Seniors Week

Recently Mareeba State High School students attended and performed at the Seniors Week Celebrations organised by the Tablelands Regional Council.

Students who participated included: Anwen Towne, Eliza Michael, Brittany Gatto and Ryan Searle. Our students worked with the Mayor Tom Gilmore and spoke with many members of the community. There were numerous comments about how confident and engaging our students were.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to perform songs from the successful school musical, “Little Shop of Horrors”. Anwen also had the audience singing along with two additional vocal numbers. Thanks go to Mrs Brandon who rehearsed and performed with our students.

The barber shop quartet, "Misty Mountain Moonshiners”, performed a number just for us as they were so impressed. It's not often you get serenaded spontaneously! As we were leaving we were also approached by another community group who would like the school to perform for their organisation. Well done to all the students involved.

Ms Lambert

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Mareeba State High Schools’ mighty Warriors took home the overall trophy for District Athletics smashing their nearest rival by 128 points. It is only the third time in recorded history that Mareeba has taken home the glory and this year the school created history by claiming two district trophies in the same year.

The following Mareeba State High School Students were selected to represent Peninsula Athletics

- Lisa-Maree Toohey (13yrs)
- Tjana Furnari-Southam (14yrs)
- Kristen Falvo (15yrs)
- Tegan Parker (15yrs)
- Erika Fisher (16yrs)
- Ryan Knopke (16yrs)

Age Champions on the day were:

- U13 Girls – Kayla McCarthy
- U14 Boys – Joshua Pin
- U15 Boys – Tyler Palmer
- U16 Girls – Megan Boston
Welcome to Spring! It has been a busy over the last few weeks for us all. Around 40 of our Yr 12 students sat their QCS test, 49 of our students represented the school at the Peninsula Regional Track and Field Carnival, Yr 8 and 10 students have been considering their pathways for next year and of course our young people have assisted in Senior’s Week and Multicultural Day. On top of all this I have been working to finalise the National Partnership Plan for the school. I am especially appreciative of the generosity of the Mareeba parent community who have given time to provide input into the plan. I also spoke to students and of course staff about what would be most likely to move the school to an outstanding level.

There are 4 goals for the plan which are as follows:

1. Increase student engagement to attend and stay at school
2. Ensure all students exit the school with a vocational pathway (either further study, apprenticeship/traineeship, full-time work, or for some students with special needs a transition into the community)
3. Increase teaching staff capacity to teach literacy, numeracy, differentiated instruction, ICT
4. Increase parent and community engagement with the school

When the plan is all approved it will go on the school’s website. I anticipate that this will be in early October.

I have been recently concerned with some of our young people having difficulty resolving their differences respectfully and it reminded me that we are also working towards increasing the emotional intelligence of our young people. Emotional Intelligence is about people understanding and having an awareness of their feelings and how they affect those around them. Nearly everything we achieve in life comes from working with people and how well we interact with others will determine the degree of success of the outcomes. Research has shown that developing students’ emotional intelligence plays a greater role for them reaching their personal potential than their IQ. The components that make up a person’s emotional intelligence are:

- Self Awareness
- Self Control
- Self Motivation
- Empathy
- Managing Relationships

My staff encourages students to be reflective about their emotional intelligence so that they can become self managing and self correcting when learning with others. Raising students’ awareness and their empathy towards others will benefit the building of high quality relationships, the key to a life of learning and being contributing citizens. One strategy through the National Partnership will be to increase the range of socio-emotional learning programs for students and parent workshops. I would be interested in hearing from parents about what workshop areas would be beneficial.

Warm Regards,

Jo Soothill
PRINCIPAL

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Well done to all students for their enormous effort over the days of competition. Thanks must also go to HPE Staff, Mr Mario Mlikota (throwing events) and to Brad Weaver for his continuous effort over the many years with training students at running club.

Eliza Michael (12) has been awarded an Order of Australia Association Student Citizenship Award. There are normally around 8 - 12 students state-wide who are considered to have achieved at a high enough level to be given one of these awards. This is a wonderful achievement for Eliza and the school. Eliza will travel to Parliament House in Brisbane to receive her award on September 16th. Please congratulate Eliza when you see her.

