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Parent/Teacher Interviews – 20 July
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Cairns Show - 22 July

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Yr 9 & 12 Maths Camp – 27/28/29 July
P&C Meeting – 9 Aug (5.30pm)

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Week 3:
Year 7 Transition Program
Year 10 Work Experience

McKINLAY - 2011 Winners

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

PROJECTS 2011:
- Leichhardt
- Kennedy
- Gregory

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Congratulations to Adrian Madrid who has been awarded this very prestigious Award. The award is presented to students for outstanding sporting achievements and commendable sporting behaviour. Adrian has been invited to attend the official presentation ceremony to be held in Brisbane.

Mareeba State High School recently held the annual Athletics Carnival over two ‘action packed’ days of competition.

Girls Aggregate Trophy was won by Leichhardt Boys Aggregate and Overall Trophy were won by McKinlay.

Following are the results:

**Age Champions**

13 Girls - Kayla McCarthy
13 Boys – Nicholas Panetta
14 Girls – Tjana Furnari-Southam
14 Boys – Joshua Pin
15 Girls – Kirsten Falvo
15 Boys – Baedyn McClelland
16 Girls – Megan Boston
16 Boys – Azza Gutchen

Open Girls – Beth Crowley
Open Boys – Wade Heathfield

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day.

Last Thursday the State Government announced that Year 7 will become part of high school in Queensland by 2015.

The introduction of Prep in 2007 and raising the Year 1 entry age by six months the following year in 2008 means that by 2015 our Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of schooling and more than half of these students will turn 13 during the year. This is the right time for them to start high school. These students are looking for new learning challenges by this time.

The decision to move Year 7, and introduce Junior Secondary in state schools to support the transition of Years 7, 8 and 9, was made after extensive consultation last year during forums with parents and school communities around the state. Junior Secondary will be introduced by 2013 for Years 8 and 9, and will be in place to welcome our Year 7 students in 2015.

This important reform is of great benefit to students because it means they will have the same learning opportunities as their interstate counterparts once the Australian Curriculum is introduced. High school is a good environment for this age

**Welcome back to Term 3.** Shortly before the break I happily accepted the permanent job as Principal. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to lead and further improve outcomes for our young people over the coming years. The school has been identified as a National Partnership school by the federal government. The consequence of this is that the school will receive over $500,000 each year for the next 4 years to further improve the learning opportunities for our young people. The funds must be used to improve in the following areas:

- All students are successfully engaged in learning.
- Young people are meeting basic literacy and numeracy standards, and overall levels of literacy and numeracy achievement are improving.
- Schooling promotes the social inclusion and reduces the education disadvantage of children, especially indigenous children.
- Australian students excel by international standards.
- Young people make a successful transition from school to work and further study.
- Community confidence in the capability of schools.

The school already has great results in many of these areas and over the next few weeks, I will be holding some parent forums to share information about the program and seek input from you again about how we can further improve the educational opportunities for our young people in Mareeba. I hope that at least one parent/carer from each household can attend and provide input at one of these meetings.

We have a few busy weeks ahead: parent-teacher interviews next week and the Yr 7 transition week and Yr 10 work experience both occurring in the week starting 25 July. Again, I appreciate the parental support that you give with these transition activities and parent-teacher interviews. Together we are building a better future.

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill
Principal
Students from Cairns and District schools have united to experience six days of workshops with tutors from Sydney AFTRS (Australian Film, Television and Radio School). The tutors provided insight into the film and television industry as well as giving hands on experience using professional filming and sound equipment. The students represented high schools across the region including Gordonvale SHS, Mossman SHS, Kuranda SHS, Cairns SHS, Mareeba SHS, and Trinity Bay SHS. They nominated to participate in elective streams such as Scriptwriting, Production and Editing. Students were given the opportunity to reflect on and interpret their personal experiences and recollections during Cyclone Yasi and communicate this with short films. They were challenged and motivated throughout scripting, filming and editing to work as a team, discuss ideas and work to individual deadlines. Each area of making the film required focus and decision making. Students had to consider the details of characters and their costumes, access to appropriate and available locations, camera placement, shooting schedules, sound and editing techniques. They had to get their idea across to the audience and work within short, specific time frames to ensure the scripting, filming and editing were completed on time.

