INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

McKinlay roars again!!!!
On Wednesday, 24th February we held our annual interhouse swimming carnival at the Mareeba Memorial Swimming Pool. It was a great day with all houses demonstrating enthusiastic spirit and participating well in all events. We had a large number of records broken throughout the day, Joshua Theakston broke 2 separate records that had been held for 20 years. Our age champions were:

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Our overall House placings were 1st – McKinlay, 2nd Leichhardt, 3rd Kennedy and 4th Gregory. Thank you to Mareeba Swimming Club for the use of equipment and facilities, Mareeba memorial swimming pool staff and all staff and parents who assisted on the day.

Michelle Cifuentes—Teacher, Sports Co-ordinator

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTISHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS
Year 10 Student, Brendon Stafford is now working at Northern Auto Electrical completing a Certificate III in Automotive Electrical through Skills360

Fiona Lane—VET Admin Officer

PRINCIPAL’S WORDS
On Wednesday, 2nd March we had the pleasure of hosting Dr George Otero from the Relational Institute in New Mexico. He facilitated two major sessions for both Mareeba SS and our school. The purpose of the meetings was to commence the formation of a P-12 plan for our whole community. I participated in the Learning Walk at Mareeba SS with the Parent group. It was great to see the collaboration between our schools. The day commencing with our students working with the Primary students to open “The Big Day Out” with traditional dancing. A big thanks to Gary Davis who assisted with the coordination. The parents who were present at the Learning Walk certainly had some great feedback for the school.

The community meeting on Wednesday allowed the second stage in the community engagement plan to occur at our school. Community Learning was the target for the session between 12 and 2 to help us set a direction for the next step in the development of a plan of action. Many thanks to the people who turned up for this session. The engagement of our community is vital for us to offer the best possible outcomes for each and every student.

With three weeks to go, exams will be in full force over the next few weeks. Attendance will be vital each and every day. Have a great week.

Scott Whybird—Principal

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please phone 4086 2766 or email attendance@mareebashs.eq.edu.au

DATE CLAIMERS

7th March
* District Swimming Carnival

8th March
* Whole School Parade
* P&C Meeting

14th—24th March
* In class Exams

15th March
* Whole School Parade

16th March
* Learning Support Parent Information Night

22nd March
* Whole School Parade

OFFICE HOURS
School Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am — 3:30pm
Tuesday 8:00am—3:15pm

P & C ASSOCIATION
NEXT MEETING
P&C Meeting
Tuesday 8th March
5:30PM
Venue: Common Room
Everyone Welcome
pandc@mareebashs.eq.edu.au

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Telephone 07 4086 2777 • Fax 07 4092 3915 • E-mail: principal@mareebashs.eq.edu.au • Web http://mareebashs.eq.edu.au
If your child is struggling with school work come along this may help.

Viewing of: The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia

Presenting:

Bill Spooner—Coaching Academy

Information on Irlen Syndrome and Dyslexia

When: Wednesday 16th March
Time: 5.30 – 7.00
Where: Mareeba State High School Hall
Nibbles Provided
RSVP: Morning of 16/03/16 for catering

Fun at the Pool
Great day for all students attending the Mareeba State High School Swimming Carnival.
Mickayla Strudwick, Rhonda Bong and Jessica Vaughan pushing the limits in the water joining her peers.
Michelle Burgess—Head of Learning Support

Learn to Sail Classes
Tinaroo Sailing Club is running a Start Sailing 1 course over the Easter Weekend. The course is designed to provide a safe and enjoyable introduction to small boat sailing and is open to people of all ages.
When - Saturday 26 March and Sunday 27 March, 9.00 am to 3.30 each day
Tinaroo Sailing Club has qualified instructors and will provide boats. Please be prepared to get wet and have fun.
Full details of the course are on the Tinaroo Sailing Club website under the Learn to Sail tab or alternatively contact Tony Sutton on 4054 2716.
http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-10000-0-0-0

Maths News
* Maths Homework Class will commence next week in E02 during 1st Recess. All students welcomed.
* Maths Calculators are available to purchase from Student Services (A block) for $20 ea.
Anna Newlands—HOD Mathematics

Community
Opportunity to Play on Weekends!!
North Cairns Tigers Juniors wish to invite any interested. Students, Boys or Girls of all ages, to contact us and discuss options for playing AFL. Our Season is set to start next month and we have an array of opportunities to join teams for Weekend Competition. If you want to have a look www.northcairnstigers.com.au
If you have any questions feel free to phone Gavin Ham—0412461999

School Phones
The school has a new answering service to assist in providing a more efficient service to parents.
The options are:
1. Student Enquiries, Absences, First Aid and Accounts Payable
2. Student Payments, Excursions and School Fees
3. Administration, Curriculum, The Principal, Deputies and Contractors
4. Student Enrolments
5. Other

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