It has been very busy for over the last few weeks leading up to block exams and reporting. Reports are due to be issued next week and parent-teacher interviews will be held the week after on Tuesday 12 April from 3.30pm-7.30pm. It is important that you discuss the contents of the report with your child. Reflecting on their own progress this term and making new goals for the future is very important. Also, we know that student interest and willingness to learn increases considerably when they know that their parents and teachers communicate often about their progress. I encourage all parents to attend these interviews with your child. If you cannot attend on the 12th April, please contact your child’s Year Coordinator, who can arrange an alternative meeting time or format for you.

Last Thursday and Friday, the school participated in a teaching and learning audit. The purpose of the audit is to identify strengths and weaknesses across eight key areas. The areas are:

- An explicit improvement agenda,
- Analysis and discussion of data,
- A culture that promotes learning,
- Targeted use of school resources,
- An expert teaching team,
- Systematic curriculum delivery,
- Differentiated classroom learning, and
- Effective teaching practices. The possible ratings are Outstanding, High, Medium and Low.

The school was audited in 2010 and at that time the school received 4 Highs and 4 Mediums across the 8 areas. This year, the auditor was Trevor Gordon, a former Mareeba SHS Principal. Trevor expressed his joy at being able to reconnect with the Mareeba community and to see how the school has progressed over time. The provisional report indicates that again the school will again receive 4 Highs and 4 Mediums.

The school has improved, particularly in the Analysis and Discussion of Data area with the work in the Mathematics area being exemplary. The full report will be shared in the next few weeks when it becomes available.

Over the weekend, an asbestos decontamination process occurred in a number of buildings across the school. An Occupational Hygienist has overseen this work, and has declared all the affected areas as safe. As a result of the above process, some school resources and student work has been quarantined. This means that there will be a decrease in resources for a short period of time until they can be replaced. The safety of all staff and students is our main priority, and although this situation is regrettable, it is essential in ensuring everyone’s safety. Asbestos does remain safely contained within the school, and is being progressively removed through the Asbestos Removal Program. This work occurs during school holidays to minimise impact, and to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

Lastly, the school holidays this term is a little different from past years. Friday 15 April is a student-free day. Staff will be working on improving their online curriculum planning skills and ICT integration for the day. The break continues until Wednesday 27 April after the ANZAC Day and Easter Monday holidays. The school’s ANZAC Day ceremony will be held on Friday 29 April at 8.50am. Many of our students will also be involved in community ANZAC Day ceremonies on Monday 25 April. Remembering that we value having a peaceful society and that many have died to uphold this value is an important message which our young people need to have reinforced.

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill
Acting Principal
First Interschool Tournament

On Friday 4 March, two teams from our School’s Chess Club attended the Interschool Regional Chess Tournament in Cairns. This was the first tournament for the year and initial indications are that Mareeba State High School is once again going to be highly competitive.

At this tournament, students played both on an individual and on a team basis. This first tournament is designed to gauge the talent of individuals and the school teams for future tournaments. This will ensure students play at their respective level and the competition is as challenging as possible for them. Our ‘Kings’ team captain, Daniel Hudson achieved a 5.5 out of a possible 7 and this helped the team to be placed third overall.

Our new students from Year 8 – Marc Fauni, Jackson Brown and Sam Harris – also did our school proud by achieving their first competitive wins by mornings end. The highlight of the tournament was Marc Fauni’s result which equalled 5.5 out of a possible 7 and this ranked him 6th place overall. He was presented with a pennant to highlight this great achievement.

All students had a great time and are to be congratulated on their fine effort.

Many thanks go to the parents who gave up their time and supported our students. A special ‘thank you’ must go to Mrs Glynis Hudson for assisting in the transportation on the day.

The Value of HPE

What is health and physical education?

Health and physical education (HPE) promotes the value of physical activity in students’ lives. It gives students opportunities to learn about and practice ways of working with others and adopt and maintain a healthy, productive and active life.

