CONGRATULATIONS to our MUSICAL CAST & CREW
It is difficult to believe that Term Two is nearly over already. A few weeks ago, our Year Nine students completed their NAPLAN tests. The tests show how students have progressed in their literacy and numeracy and also show how they compare to National minimum standards. The results of these tests will be available to parents in Term 4.

Months of preparation and hard work by many finally culminated in the school musical “The Little Shop of Horrors” last week. There were a series of great performances from our young people whether on the stage acting, performing in the band or behind the scenes moving sets, assisting with props, make-up, sound and lighting. A very special thank you to the Visual and Performing Arts team led by Kylie Lambert and her director Luke Vanni and the many other staff, parents and sponsors who helped out in many ways to make the production such a success.

I had a fabulous opportunity to increase my knowledge of local indigenous language and culture at the recent excursion to Undara. They excursion included both high and primary school students and I received many unsolicited comments about how well our students behaved. Well done!

Block exams for senior students begin next week for students in Yrs. 11-12. If you have not seen your child’s exam timetable, please call the office and a copy can be emailed to you. Regardless of a young person’s pathway, book exam time is a chance to perform well in the exam or make sure that all the required assessment is completed and up-to-date. Parents should receive the semester report cards in the first week of the June break. A letter will go home this week with your child’s attendance so far this year. If there are any unexplained absences, please let the office staff know the reason for the absence so we can adjust our information so the report card is as accurate as possible.

Lastly, the athletics carnival is on the last two days this term. I expect all students to attend on these days and compete, or if unable, they need to be cheering their friends and classmates along. Remember everyday counts.

Warm regards to all families
Jo Soothill
Acting Principal

**Chess - A Very Pleasing Result**

The Far North Queensland Chess Tournament was held in Cairns on Tuesday the 17th May. Mareeba SHS was well represented by 10 of our best chess players. Due to their continued high ranking, our number one team, ‘The Kings’ was invited to play in the premier division.

During the full-day tournament they improved with each game. After each student had played seven games, our team managed to win by the smallest of margins – point 5. Well done! The team members were (L-R) Daniel Hudson (Capt), Shawn Chynoweth, Marc Fauni and Robert Gargan. This team has a very bright future!

Five of our school’s players also won individual awards. They were Robert Gargan, Daniel Hudson, Marc Fauni, Shawn Chynoweth and Zacari Roy who represented our school for the first time. Well done to all!

Far North Queensland Tournament - Teams Chess Champions
Mareeba State High School – The ‘Kings’ Chess Team

**NOTICE REGARDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

The school office/grounds will be closed to all personnel due to asbestos removal from Saturday 25th June to 3rd July.
Cambodia Trip 2011

This September a group of Year 12 students, along with Mrs Daly and Mr Ralph, are undertaking a trip to Cambodia for 10 days. We will be volunteering our assistance at the New Hope Cambodia Project, which provides everything from education for over four hundred students, to providing casual jobs for illiterate labourers.

So far we have organised a number of fundraising activities, such as a sausage sizzle, selling bags and Fresh fruit at the markets, morning teas, movie nights, a pie drive and a pasta night. This fundraising is to help offset some of our expenses and to help support the New Hope Cambodia Project.

Your support would be so greatly appreciated. Any donation of money or items suitable for young children, such as clothing, sporting equipment, stationery etc, would be gratefully accepted.

If you would like to make a donation could you please contact Lucy Daly in the Library - Phone: 4086 2752. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

PROTECT YOUR KIDS FROM DRUG USE:
10 Ways to Encourage your kids to talk about drugs

1. Be an Active part of their lives
Make sure you set aside time to spend with your kids. Take an interest in their activities and establish a routine for doing things with them. Spending time as a family is important – a simple way to do this can be to eat together every day.

2. Listen to Your Kids
Showing that you’re willing to listen will help your kids feel more comfortable about listening to you. During a conversation, try not to interrupt them or react in way that will stop the discussion.

3. Be a Role Model
When it comes to drugs, there is no such thing as “do as I say, not as I do”. If you take drugs yourself, you can’t expect our kids to behave differently.

4. Be Honest with Them
It’s natural that you won’t necessarily know everything about drugs. So while it’s important to be informed, you shouldn’t pretend to have answers to every question. Be Prepared to say, “I don’t know but I’ll find out for you”. If you’re honest and clear about where you stand, your kids will find it easier to be honest with you.

5. Choose Your Moment
Make sure you pick the right time to discuss drugs with your kids, by looking for natural opportunities as they arise. This might be when you’re all watching TV, or when talking about someone in their friendship group or at school. Don’t let an opportunity to reinforce the message slip by.