The tutors, Tahnee McGuire, Maria Barbagallo and Lucy Gaffy were warm and approachable with many years of professional experience and innovative ideas to share with each group of students. Their ability to motivate students and give them confidence in each area of film making was evident in how each student thoroughly enjoyed the time with them. The solid work ethic and high expectations of the AFTRS tutors ensured that students were galvanized as a team and focused tightly on the deadlines to complete the productions.

The culmination of a frantic week of activity was the screening of the films at COCA. (Centre of Contemporary Art, Cairns).

Seeing two finished productions on a big screen with stereo and a very proud audience of students, teachers, friends and family, students were able to experience their efforts first hand. The quality of both films “Tim Tams” and “Stormchasers” provided students with a very real example of how much they had learnt and experienced throughout each workshop. The skill and professionalism displayed by the tutors had encouraged them into believing in their ideas and how these would evolve into films. The authentic roles and attitudes of the students were remarkable to watch unfold with each day. Their ability to collaborate and work effectively and creatively side-by-side with peers from other schools was commendable. We look
forward to sharing the completed films with a broader audience in the near future.

We would like to thank AFTRS for working with our students and providing a week of professional, highly organised workshops involving important aspects of film-making. This opportunity for students has given them insight into the film industry and experience that will always be valued in their own film-making practice. The following students are congratulated for the time and effort they have put in throughout the duration of each workshop.

Mareeba SHS
Kirby Peters
Jesse Simpson
Justin Davidson
Leslie-Anne Gardner

16 year old Clint Posselt, is one step closer to his dreams thanks to his dedication. Clint has been selected in the North QLD Marlins Under 16 Rugby League squad which was selected from club teams ranging from Thursday Island in the north to Mackay in the south and west to Mt Isa.

The NQ Marlins participated in the state championships in Ipswich from 29th June until 3rd July. Clint was successfully selected for state representation. He then attended trials for national selection at Coonabarabran (NSW) the following week.

Clint is developing as a rugby league player with exceptional talent. Many of his coaches and trainers have commented on both his on-field and off-field dedication. His success on the football field often sees him play a full game; topping 40+ tackles and 20+ hit ups in a 60 minute game.

Being a hooker in a team of professional athletes requires more than just a standard bag of tricks. Stamina and vision allow Clint to emulate one of his idols in Melbourne Storm, Queensland and Australian Hooker, Cameron Smith. He has the entire package, speed, strength, agility, passing game, kicking game and a natural ability to read the play as it is unfolding.

His off-field achievements are vast. He is very well respected among the halls of Mareeba State High School by students and teachers, often achieving straight “A’s” across his subjects. When questioned about his academia he puts it down to a supportive environment coupled with pure dedication to succeed. Once his goals have been set there is no stopping or changing his mind.

Recent achievements include: Northern Pride Under 16’s Best Forward 2011 & Cowboy’s Leagues Club $1000 Academic Scholarship

Free AFL Super Clinic with Richmond Tigers and Gold Coast Suns Players
3.30-5pm Friday 15 July @ Cazaly’s Stadium
Meet and get autographs from Richmond Tigers 3:30pm – 4:00pm and Gold Coast SUNS players from 4:15pm – 4:45pm.
AFL Playground, skills and Sea FM broadcast
Register now for your chance to win a photo with a player.
Email your name, age and phone number to admin@cafl.com.au

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Holiday News

Over the holidays, Mareeba State High students were busy taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities available to them.

Brenden Crago is still at the University of Sydney at the International Science School, and by all accounts is having a fantastic time. He has already won an engineering award, and has the trophy to prove it.

