SENIOR 8

The 2014 Senior 8 were announced on parade this week. School Captains are Belinda Grundling and Oliver Cotterill. School Vice-captains are Madalyn Wallace and Matthew Penn. Student Council President is Teagan Abdy. Student Council Vice-President is Tara Sharpe. Student Council Secretary is Monique Ebner. Student Council Treasurer is Haydan Bonaccorsi. Pictured here with Year 12 Co-ordinators Kim McClelland and Denise Lambert and Principal, Jo Soothill.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

KENNEDY TIGERS

Rachael West (VC) (absent)
Tate Martin (C)
Jodie Lea (C)
Johnson Makoti (VC)

MCKINLAY DRAGONS

Rachel Whiteing (VC)
Christopher Scott (C)
Kiarna La Rosa (C)
Benjamin Abbey (VC)

Tjana Furnari-Southam (VC)
Marcus Tieppo (C)
Madison Beatts (C)
Connor Pullen (VC)

Gregory CRocs

Anna Newlands—Senior Teacher and Sports Coordinator

MAGGIE GREENE (VC)
Brock Hawke (C)
Jessica Leonard (C)
Liam Hartley (VC)

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mareeba State High School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Muluridji people of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

DATE CLAIMERS

- 17th Feb
  Year 8 Parent Meet and Greet 5:00 pm (D Block)
- 18th Feb
  Senior Induction 7pm
- 21st Feb
  Swimming Carnival
- 3rd Mar
  Year 8 and Year 10 Immunisations
- 4th Mar
  Year 8 Prize Presentations
- 5th Mar
  School Dance—PCYC Hall

- REMINDER -
  Interhouse Swimming Carnival Friday 21st February. All parents welcome.

P & C ASSOCIATION

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—Mr R Heggie
Minute Secretary—Mrs Jackie Kinley
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NEW STAFF FOR 2014

Name: Mrs Stacey Mahoney
Teaching Subject(s): PLA & Learning Support
Background: Attended MSHS and graduated in 1994. Started teaching in 1999 in Innisfail, Croydon, Mareeba, Weipa and Emerald as a Primary School Teacher. Transferred to the High School this year and am passionate about Literacy and Learning Support.
Special Interests: Personal – camping, fishing and spending time with my boys.
Professional – Literacy.

Name: Jamie Gardiner
Teaching Subject(s): HPE, Recreational Studies, Science & Maths
Background: Taught in Trully, Sunshine Coast and London (UK)
Special Interest: Kayaking

Name: Annalisa Savaglio
Teaching Subject(s): Italian, English and SOSE
Background: I have taught in primary schools in Mareeba and Cairns for the past 9 years. I have taught Italian, Performing Arts and classroom from Prep to Year 7
Name: Shandell Hilditch
Area/Role: Administration Officer Student Services
Background: Admin officer at Bowen State High School (2 years), Lead actress/singer at the Australian Outback Spectacular on the Gold Coast (5 years).
Special Interests: Singing/Performing, Songwriting, Horses, Competing in rodeo’s along with my husband
Name: Timothy Lehmann
Teaching Subject(s): Maths, English, Science and SOSE.
Background: I’ve been a teacher for 12 years in a variety of schools. Most recently, I was teaching mathematics at Mt Gravatt State High School in Brisbane. Before that, I taught Senior Economics and Business at Lauriston Girls’ School in Melbourne.
Special Interests: I’m currently completely two research projects at The University of Queensland about the influence of curriculum on mathematical problem solving.

PRINCIPAL’S WORDS
Welcome back to 2014 and a special welcome to families new to the school.
Over the break the canteen has been refurbished and renovated and it looks fantastic! The P&C have been working for many years towards this goal and it is wonderful to see this goal realised. Also late last year, the canteen was awarded Menu of the Year. This award will be presented to the P&C on school parade in a few weeks. There is also much building work continuing in preparation for Year 7 coming to high school next year. Both A & V Block5s are being renovated now and until the end of first term. After that some classrooms in C&F Block and then X Block will be renovated. It is great to see this kind of investment in school facilities that ultimately mean a more pleasant environment for our young people to learn.
Earlier this week, I learned that the National Partnership has ceased. This was unexpected, however, the State Government is continuing to support the school with an additional amount of money equivalent to the National Partnership, around $555 000 in 2014. This funding is to facilitate the Great Results Guarantee – a guarantee that every child will meet the National Minimum Standard in literacy and numeracy or have an individual learning plan to meet their learning needs. As a result, the funding is to be spent focussing on Junior Secondary (Years 8-9), literacy and numeracy. As the school already has a range of strategies in place to ensure that every child meets National Minimum Standards, it is an opportunity to divert more resources to support our Year 8 and 9 students most in need and to allow for further extension opportunities for others. Improving teaching will continue to be a priority. At the recent P&C AGM I shared the draft plan with parents.
Congratulations also to the 11 Year 12 students from last year who received the Fabris Bursary. Each student receives $1000 to support their tertiary studies. Warm regards to all families.

Jo Soothill
Principal

INTERYEAR LEADERS
Mareeba State High School Interyear Leaders have a pivotal role in supporting our new Year 8 students as they transition into high school. Through the relationships they develop with their Year 8 Care class, these Year 12 students capably scaffold and support them through the first few weeks of their secondary schooling encouraging them towards appropriate actions and behaviours in our school.


