YEAR 12 NEW ZEALAND SKI TRIP

Over the September holidays, a group of 20 students and 4 teachers spent a glorious ten days in the South Island of New Zealand. The weather was magic, the scenery spectacular, the skiing conditions were great, the food was fantastic and yes, I have to say the students were outstanding. I think I speak for the other teachers when I say that we couldn’t have asked for a better group of students to travel with. Apart from the odd misplaced wallet or phone, we had no issues at all except of course when the whole bus had to wait for Mr and Mrs McClelland to get off the ski slopes on the last day. We first spent time in Queenstown skiing the Remarkables and Coronet Peak – it snowed on our first day which was very special for those students and Mrs Lambert, who were experiencing snow for the first time. The bus driver even had to stop and put the snow chains on half way up the mountain.

Liam H and Brock turned out to be the naturals on the snowboards and were soon challenging Mr Mac down the slopes. We rode the gondola to have a go at luging and to dine at the Skyline Restaurant, I think Jack outdid everyone that night at the buffet.

At Methven we journeyed up to Mt Hutt to do some more skiing and what a journey it was – I had my eyes shut the majority of the way. We were fortunate to have more fresh snow there as well. Mention has to be made here of the snowman that Caitlyn, Daniel and Ben made – it was quite a drawcard until a small child stole his jelly bean eyes and ate them.

By the end of our five days in the snow, everyone was making it down the slopes with some degree of dignity although there were a few sore bottoms. And of course we made the obligatory stop at the Cookie Time Factory and had a day of shopping in Christchurch.

I would personally like to thank Mr Darren Jones for his continued assistance in taking our students on their overseas experience each year. We were told what time to be at breakfast, lunch and dinner, what time to go to bed, what time to get up, what time to be ready for the bus, where we were going and what we would need to take etc, etc, etc and this was for the teachers as much as for the students. Thank you also to the parents and carers who entrusted us with their children. We all had a ball (hahahaha - a snowball).

PS. Oliver – stay alert! You just never know when a snowball might come your way.

Kim McClelland, Yr 12 Co-ordinator
PRINCIPAL’S WORDS
Last week I received a letter from the Minister of Education bearing good news. In 2015, Mareeba SHS will receive an additional $450,000. The money is to continue the work around the Great Results Guarantee and also honours the previous National Partnership commitment. The Great Results Guarantee is to ensure that every child reaches National Minimum Standards in Literacy and Numeracy or has a plan in place to address their learning needs. The most critical factor to succeeding at school is attendance everyday and at Mareeba State High School too many children have days off. While I understand there are many reasons for this, ultimately if your child is not coming to school their education will suffer.

There are so many great things happening this term celebrating our students achievements. I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Warm regards to all families.

Jo Soothill  Principal

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Are you interested in becoming a homestay family for an overseas student aged 13-15 years? Mareeba State High School has been invited to host a 2015 Program, “Ozu Junior High School Students Study Abroad”. Overseas students will be buddied up with a Mareeba High student and homestay family and will attend our school participating in English Classes, Integration Sessions, excursions and other school events. If you are interested in participating in this program please forward an expression of interest to dgdof24@eq.edu.au or phone the school office on 4086 2777, option 4 leaving your name and preferred contact details. Thank you for your consideration.

MAREEBA CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP LUNCHEON
Recently the Catholic Ladies Group met for a luncheon at the Mareeba Leagues Club. Kiara Cabassi was invited to perform at the luncheon and meet members of the group. I would like to thank the Catholic Ladies Group for this special performance opportunity.

Kylie Lambert — HOD Visual & Performing Arts & Languages

UNDER 8’S DAY AT MAREEBA STATE SCHOOL
At the end of term three students and teachers attended Under 8’s Day at Mareeba State School. It was a fabulous day for students, parents, teachers and volunteers. Under 8’s students were very excited to be part of all the planned activities, meet senior students and listened to the Concert Band. On the day senior secondary students participated in activities designed for the under 8s such as face painting, drama games and dancing. Senior students had the opportunity to help the under 8s participate and experience working with young children. I would like to thank everyone involved on the day.

Kylie Lambert — Head of Visual & Performing Arts & Languages

‘CHILD PROTECTION’ ESSAY WINNERS
Two Mareeba High students entered the ‘Child Protection’ essay competition run by FosterCare Cairns. Students from across the region were given the opportunity to write about child protection issues in the genre of their choice. Shenetty Makoti (Year 8) was awarded 1st Prize and won an iPad Mini and Katelyn Dickson (Year 10) was awarded equal 2nd Prize and won a $100 voucher to spend.

Well done to our students – and again, Mareeba State High School students have outperformed students from across the region!

Christina Ellacott — Gifted Education Mentor, Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Senior Teacher

NEW CANTEEN TEAM
Hello, I am Rebecca Mauro and am excited to join the Healthy Choice Habits Canteen team. You will notice some changes over the next few weeks. We are currently reviewing the menu choices on offer with a view to increasing our made onsite items using fresh and local ingredients where possible. We are working with the school on a new mural and menu board. Pricing is being looked at. Managers Specials have been introduced. These will be displayed outside the Canteen weekly.

Streamlining our EFTPOS process has begun.

We are celebrating National Nutrition week 14th to 18th October by offering Fresh fruit salad at the reduced price of $2.50. Watermelon wedges will be $3 all week.

To enable us to offer a higher level of cooking we welcome and need volunteers. Please consider joining our team. If you can offer an hour or a day we would love to meet you. Just call the Canteen on 40862724 or stop in and say hi. See you at the Canteen.