Two weeks ago, eight of our students competed at TAS in Cairns in the North Queensland Schools Chess Championship. The Premier Team was competitive, but not competitive enough on the day. Our Open Team was a little more competitive and finished third on the day. The Captain of the Open Team, Logan Haynes, was also the Open Age Champion, winning six out of seven games - please congratulate him on his success.
To simulate a real life application of Mathematics, Year 12 Maths A students were asked to survey the space between V & P blocks. To do this they needed to survey the area and determine the levels of the land in order for the architects to produce accurate designs.

During this task the students completed plane table surveying, dumpy level surveying and contour maps, used Google Earth and used a GPS to try to find the most accurate method of surveying.

The students were then asked finally to compare all methods and make a recommendation regarding what method should be used if the project were to proceed.

National Youth Science Forum

Mareeba High has TWO students through to the National Youth Science Forum - Brenden Crago and Rebecca Martens. Mareeba SHS was able to have four students win through to the final selection process - a pretty substantial achievement on its own. The Cairns region selection process was open to students from more than 25 secondary schools, and there were just 6 places available. The quality of our students and their achievements is very high, and this is mirrored in the fact that our students took out a third of the places on offer!

Why study Drama Studies?
(Drama Excellence)

Skill Development
Drama Excellence is an authority registered subject available to Year 11 students for 2012 that explores human relationships in both funny and serious ways. Students will engage in activities, games and assessment tasks that build and assess the following skills:

- Teamwork
- Confidence
- Creative expression

Extra-curricular opportunities
Drama excellence is a subject in which students are given the opportunity to engage in a large variety of extra-curricular activities, including:

- School Musicals
- School Plays
- One Act Play Competitions
- Theatresports Competitions (improvisation)
- NIDA workshops
- Zen Zen Zo Workshops
- QTC Workshops
- Excursions to professional, live performances

Cross-curricular benefits
Many of the skills developed in drama excellence will benefit students in other school subjects, including:

- Senior Drama
- Senior Dance
- Senior Music
- Senior Visual Art
- Film and Television
- English
- History

Careers
The core skills developed in Drama Excellence will help prepare students for careers in: Acting, Customer Service & Sales, Entertainment Industry, Events Management, Journalism, Law, Media, the Performing Arts, Politics & Teaching.
NEWS FLASH!

Student Laptop update

The School has recently been allocated 272 laptop computers for students under Round 3 of the Federal Government National Secondary Schools Computer Fund. The school is currently working through the process, which will include consultation with the School P&C and other stakeholders to develop a scheme where-by students from one or more year levels, possibly years 9 and 10, may be invited to participate in a 1:1 (one laptop per student) take home scheme probably starting in 2012. Participation in the take home scheme would require a parent/guardian contribution yet to be determined. An added advantage is that Internet access will be built into each computer. More information will be provided over coming months.

This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to further progress teaching and learning at Mareeba State High School, changing the way classrooms look forever.

NEWS FLASH!

Hey kids (and big kids)! Each newsletter we are including an assortment of interesting questions/puzzles for you to try. Work on them yourself or together and see how you go.

1. Here are 4 marks. Now put down 5 more marks and make 10.

2. Hey! This could be fun! Try this out. How many ways can your family seat themselves at the dinner table? (e.g. changing positions) Hint: don’t let your dinner get cold! What would be the answer for a family of 10?

3. Three teams enter into a soccer tournament: Mareeba, Dimbulah and Atherton. Each team played the other two teams once. Overall, Mareeba scored 2 goals and had 1 goal scored against them, Dimbulah scored 3 and had 3 scored against them, whilst Atherton scored 1 and had 2 scored against them.

What was the score in the Mareeba – Atherton match?

It has been a big learning curve for the year 8’s this year. The students have taken to high school like ducks to water and it wasn’t long before they had figured out how everything works. Students showed great participation in our Swimming and Athletics carnivals along with the Cross Country. Many Year 8s represented the school at both district and peninsula level, all deserving a big congratulations for their efforts.

The students have joined in many extra curricular activities including Chess competitions, Brain Bee challenge, robotics program and we even had the winning team in the district competition of the Year 8 Maths Quiz.

Some Year 8s are enjoying creating the vegetable garden during science and they are currently competing in an interclass soccer challenge in P.E. A recent morning tea recognised the academic achievements of students during semester one.

