further details and free registration go to

<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/FNQ2/>

Date Claimer

Year 12 Last Day and Graduation

Friday 21st November

Year 11 Block Exams

24th -28th November

Year 10 & 11 Last Day of School

Friday 28th November

Year 6 Day

Monday 1st December

Year 7 Day and Junior Disco

Tuesday 2nd December

Last Day of School

Friday 12th December

Mossman State High School School Sun Hat Promotion

Mossman SHS ran a fishing comp over the September school holidays. It was open to students, who had caught a land based fish and had to be wearing their school hat in the photo.

Prizes were donated by Dragon Lady, Reef and Game Fishing; Fishing on the Daintree with Jamie Beitzel; Trinity Sportfishing with Christian; Fly Fishing lesson with Jon Bettinson; and Rod and Reel maintenance lessons with Paul Herron. Lynton Heffer the editor of Line Burner magazine has been a great supporter of this project. Winners were - Petrie Miller, Jai Schrieber and Cole Watson. A highly commended also goes to Sheena Langley (the only girl to enter).

The competition is on again now over the Christmas school holidays and all of term 1 2015. It is open to anyone associated with the high school; students, teachers, parents, cleaners, aides, grounds men.

Any fish, anywhere, anyhow. You need your school hat on in the photo with your fish.

School hats are available at the office for \$10.

HINT; Download image at home onto memory stick, then upload onto W drive>common>fishing comp 2014 take 2.

Good luck, keep safe and be croc wise.

Wendy Fry, School Based Youth Health Nurse.



From the SportsDesk

Welcome to the last edition of 'From the SportsDesk' for 2014. As always, it has been a hectic year, with a variety of events being held, students attending a vast array of sports trials and a large number of students being selected for higher honours.

Presentation Night:

It was very pleasing to be a part of Presentation night. I was very impressed with the number of Peninsula representative awards I was able to hand out to our students, and our Queensland Representative Award. The success of our (and your) students in their chosen sports is testament to their natural sporting ability as well as their dedication and commitment to training.



It was especially rewarding to hand out the awards for the sportsmen, sportswomen and sportsmanship. All of these students are stand outs in their field, but none more so than Hayden D'Addona. In my 11 years of teaching, I have never seen any other student come close to the plethora of sports that Hayden has been involved in. How he manages to maintain his school grades when he seems to be away every other week for a different sport event is truly amazing. Well done!!

Queensland Secondary School State Athletics

Firstly, I need to apologise for not mentioning Jasmine Blain and Isaac Winspear attending the QSSS Athletics State Carnival in Brisbane this term. All four students, Eleisha, Jess, Jasmine and Isaac performed admirably on the big stage. They really felt the pressure of being amongst so many other athletes, but did well to regain their composure and perform as well as they did.



TCN and Peninsula Under 19 Cricket:

Michael Schulz has been selected for the TCN Under 19 Cricket team to attend the Peninsula trials on Monday 24th November, at Griffiths Park in Cairns. Michael will compete against approximately 40 students for just 12 team positions. Good luck Michael.



2015:

Things are just starting to get under way for next year already. I am starting to put some plans in place, ready for the competitions that are set to start in Term 1.

The first term of the year is the busiest term of the year for the sheer volume of sports that are on offer. The sports calendar is already available on the Peninsula School Sport website, ready for downloading. If you follow the links on the site, it will also (by the year end), have the various districts trials dates, info and times. If your child is interested, then it would be worth getting these calendars off the website so they can prepare for their chosen sports.

Next year we want to get the rugby league teams back up and running, after the lack of interest shown this year. Hopefully AFL change the dates of their competition to not be in the school holidays this time and we can send down a team. Vicki Wilson and Fowlers Group netball will also be going again.

So that your child doesn't miss out on any of their sports of interest, it is absolutely imperative that **they are at school on time, every day!** Our main means of communicating with our students is through our morning notices. If your child is late, they will miss this information, and as has happened in the past, not get the relevant information until it is too late.

That's it for 2014. Have a safe and happy Christmas vacation, and I look forward to what 2015 brings.

Ben Vikionkorpi

Sports Coordinator