Hazel Bensted—Guidance Officer

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
Mareeba State High School was proud to have our students so well represented in the Mareeba Shire Council Australia Day Awards.
Congratulations to Baedyn McClelland - Junior Citizen of the Year; Nadine Rains - Quiet Achiever Award; Kristy Lane – Junior Sportsperson of the Year; Kiara Cabassi – Cultural Award, and also the school’s Interact Club which was awarded joint Community Service Award after a truly magnificent year of running events, fund-raising and participating in the wider community.
The school’s motto of Non Nobis Solum (not for ourselves alone) was truly on display with such a fine group of young citizens stepping up and being counted.
Christina Ellacott—Gifted Education Mentor, Gifted & Talented Coordinator and Senior Teacher

NON NOBIS SOLUM
2013 OP RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who received an OP 1-5 and to all Mareeba State High School students who completed Year 12 in 2013.

Good luck on their future Academic or Vocational journeys.

Selena Anziliero OP4
Jennifer Apel OP5
Kirsten Falvo OP5
Robert Gargan OP2
Jade Lep OP3

CAMBODIA FUND RAISER

Students and staff have been travelling to Cambodia every second year. As this is an off year, we would still like to fund raise and send money to help the underprivileged children of Cambodia. These bags cost $20 and 100% of the money raised will be used to help educate Cambodian children. If you would like to support this cause please contact Lucy Daly 4086 2752.

Thank-you in advance for your help.

Lucia Daly — Teacher-Librarian and Senior Teacher

ROBERT FABRIS BURSARY

The following students were successful recipients of the 2014 Robert Fabris Bursary:-

Baedyn McClelland, Jack Wyatt, Jade Lep, Jennifer Apel, Joelle Di Carlo, Katie Nastasi, Rebecca Harrisichfeger, Reegan Phillott, Robert Gargan, Selena Anziliero and Sabrina Mahmut.

Great news for some of our graduating students. This bursary is worth $1 000.

Many of these successful students attended our recent Senior 8 Presentation Parade along with other successful university applicants. Thank you to all those who attended.

UNIVERSITY QUEENSLAND GRADUATES

Two former OP1 students from Mareeba High graduated at UQ today.

Laura Leighton and Sean Watson were both awarded a Bachelor of Science, Laura with a major in Genetics, and Sean with a major in ‘something to do with maths’!

Sean will go on to do an Honours year next year at the School of Mathematics.

Laura completed her final semester with straight 7s and was awarded the Dean’s Commendation for High Achievement in 4 out her 6 semesters at UQ. She will do an Honours year next year at the Queensland Brain Institute.

Christina Ellacott — Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Senior Teacher

NEW STAFF FOR 2014

Name: Gary Tudehope
Teaching Subject(s): Maths, Science
Background: previously at Woree SHS
Special Interests: Golf and cycling.

Name: Bryan Alford
Teaching Subject(s): Engineering Studies & Technology, Furnishing Studies, Career Development, Information Technology Design & Manufacturing, Graphics and Science
Background: I am from the Atherton Tablelands and am a qualified Tradesman. I have worked both locally and overseas in various forms of construction and mining.
Special Interests: Water skiing, Footy (league, union and touch) and fishing.

Name: Samantha Stebbing
Teaching Subject(s): HPE and English
Background: I have just moved here from Noosa on the Sunshine Coast.
Special Interests: I love the beach, travelling and sport

Name: Sarah Weinholz
Area/Role: Youth Support
Background: Automotive/Mechanics, Truck Driving, Family Support, Youth Engagement
Special Interests: Church, Fishing, Camping, Travelling, Poverty Awareness, Touch Football, Table Tennis.

YEAR 8 PARENT NIGHT

Year 8 Parent Night Sausage Sizzle

When: Monday 17th February 5:00—6:00pm
Where: Mareeba State High School Under D Block
Who: All parents/guardians of Year 8 students and all Year 8 students
RSVP: School Office 4086 2777
Wednesday 12th February
Aaron O’Neill — Year 8 Co-ordinator

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Saturday 22nd February - for parents of primary school aged children

Sessions include:
- Identification and psychometric (IQ) testing: why, how, when
- Parenting sensitive gifted children
- Motivating gifted children to develop their abilities
- Gifted children, their friendships and relationships
- Gifted children with learning and other disabilities
- Advocating for your child in the school system

Sunday 23rd February - for parents of high school students and for parents of younger children who want to be prepared for adolescence.

Sessions include:
- Understanding the gifted adolescent
- Maintaining motivation in the secondary years
- Mental health, resilience and emotional well-being
- Developing academic and study skills
- Computers, gaming, social media and the gifted adolescent
- Making a successful transition to university and careers

Cost: $150 (incl GST) per day, $125 Early Bird Registration by 10th Feb. Register: http://www.trybooking.com/DZDV

Venue: Stuartholme School, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong. Further information: michele@clearingskies.com.au or lindywalsh@gmail.com

SCHOLA SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The 2013 Schola Magazine is available from the main school office.

2013 Schola Magazine $27.00 each

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Saturday 3rd May, 2014 at 2pm

★ Trivia Night ★
Saturday 22nd Feb. 2014 at 6.30pm

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For more information call Sonya on 0427 692 230.