The organisation of Year 8 Camp is well underway and already looking to be very successful with an overwhelming number of students indicating they will be attending. If you still wish for your child to participate it’s not too late. Just return the permission slip and a $50 deposit to the office.

The next big choice for the Year 8s is selecting their subjects for Years 9 and 10. Please encourage the students to think carefully about what they will enjoy participating in and learning about when choosing their subjects. Please also encourage the students to participate in a variety of academic competitions on offer.

Good luck for all assessments and exams in the following weeks. Have a safe, enjoyable and well deserved break.

Sally Levi. Year 8 Coordinator

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers June Palmer, Dianna Stewart, Sandra Wallace, Jacki Nastasi, Patricia Sexton, Cordula Kath and Karen Parker. Also a big thank you to two special ladies, Debbie Brown and Veronica Luhrs who still volunteer but have no children at the school. Thank you to our staff Darren Jones, Tim Ralph and Toni Stevens who volunteer their services during their lunch time.

Our staff, Rachel Richardson, Anna Malfitana and Shaqe Murat are always willing to help you if you would like to volunteer your time. Help is needed between 9am -12 noon, please call us or drop in if you can help. Volunteers only need to help with preparation and washing up. You do not need to serve.

Look forward to hearing from you! Thank you
Debbie Heathfield (Tuckshop Convenor) Ph 07 4086 2724
Love and Supervision

When we value something we make sure we guard it, keep it safe, know where it is at all times, put in place precautions to ensure we don’t lose it. In terms of possessions most people would consider family as their most valued possession. It can then be assumed that, having such valuable possessions as children in our care, we would put in place similar, if not greater, care and concern.

Parents (on the whole) love their children regardless of their behaviour. When children are young parents watch over them, child-proof their environment so they can avoid injury, teach them about keeping safe – stranger danger and road safety rules, keep them close and constantly keep a watchful eye on them at all times. Parents do this to minimise the risk of harm to children (and to minimise the hours of worry that can eventuate from harm to children). But when do we parents decide enough is enough and children are on their own?

As children get older, and especially as they move through the adolescent years, parents are faced with a double dilemma: 1. their child’s demand for less (or even limited) supervision and 2. what constitutes adequate supervision without squashing their child’s need for independence (and more importantly their social life).

Here are some hints:

- A parent’s role is to keep their child safe – don’t feel guilty about asking who they are spending time with and where they are going.
- Involve your child in forming rules and limits – negotiate, monitor, review.
- Get to know their friends – it may tell a lot about what they might be up to.
- Let your child know that you trust them; you don’t necessarily trust others (hopefully you have put the ground work in to develop trust).
- Let your adolescent know, that if they are going to someone’s place, you will speak with parents of the other party first (if your child feels uncomfortable about this they usually decide to ‘abort the mission’)
- If possible drive them to the destination and pick them up – if they know you are going to do this they usually behave themselves.
- Set clear rules and boundaries eg. your expectations around alcohol: pick up time; expected behaviour – Dos and Don’ts.
- Be predictable, reasonable and consistent in your approach to supervision.
- Work together as a couple – some children learn to play one parent off against the other.
- You’ll instinctively know when your child is mature enough to self-monitor, and you can loosen / cut the apron strings.

If things aren’t working:

- Is it because you have too many rules, and are you trying to control too much of your teenager’s life?
- Have you involved your teenager in deciding the rules and limits of their behaviour?
- Have you made your teenager’s limits clear to them?
- Have you been reviewing your rules and consequences to make sure they are up to date and relevant for your teenager’s changing maturity?

It may seem like parenting doesn’t stop – you’re right – once a parent always a parent, but the good news is that all the hard work will pay off, and... you have taught the next generation some important points of parenting.

Parent Net

The school newsletter is currently available via our schools “PARENT NET”. These newsletters are distributed monthly via email and once a term as a whole school mail-out. If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletters via email or have changed your email address recently please complete the following form and return to the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can phone the office directly on 4086 2777.

Please add my details to "Parent Net" so I can receive the monthly newsletter.

Students Name: ____________________________ Grade: ______
Parents Name: ______________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________
Signed: ________________________________________

Keep those Coles vouchers coming...