HPE also involves students learning through challenging and enjoyable movement experiences, and improving their capacity to move with skill and confidence in a variety of contexts.

What does HPE mean for students?

HPE studies allow students to:
- participate in regular and varied physical education experiences
- promote the health of their community, and to make informed decisions relating their own health and safety and that of others
- develop and refine personal and social skills to promote positive interactions with others, be resilient and manage their own lives.

Mareeba State High School’s HPE faculty motivates students to produce high quality practical performances as well as justified & informative theoretical assessments. Some of our graduating seniors for 2011, pictured below, are preparing for their recreation studies exam on badminton and tournament organisation.


RAW DANCE

On Friday 18th March, 40 students from Years 9 to 12 travelled to Cairns Civic Theatre to attended Project X, a live dance performance by the Raw Dance Company from Brisbane. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the action-packed show of Tap dancing, live music, beatboxing and being able to meet the performers at the end of the night. Thank you to all staff that assisted with the evening.

DIRECT DEBIT

Urgent – A parent is paying money into the school bank account without any details of who the payment is for. Please contact the school as soon as possible to enable us to deduct the amount from the student’s fees.
Our Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to mix with Former Origin Greats (FOGS) and look to planning their future when they attended the Career Expo in Cairns last week at the entertainment centre. There were many photo and autograph opportunities for our students and a wide range of employer stalls, all giving great advice to our students as they investigated differing career pathways. The students were great ambassadors for Mareeba State High School and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

2011 AFL Season Starting – Join in the Fun
The 2011 AFL Cairns Juniors season is about to get under way and it’s still not too late to join up. AFL is for boys and girls from U8s through to U18s and there are many clubs to choose from in the Cairns area. U8 to U14 play on Sundays, U16 on Friday nights, and U18 on Wednesday nights. Keep fit and active, learn the skills and make new friends. Contact AFL Cairns Juniors on 40423000, visit the website www.cairnsjuniors.aflq.com.au or call you local club on the numbers below:
Nth Cairns 0423 349 133, Centrals/Trinity Beach 0410 490 033, Pyramid Power (Gordonvale) 0417 702 032, Cairns City Lions (Redlynch) 0414 768 859, Cairns Hawks (Cazalya) 0416 006 768, Port Douglas 0427 984 112, Sth Cairns (Fretwell Park) 0418 257 421, Cairns Saints (Griffith Park) 0414 718 105

CHANGE OF DATE
Year 6/7 Parent Information Night
17th May 2011 at 7.00 pm
Mareeba State High School Science Auditorium

STUDENT FEES
Text and Hire Fees and subject charges were due on 28th March.
If you have not paid these or organized a payment plan please do so as soon as possible.

Mornington Island Dance Troupe
Students from Years 8 & 9, and visiting primary schools enjoyed the traditional music and dancing of the Mornington Island dancers on 15th March.
### Competitions for 2011

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| Australian Informatics Competition | Run by Australian Mathematics Trust  
- 6 Multiple Choice and  
- 9 more challenging,  
- determine the answer format (1 hour)  
- 3 papers, Junior (7-8), Inter (9-10),  
- Senior (11-12)  
- Semi-mathematical questions related to computing.  
- [www.amt.edu.au/aicsample.html](http://www.amt.edu.au/aicsample.html) | Thursday 19th May | Thursday 14th April | $5.00 |
| Australasian Schools Mathematics Assessment (ICAS) | The University of New South Wales  
- 40 questions  
- (mainly multiple choice) (1 hour)  
- 5 papers (1 for each yr level)  
- [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) | Tuesday 16th August | Thursday 14th April | $7.00 |
| Australian Mathematics Competition | Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards  
- 25 Multiple Choice, 5 other  
- 1½ hours  
- 3 papers – (Yr 8); (Yr 9&10); (Yr11 & 12)  
- [www.amt.edu.au/eventsamc.html](http://www.amt.edu.au/eventsamc.html) | Thursday 4th August | Thursday 14th April | $5.00 |

**Total Cost** $arrant
# Easter Holiday Activities

**Bookings Essential Prior to Event**

For more information visit [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au)

Any updates or amendments to this schedule will be provided on the TRC website at "[http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/mycommunity](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au/mycommunity)".