Rebecca Mauro — Canteen Convenor

Mareeba State High School

Tuesday 28th October
Mareeba International Club
7.00pm
55th PRESENTATION NIGHT

Join the
Marama Student Gold Club
for 15% DISCOUNT throughout the year

Marama Jewellery
Shop 2, Post Office Centre, 94 Byres Street, Mareeba
Phone: 4092 2046

Pictured — Rebecca Mauro, Rachel Richardson, Anna Maia-Titana and Shaye Murri.
Future Together

MAD CAMP 2014
During the first week of the September school holidays, I was fortunate enough to travel by myself to attend a Performing Arts Camp known as MAD Camp run by Artslink Queensland at Ipswich Girls Grammar School. 39 teenagers from Queensland schools in grades 10-12 who enjoy performing arts attended the camp. At the camp I participated in workshops, group activities and performances in Music, Dance and Drama run by professional musicians, artists and choreographers. Some of the guest visitors included Bec Laughton, Sydney Dance Company and Artslink Queensland Representatives.
Each day consisted of a one and a quarter hour classes of dance, drama and music with a different instructor everyday. There was then an hour and a half of a Masterclass (I specialised in dance) and a group rehearsal for the performance night. Each night there was a special activity including a workshop from the Sydney Dance Company, a live concert from Bec Laughton and a talent show. On the middle day of the camp all the ‘Mad campers’ travelled to Brisbane to attend two performances that were part of the Brisbane Festival and a tour of the QUT Art Museum. Throughout the week I engaged with my inner creativity by working with others to create three performance pieces which were presented to the parents on the final night of the camp. I had an amazing time spending the week with other enthusiastic performing arts students. I would like to thank The Arts Council Tablelands and Ms Lambert for giving me the opportunity to attend this camp.
Katelyn Dickinson — Year 10 Mareeba SHS Arts Student

INSTUMENTAL MUSIC DAY
Last week instrumental music students from Mareeba SS, Dimbulah SS, Biboolhra SS and Mareeba SHS came together for an Instrumental Music day and concert. On the day students learned new music and had their first experience of playing in a 40 piece orchestra. Students worked hard all day and were very excited to be performing for parents and teachers in the evening. The concert featured the Strings Ensemble, Concert Band and Orchestra performing new music.
I would like to thank the tremendous efforts of Kristy Braes, Kirsten Towne, Natalie Gray and Glen Tannock for making the day run smoothly. Thank you to all the parents for coming and supporting our wonderful students from across the cluster.
Kylie Lambert — HOD Visual & Performing Arts & Languages

2014 YOUNG LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE
Recently eight Year 8 Language students from Mareeba State High School were nominated by their teachers to be part of the James Cook University Young Languages Ambassador Program. I am pleased to announce that Filippa Calabro, Michael Quintieri, Daniel Strazzera, Joshua Theakston, Dayna Scipppa, Richard Thompson, Wasada Gutchen and Sarah Richardson were successful in their nominations. As part of the program these students will be invited to attend the JCU Young Languages Ambassadors’ Conference. Congratulations to all the students involved and we look forward to hearing about the conference in future.
Kylie Lambert — HOD Visual & Performing Arts & Languages

P&C EXECUTIVE UPDATE
Mrs Jacki Kinley has resigned as secretary, having moved to Cooktown for work and Ms Noela Graham is now secretary. Ms Melissa McNab is the correspondence secretary.
For further information contact: pandc@mareebashs.eq.edu.au
Next Meeting—Tuesday 11th November, 5:30PM. Common Room. Everyone Welcome!

FOR SALE
Rural Training Queensland in conjunction with the trade training centres are currently delivering two Certificate II courses in Rural Operations at the Mareeba Trade Training Centre. As part of their training the fabrication group have measured, cut, tack welded and welded 4 steel work benches 1200mmx1200mmx8mm steel top with a 50x50x2.5mm Gal RHS frame. The college now has these for sale for $350.00 each including GST. If anyone is interested in purchasing a bench please contact Shirley on 40863334 at our Walkamin office.
Rudi Schincario — Rural Training Queensland Instructor

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

On 16th October, Mareeba State High School celebrated the sporting achievements of our students. Congratulations to all prize recipients and thank you to our Guest Speaker, Craig Foster and generous sponsors. Mareeba State High School appreciates the ongoing support that we receive from these local residents, clubs and business houses.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

DISCOVER SAILING

Tinaroo Sailing Club is holding a ‘Discover Sailing’ Open Day.

When: Sunday 26 October between 10am - 12 noon.

Where: At the clubhouse in Black Gully Rd, Tinaroo.

Who: Anyone, young or not so young.

More information: www.tinaroo.yachting.org.au

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am — 4:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am — 3:15pm

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au

YUNGABURRA TRIATHLON

22 & 23 November 2014

The inaugural Yungaburra Triathlon organised by Tiarolands Regional Council and Yungaburra Association; as well as local businesses and sponsors to the triathletes, attracts competitors from across the North Queensland to help raise funds in our wounded veterans and awareness of the Soldier On Organisation.

The 3 day triathlon festival promises wicked long drag races including events to suit at ages and abilities, local races, consistent with past approvals by Live, Laugh, and family fun.

Register now www.soldierentriathlon.com.au

Enquiries 1300 362 242

CASUAL CLEANERS & TEACHER AIDES WANTED

Casual Cleaners and Teacher Aides wanted at Mareeba State High School.

For more information please contact Pamela Evans, Business Services Manager on phone 07 40862777 or email: bsm@mareebashs.eq.edu.au

BE SUN SMART

HATS FOR SALE

NEW PHONES

The school has a new answering service to assist in providing a more efficient service to parents.

The options are:
1. Student Services (Enrolments, Absence, Behaviour, First Aid)
2. Student Payments (Excursions, Resource hire scheme)
3. Administration (Curriculum, Teachers, Laptops)
4. Accounts payable (External agencies)
5. Other

QR image phone application link to school website

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” Ralph Waldo Emerson