Coles Sport for School is on again. At Mareeba State High we are collecting vouchers with the goal of buying new and improved athletics equipment. We would appreciate your support in our goal and vouchers can dropped in the box here at school or in at Coles.

Last year we bought with our vouchers:

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Important Notice

Education Queensland in conjunction with Mareeba State High School has a grounds policy: “No one shall access the school grounds out of school hours without the written permission of the Principal”; and secondly the school is part of the School Watch Program which aims to reduce crime directed against schools and to foster a greater degree of community involvement in school security. We ask our local school community that if you see or hear suspicious behaviour, report the incident immediately to 131788 or if life threatening, phone 000. The Queensland Police will take appropriate prosecution action in charging persons found unlawfully on school grounds. Please assist the school in safeguarding against vandalism, theft and arson these school holidays.
On the 23 September 2011 Red Frogs Australian Chaplaincy Network in partnership with TRC are hosting a skills development day at the Mareeba Skate Park. There are limited numbers for the event and young people can access registration forms through the TRC website. Registration closes on 7th September 2011. If there are any issues accessing the registration form they can be obtained from the TRC office in Rankin Street Mareeba or from the Mareeba Library. For more information on the Skills Development Day you can contact Shiralee McHardie on 40434111.

ABOUT ANGEL FLIGHT

Angel Flight is a Charity that coordinates non-emergency flight to help people trying to deal with the triple trouble of bad health, poor finances and daunting distances. All flights are free and may involve patients travelling to medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

INFORMATION

The Angel Flight Spectacular is to be held at the Sebel Hotel, Cairns, on Saturday, 8th October 2011. All contestants are required to attend pre-judging sessions on the 8th October, 2011 at times to be advised, with the official function commencing at 7:30pm on Saturday 8th October, 2011.

There are a variety of categories and this year males and females are eligible to enter. An entry fee of $200 for the first category entered and $100 per category thereon applies. Organisers will provide entrants with tickets in Grand Spectacular Raffles to ensure that they have raised sufficient funds for the entry fee. To enable entrants to enter more than one category, the Organisers will assist entrants by providing them with additional tickets in the Grand Spectacular raffles. Entrants are encouraged to organise their own fundraising events as well as selling the supplied tickets. Trophies and sashes will be awarded to the winners in each category, as well as the charity winner in each section.

All contestants must provide an A4 head & shoulders photograph of themselves by 10:00am on Saturday, 8th October 2011 – name and address must be written clearly on the back of the photograph.

CATEGORIES

Racewear: Male 15 to 18 Years
Racewear: Female 15 to 18 Years
Racewear: Open Male and Female
Miss Elegance: Female 13 to 17 Years
Mr Elegance: Male 13 to 17 Years
Mr Elegance: Male Open

Angel Flight Debutante of the Year

Photographic Angel – Angel Flight Spectacular guests vote for Photogenic Angel by placing votes in the form of cash in boxes provided.

Congeniality Angel – This is voted by our panel of Judges and will be awarded to the contestants who they deem to be the most congenial contestant.

Popular Angel – This is voted by all contestants who will have the opportunity to cast one vote each for the most popular entrant.

Charity Angel – This is open to all entrants and judged on the overall total of funds raised.

Judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. As the Angel Flight Spectacular is primarily about raising funds for the Charity, entrants are encouraged to do their own fundraising events as there is a cash prize of $2,000 for the overall highest fundraiser. All fundraising money must be banked in the Westpac bank books provided. Entrants will be allowed to participate as guests of the event and their sections have been paraded and judged.

GALA EVENING SPECTACULAR

The Angel Flight Spectacular gala evening is held from 7.30pm on the evening of Saturday 8th October. It is a formal event that includes a sit down two-course dinner at the Sebel Hotel. Students from Redlynch State College will be providing entertainment as well as the various categories being paraded and judged. Tickets will cost $70 for guests and $50 for entrants. Tickets will be available for purchase from the organisers and the last day for ticket sales is Monday 3rd October at 5.00pm.

Tickets will be available for purchase from Redlynch State College. Further information can be obtained by contacting the organisers:

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Jan Wedmaier Ph 0419 735 210 jwedm1@bigpond.net.au

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