Please check the website to ensure there has been no changes. This was accurate at time of printing.

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<td>1/04/2011</td>
<td>Herberton Shire Hall 40 Grace Street</td>
<td>National Youth Week Rock It Out - BBQ &amp; Disco</td>
<td>12 to 17</td>
<td>7:30am to 10:30am</td>
<td>Shiralee McHardie 40434 111</td>
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<td>Spend four hours (11am - 3pm) at Cairns Wildlife Safari Reserve. Bus pick-ups from Julatten, Mareeba, Koah and Kuranda.</td>
<td>Ages 10 to 18 in Julatten, Mareeba, Koah and Kuranda areas.</td>
<td>Various, depending on pick-up site. 9am - 5pm (Julatten)</td>
<td>Judy Beattie 40926 899</td>
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<td>Cairns Recreation Centre</td>
<td>Spend four hours (11am - 3pm) at Cairns Recreation Centre. Bus pick-ups from Chillagoe, Dimbulah and Mareeba.</td>
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<td>Movie &amp; McDonalds</td>
<td>McDonalds for lunch, then a movie at around 1pm. (Movie titles TBA later) Bus pick-ups from Malanda, Herberton and Atherton.</td>
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<td>14/04/2011 until 21/04/2011</td>
<td>Atherton Primary School</td>
<td>Art, Craft, Sport, Games Excursions</td>
<td>Prep to Grade 7</td>
<td>7:30am to 5:30pm</td>
<td>Karl Cannon 40916 079 Atherton Vacation Care</td>
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Double Helix Science Club
April 2011 Holiday Events

Venue: St Augustine’s School, Draper Street, Cairns
Cost: $12 for Double Helix Science Club members
      $15 for non-members (Become a member today. Ask how when you book).
Times: 10:00 – 11:30am OR 12:30 – 2:00pm
      For all sessions, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cairns

Soda Bottle Science
Tuesday 19th April – 10.00 – 11.30am
Wednesday 20th April – 12.30 – 2.00pm
Ages 8-15
Do you have plenty of soft drink bottles at home languishing in the recycling bin?
Why not collect them, bring them to this holiday science program and use them for
science experiments. You will have a chance to make bottle divers, bottle aquaria
and much more. **BYO SOFT DRINK BOTTLES**

MYO Jitterbug

Tuesday 19th April – 12.30 – 2.00pm
Wednesday 20th April – 10.00 – 11.30pm
Ages 6-15
What can you do with an old CD, some paper clips and a motor - create your own lake home jitterbug of course.
Each jitterbug will be uniquely crafted by each participant to give them their own identity. This program requires hot gluing under adult supervision!

PLEASE NOTE! If attending both sessions in one day, please bring your lunch!

Bookings are essential! Contact us on 4725 7887

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- Please cancel bookings if you can’t make it as there are often waiting lists for events.

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- The Newman Hotel
- Shrubbery
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- Fire Seafood Restaurant
- The Pong Sun
- Montezuma’s
- Hog’s Breath Cafe
- Oceans Woodfire Cuisine
- Fusion 15
- The Australian Hotel
- and many more...

Informal Dining and Takeaway
- Hungry Jack’s
- Upfront
- Red Rooster
- Brumbies
- Wendy’s
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- Cafe Kambri
- Maze Buzz
- Donut King
- New Zealand Natural
- Gourmetismo
- Eagle Boys
- Pizza Capers
- Bank Royston
- Chili Jam
- Galle
- Sushi Life
- Worktop and many more...

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- Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium
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- The Silver Series Live & Snorkel
- Magnetic Island Sunrises
- Ulla Bache
- Bird Carrol & Cafe Cinemas
- Fusions of Paradise
- Flying Hunter Adventures
- Baking Saddles
- Billabong Sanctuary
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