Aleesha Kostuch and Zoey Jones attended the Nuru Gili Indigenous Winter School at the University of New South Wales.

On the second week of the holidays, Year 11 drama student, Brittany Gatto attended a special residential program at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art) in Sydney. The course taught editing, film technique, acting for film and directing for film. Brittany says she thoroughly enjoyed the course, particularly the new experience of acting in front of a camera (rather than on stage) and learning how to edit films.

Some Year 12 students also visited JCU Townsville with Mr Howe at the beginning of this term.

Coming Up:

- Young Queenslander of the Year 2010, Yassmin Abdel-Mageid will be in the school next Tuesday. Yassmin is the Founder and President of Youth Without Borders.

Yassmin is a fourth year Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Queensland and a recipient of the University of Queensland’s Dean’s Excellence scholarship.

Yassmin is an active member in the community and sits on the Board of the Queensland Museum, Queensland Design Council and the Youth Affairs Network of Queensland.

- Next Tuesday July 19th is also the State Final of the Brain Bee Competition – Jennifer Apel, Robert Gargan and Dillon Quintieri will be representing our school in the Individual Finalists round – the fourth consecutive year that we have had students in the final!

- Next week will also see many of our Year 11 students participate in the Engineering Camp at JCU Townsville, with Miss Favale. This is a high level residential program which gives our Maths/Science students a good taste of University life and some challenging activities.

- August 2nd – A full day Gifted & Talented Seminar in Cairns for students in Years 10 and 11. Students will have a full day of above-level challenging activities and a session on time-management and successful study skills. Cost is $40. Bus fare will be covered by donations to the Gifted & Talented program. The presenters are a University lecturer from the UK and a performance coach who works with Olympic Athletes. Interested parents may contact Miss Ellacott by email: cella4@eq.edu.au. Places are filling fast.

- August 4th: Writer’s Workshop for students in years 8,9,10. Our most talented and passionate writers will have the opportunity to spend a whole day with a published author, J.C. Burke, picking up top quality writing tips. This day is run at minimal cost to students, and is sponsored by donations to the G&T program. Interested students should see Miss Ellacott ASAP.

- August 5th: Defence 2020: a full day of high level leadership activities at Rydges Plaza in Cairns. The day is fully catered and FREE for students to attend (except for bus fare!) This day provides a very good leadership program for interested year 10 & 11 students. Students should nominate immediately!

- Later in August: ICAS/UNSW Competition in English will be held at the school. Cost is $7.70 per student. Students may pick up a permission letter from Miss Ellacott.

WINNERS!!

Cambodia Trip $100 Boards

Peter Simpson * Ian Galwey
Phil Cleall * Murray Towne
& Charles Aller

Thanks to everyone who supported our fund-raising activity. Lucy Daly, Tim Ralph and Yr 12 students
Guiding the hands of your child into future successes...

Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE)

Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) is a community based program to engage Parents, Carers and Community Members in supporting and improving the learning outcomes of Indigenous students. It takes dedicated parents/carers and the support of the community to raise healthy and strong children. Indigenous children are our future leaders and carers of tomorrow. Together and in partnership we can make a positive difference in raising Indigenous student learning and achievement.

The PaCE program aims to:
- Support the aspirations of parents/carers and Indigenous students
- Improve educational outcomes for Parents/Carers and Indigenous students
- Develop partnerships with Parents/Caregivers, Elders, Community members and School staff all working together
- Organize cultural activities for parents/carers and whole family gatherings
- Deliver self development, capacity building and educational workshops for parents/carers
- Support parents/carers in supporting their child in school
- Encourage and facilitate parent/carer and Indigenous community in educational decision making
- Facilitate Indigenous volunteers and mentors to help Indigenous children at school
- Assist parents/carers with transport needs

Come into the PaCE Centre at 163 Walsh St or call us today...

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