6. Be Calm
When it comes to talking about drugs, being calm and rational is important, and it is important not to overreact.

7. Avoid Conflict
It’s difficult to solve a problem where there’s conflict. Try to see their point of view, while encouraging them to understand yours. If a confrontation does develop, stop the conversation and come back to it when you’re both calmer.

8. Keep Talking
Once you’ve had one discussion about drugs, it’s important to have another. Start talking to your kids about drugs early, and be willing to talk to them about the issue at any time. Reinforcing the message is important, without turning it into a lecture.

9. Set Clear Boundaries
Generally kids expect and appreciate some ground rules. By actively involving your kids in setting the rules, you can encourage them to take more responsibility for sticking to them. Once you’ve decided on these rules, enforce them, and let your kids know the consequences of breaking them. Discuss and agree upon ways your kids will act if they find themselves in situations where drugs are present. For example, let them know that you’ll always collect them if they need you to, whatever the hour, make it clear that it’s better not to put themselves in a situation where they are likely to be exposed to drugs in the first place.

10. Focus on Positives
Be sure to reward your kids’ good behaviour and emphasise the things they do well. Encourage them to feel good about themselves and let them know that they deserve respect and should demonstrate respect themselves.

Due to the school introducing the new ONE SCHOOL System people who pay by BPAY need the new Biller Code: 143511. Statements will be mailed home next week which will have your reference number.
**Message from the School Based Police Officer**

**Drugs...**

Well the last month has certainly been a very busy month. With the assistance of the Lotus Glen Dog Squad we presented to the year 8, 11 and 12 students a drug and alcohol awareness program. During the presentation the students were provided with information in relation to the physical/short and long term effects of drug use. Students were shown synthetic examples of various types of drugs, in differing forms they were also shown a power point presentation which included general information and ‘real life’ photos of drug users, drug labs and drug paraphernalia.

The Louts Glen Dog Squad Officers brought their passive alert detection dogs (PADD) into the classroom and demonstrated how they search and detect drugs on a person. They also informed the students as to how the dogs are selected and trained and how they are utilised within our correctional facilities. The relationship between the Lotus Glen Dog Squad and the Queensland Police is another step in providing our children with better drug awareness program.

**Unfortunately this month we have seen a spike in Cyberbullying and as a result we have been dealing with students involved with school yard fights. The inappropriate use of mobile phones and social networking sites such as Facebook, DivaChat and Twitter is becoming more and more prevalent amongst our teenagers. Presentations have been delivered to all of the students regarding Cyberbullying, so most of the students should be aware of the personal risks and legalities of participating in this type of behaviour. Under Commonwealth Legislation these offences carry severe penalties:**

- **Use a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence**
  - PENALITY: 3 years imprisonment

- **Use a carriage service to make a threat to cause serious harm**
  - PENALITY: 7 years imprisonment

- **Use a carriage service to make a threat to kill**
  - PENALITY: 10 years imprisonment

As part of a joint initiative between the Queensland Police and Mareeba State High School, during the month of June, we will be introducing the ‘Stop Harassing Me’ postcard, with the aim to reduce the number of incidents occurring. If a student is being harassed, bullied or threatened by another they should inform one of the deputy principals. Once the Deputy Principal has viewed the messages, they will then issue the bully with a postcard which asks them to cease their behaviour, in the event that the bullying does not cease the matter will be forwarded to myself or the local police station for further investigation and charges against the bully may be laid.

I encourage all parents/caregivers to continually monitor their child’s activity on the internet and mobile phones to ensure that they are using it appropriately and are not being a party to bullying. If you would like any information or advice I can be contacted on directly on 07 40 303 306 or through the school administration and the local police station.

Stay safe.

Sue Gill
Acting Senior Constable 25498  School Based Police Officer
Mareeba District  (07) 40 303 306  Gill.SusanA@police.qld.gov.au

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**SCHOOL OF ROCK BAND COMPETITION**

Atherton Show will be jumping again with the musical talent of our local school students.

Sponsored by Cairns AV Hire, the School of Rock Band Competition is open to all local school students in Year 7 and above. Entries will be grouped in two categories: Solo/Duo Act and Band. Each band will play 3 or 4 songs, and at least two must be cover tunes.

Bands will perform before a live audience at the Atherton Show on Tuesday the 12th of July at the Atherton Showgrounds. Performances will be judged by a panel of industry judges based on the following criteria: musicianship, quality of performance, and showmanship. Cash prizes will be given for Best and Runner-up, and this year we have added an award for Best Original Composition.

There are limited timeslots, so get in quick. Entries must be received by Friday 24th June 2011. (Forms attached)

The competition is open to all local school students in Year 7 and above. Bands will perform at the Atherton Show on Tuesday the 12th of July at the Atherton Showgrounds. Cash prizes will be given for Best and Runner-up, and Best Original Composition. More information and entry forms are available from your school office or on the web at www.athertonshow.com.au
The Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS) is the flagship of the Science Foundation for Physics, with a forty-five-year history and a reputation as the best program of its kind in the world.

The ISS is a free science educational program run biennially by the Science Foundation for Physics within the University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. In 2011 the ISS is held over a two-week period in the University of Sydney and will run from 3-16 July. The theme for ISS2011 is Light & Matter.

Places at the school are limited to around 150 world wide. Only 5 places are reserved for Queensland. Mareeba SHS is very proud that Brenden Crago, Year 11, has made it through the rigorous selection process and will take part in some fantastic high level science. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for any student, and Brenden is “stoked” to be chosen to go.

Robotics:

Around 20 students from years 7-11 attended a Robotics Workshop hosted at Mareeba SHS on Thursday 26th May.

Two PhD students from the University of Queensland, Ms Marie Boden (Coordinator of UQ’s School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering) and Ms Elizabeth Alpert (UQ Research Scholar and Tutor) ensured the students were engaged in above level and intensive work programming robots and understanding the fundamentals of robotics. Three Year 11 students were given some in-depth hands on experience and enjoyed the expertise of the UQ presenters.

All students enjoyed the experience, and both Mareeba SHS and Mareeba SS intend to work closely together to further develop Robotics experiences for those interested.

The Robotics workshop was sponsored by the Business Liaison Association, Cairns, and Morning tea was donated by the G&T program at Mareeba SHS.

Mr John Sellars, the organising teacher and Mr Andrew Deacon (School IT Technician) have already begun working with interested students. They hope to purchase some new equipment for robotics at the school to add to the $700 worth of equipment that has already been donated by the school’s G&T program.

Youth Parliament

Mareeba State High School students Tarleigh Smith-Wotton (Cook) and Taymin Harvey (Barron River) have been selected to represent two northern electorates. The YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament has been run by young people for well over a decade and has provided an apolitical environment where participants can engage with community issues as youth representatives. As well as providing an important link for Youth to influence government. QYP is a fantastic opportunity for participants to improve confidence through interacting with participants of varying backgrounds and opinions.

TRC Mayor Tom Gilmore presented Tarleigh and Taymin with cheques for $200 each from the Council to support the students with travel expenses to Brisbane.

“Having our young people learn the value and importance of democracy in Australia through experiences such as the Youth Parliament is a very important part of citizenship, and Tablelands Regional Council is pleased to support Tarleigh and Taymin in this way” he said, addressing the whole school parade.

Defence Technical Scholarships

A record nine students applied for a Defence Technical Scholarship this year. Students had to research a technical trade in the Defence Forces, and then write a response to an emergency scenario. They had obtain two references, and chase down a lot of paperwork. All nine students attended several meetings with Miss Ellacott to ensure that their applications were of the highest quality.

It is very gratifying to be able to announce that all nine students were successful in their applications, and have been awarded scholarships.

Six Year 11 students have been awarded $2000 each: Brenden Crago, Rebecca Martens, Jordan McDougall, Tyler Sclippa, Amos Stephens and Aimee Wildman

Three Year 12 students have been awarded $3000 each: Andrew Egan, Steven Parisotto and Christopher Price

This makes a total of $21,000 worth of scholarships awarded to students at Mareeba High. The scholarships are intended to help students pay for their continuing education either at high school or at tertiary level.
PORT DOUGLAS JUNIORS AFL FOOTBALL CLUB

Invites interested boys and girls to join the PORT DOUGLAS CROCS

Under 14’s (grades 8 & 9) AFL players wanted to compete in the 2011 AFL Cairns Junior Competition

Fielding teams in U8’s, U10’s, U12’s, U14’s, U16’s and U18 ½’s

Train locally on the Tablelands and play with us on weekends.

For more information contact: Rod Davidson (Club President) on 0427984112 or 40984112

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“Australia’s Tropical Tableland Show”

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BAND ENTRY

School of Rock

Band Competition 2011

Band Entry Form

Please submit this form with details of your band, and a Member Details form for each person participating (i.e., if there are 5 band members, please fill in 5 Member Details forms).

All entries MUST be received by Friday June 24th, 2011, with $15 entry fee per band.

Band Name: ...................................................................................................................... No of Members

Category:  □ Solo  □ Duet  □ Band  □ No of Passes

Genre:  □ Classic Rock  □ Country  □ Blues  □ Metal

□ Other ............................................................................................................................

Name of Song 1 ................................................................................................................. Original Artist

Name of Song 2 ................................................................................................................. Original Artist

Name of Song 3 ................................................................................................................. Original Artist

Name of Song 4 ................................................................................................................. Original Artist

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School of Rock
Band Competition 2011

Musician Details Form - All entries MUST be received by Friday June 24th, 2011.

Please submit one of these Member Details form for each person participating (ie, if there are 5 band members, please fill in 5 Member Details forms). Also fill in one Band Entry Form with details of your band.

Band Name: ......................................................
Musician Name ............................................. Age ................ Grade ................
School ........................................................... Instrument ................................
Address ...................................................... Town ........................................
Telephone .................................................. Email ........................................

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above child under the age of 18 years. My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to the terms of the Official Rules and approve my child’s participation in this competition.

First name ................................................. Surname ........................................
Signature .................................................. Date ...........................................

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School of Rock
Band Competition 2011

Official Rules and General Information

How it Works

✓ Each band will play 3 or 4 songs, and at least two must be cover tunes.
✓ Bands will perform before a live audience at the Atherton Show on Tuesday the 12th of July at the Atherton Showgrounds.
✓ Limited timeslots are available and will be allocated after entry closing date.
✓ Acts will be judged by a panel of industry professionals.
✓ A stage equipped with microphones, amplifiers and a drum kit will be made available for use by all performers. Also available are DJs, CD player, front house PA, and stage monitors.
✓ If any other instrument is required, musicians must bring their own.
✓ Entry to the Showgrounds will be available through the side gate from Lions Park on the corner of Robert and Vernon Streets.
✓ Passes (wristbands) will be provided and must be worn, not carried.

How to Enter

✓ Read the official rules.
✓ If you are under 18 years old, please also ask your parents to read the official rules.

✓ Select your songs.
✓ Complete the band entry form, and a musician details form for each band member, including parent’s signature. Nominate a Band Representative.
✓ Return the form and entry fee to the Atherton Show office or the office at your school before close of business Friday 24th June 2011.
✓ Wait for confirmation and allocation of your timeslot. The Band Representative will be contacted with details.
✓ Turn up 30 minutes before your allotted time.

Official Rules

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to all local school students in year 7 and above.
2. Entries will be grouped in two categories: solo/duo act and band.
3. Bands must include at least three members and no more than six.
4. Bands and each of their members must be amateurs and have never signed a commercial recording contract.
5. Bands and each of their members must be currently registered at a school as a student.
6. Music may not include any inappropriate language or messages. Final approval of songs will be at the discretion of the judges.
7. All bands must act in a professional and courteous manner or be subject to disqualification.
8. Bands who have won in the previous year may still perform, but will only be eligible to win the Best Original Composition.

Entering

9. One key contact must be designated as the representative of the band. The representative must complete the official entry form.
10. A parent or legal guardian of each band member must agree, on behalf of his/her child to the terms of these official rules and participation in this contest by signing in the space indicated on the musician details form.
11. Once complete, the official entry form must be printed and submitted to the Atherton Show Society directly or via the office at the students’ school.
12. The Atherton Show Society will not acknowledge any entry not meeting all entry requirements (including a parent or legal guardian’s signature) and will disqualify those entries.
13. Limit one entry per band.
15. All entries must be received no later than close of business Friday June 24th, 2011.
16. An entry fee of $15 is payable with your application.
17. Free gate passes will be issued as follows: one (1) pass per performer/band member and two (2) passes maximum per school for teachers.
18. An exception may be made for solo acts, who may request one (1) extra pass for an assistant.
19. No extra passes will be issued for family, crew, or any other person.
20. Passes will be issued once only, and replacement passes will not be available.
21. No vehicle access will be available onto the Showgrounds.

Judging

22. Performances will be judged by a panel of industry judges based on the following criteria: musicianship, quality of performance and showmanship.
23. The judge’s decision will be final.
24. In the event of a tie, the entries will be re-judged by another representative appointed by the Atherton Show Society.

Prizes

25. One (1) First Prize of $400 Cash will be payable to the Band Representative.
26. One (1) -Runner Up Prize of $200 Cash will be payable to the Band Representative.
27. One (1) Best Original Composition Prize of $100 Cash will be payable to the Band Representative.
28. It is the responsibility of the Band Representatives to distribute the prize money fairly amongst band members.

General

29. All participants are to follow the directions given by the sound technician.
30. Sound levels may be controlled and limited.
31. The Atherton Show shall have no liability and will be held harmless for any liability, loss, injury or damage to entrants or any other person or entity, including personal injury, death or damage to personal or real property, due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by reason of participation in this contest or the acceptance of a prize, including without limitation, travel, the activities associated with performing in or participating in this contest or any related travel.