Australia Day Awards

At the Tablelands Australia Day celebrations in Atherton, 5 students of Mareeba SHS were acknowledged for their outstanding work.

2011 Student Council President Kimberlee Fowler was awarded the Junior Community Service Award.

Both 2011 Vice-Captains also received awards. Ryan Searle received the Junior Cultural Award and Kirilyn Batchelor received a Quiet Achiever Award.

Adrian Madrid, 2011 McKinlay House Captain received the Junior Sports Award and lastly Anwen Towne – Highly Commended in the Faces and Places Photo competition.

2011 Year 8 Camp

In the last week of term 4 2011, 100 Year 8 students participated in four fun filled days at Lake Tinaroo. There was torrential rain and storms looming but it wasn’t going to stop them enjoying canoeing, camping, orienteering courses, high ropes, catapult building, team building activities, dance night and the Tinaroo navigational challenge. After the action packed days all students were exhausted but had memories they will remember forever.

Sally Levi – 2011 Year 8 Co-ordinator
Welcome back! I hope that the break was relaxing for all our Mareeba families and friends. It’s time again for each student to take stock of his or her successes last year and put in place strategies to maintain these and work on areas that need improving.

I am so very proud of our students who have received Australia Day awards and scholarships during the break and there are articles about each achievement in this newsletter.

To help parents to better support their children at high school, we have changed the format of the student diary for this year. Apart from the usual features of the old diary, each week there is a different focus designed to help keep students on a positive track as well as facts, problems and vocabulary builders to help extend their literacy and numeracy skills. There is still an area for parent-teacher communication each week and I hope that this will be used regularly to keep in touch with what is happening at school. Our school policies and other important information are also included in the front and back of the diary to help parents and students better know what is expected at our school.

The school’s numbers have grown again this year and along with that come more staff to support our young people with their learning and more opportunities. The first P&C meeting this year is on Valentine’s Day and it starts at 5.30pm. All exiting parents and new parents are welcome to attend.

My Deputy Principals Teena Seidenkranz and Paul Charles and I are happy to discuss any aspect of your child’s schooling and look forward to seeing parents continuing to take an active interest in the school.

Warm regards,

Jo Soothill

Congratulations to the following 2011 students on their outstanding achievement. Six students received an OP1-5: Chelsey Landford OP 1, Zoey Jones OP 3, Nathan Fregona OP 4, Alexandra Grigg OP 4, Kirilyn Batchelor OP5, Ryan Searle OP 5. Overall 74% of OP eligible students received an OP 1-15. These are great results and a credit to the quality of the teaching at Mareeba State High School.

New Staff

Teena Seidenkranz
Role: Deputy Principal
Background: Beenleigh State High School moved from the Gold Coast with my husband and three children.
Special Interests: Enjoy spending time with my family, swimming and sight-seeing. Looking forward to exploring the area around Mareeba.

Greg Pelka
Teaching: Business, HPE & SOSE
Background: I previously taught at Cleveland District State High School. Was the Youth Ambassador for the Redlands City. Went to the University of Queensland where I gained two degrees in Business and Education
Special Interests are playing Rugby Union, reading and traveling around the world

Rachael Lanfranchi
Teaching: Mathematics, SOSE, Business Education, Accounting and Legal Studies
Background: I have moved to Mareeba from the Gold Coast with my husband. At university, after completing a Bachelor of Business and working within one of the Old Government departments I realised that I wanted to be a teacher, I went back to university and completed my Graduate Diploma in Education. I have had experience at two Gold Coast schools Robina High and Miami High. I am looking forward to the challenge that Mareeba State High School will give me.
Special Interests: I enjoy cooking and spending time with my friends and family.

Year 8 Vaccinations
All Year 8 vaccination forms need to be returned to the office immediately. Please ensure that your forms are returned so you can take advantage of this service.

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Phil Christensen
Teaching: Art, Photography and Culture
Background: I’m originally from the small town of Dampier W.A. (Red Dog Movie), moved to Gordonvale in Year 11 and 12, moved down south, studied, and have just moved from Longreach central west Queensland where I was the Art teacher for three years. I have been excelling in art since grade four and have had many group and solo exhibitions; I’ve also created many murals and have done many commissioned works.
My last exhibition was held last year at the Stockman’s Hall of Fame, oh and I also ride a skateboard.

Jaclyn Cunningham
Teaching: Mathematics
Background: I have just moved to Kuranda from Brisbane. I have previously lived in Kuranda and am really happy to be back living and working in the area. I have studied Mathematics, Finance, Health Science, Psychology and Education. I have worked a lot in the tourism and hospitality industry and I have travelled in Europe, Asia, Central America, Australia and New Zealand. I am excited to be commencing a new stage of my life by committing to this teaching position and I am looking forward to getting involved at the school and in the wider Mareeba community.
Special Interests: Yoga, circus, health and wellness, bushwalking, swimming, community living, sustainability.

Kipp Seidenkranz
Teaching: Music
Background: I have been teaching music for 12 years, with the last 7 years being at Tamborine Mountain SHS on the Gold Coast. My main instruments are piano and violin and I can also play guitar and drums. I work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, the other days I get to stay at home and spend time with my young family.

Peter Congreve
Teaching: Science, Physics, Access Your Future, Mathematics and Access Thursday
Interests: Travel, History, Genealogy, Japanese language and culture.

Jim Ballin
Teaching: SOSE, Ancient History, Access Your Future, Project Language & Science

Kelsey Allen
Name: Kelsey Allen
Teaching: Science, English, Culture and Learning support.
Background: Hi, my name is Kelsey and I have just moved to Mareeba High from Brisbane. I grew up in Atherton, and then moved to Brisbane to complete my teaching degree at the University of Queensland.
Special Interests: I love my sport, especially hockey and soccer, and play a bit of guitar as well. It is great to be back on the Tablelands, and am looking forward to my first year at Mareeba High!

Senior Schooling Update
2012 is set to have more senior students out in industry doing school based traineeships and apprenticeships than ever. Fifteen students are already in the process of being signed up and we are still looking for more employers to explore the possibility of taking on school students as we have many keen to include vocational education as part of their senior learning. If you are able to assist you please contact Kym Carlsson or Jenny Walker at the school to find out what is involved to see whether it would suit your business. Please phone 40862703 or email jwalk118@eq.edu.au.

There have been changes to the senior programs with Career Education being introduced in Year 10 which will complement the Work Experience program. All Year 11s and 12 students who are not going for an Overall Position score (needed for university entrance) will complete a Career Development course. This course is assessed and offers an extra credit towards their twenty credits required to gain the Queensland Certificate of Education by the end of year 12. Students aiming for university entrance will again be practicing the types of tasks that the Queensland Core Skills Test includes.
Mareeba High is proud that **FOUR** of our year 12 students and **ONE** of our year 11 students have been selected into the **Under 18** and Under 17 squads of the Northern Pride Academy. These students will have the opportunity to train with the Northern Pride team. The Academy is part of a Queensland wide competition.

Azariah Gutchen, Elijah Ibell, Brayden Grogan and Clint Posselt all currently in year 12 and Ian King in year 11 will all benefit from the high intensity training that they will receive as members of this prestigious squad. They will travel to Brisbane later in the year to participate in competitions against other Academy squads.

All five of these students have worked hard to reach the rigorous standard expected of Academy membership and we are proud of them all.

Northern Pride CEO Chris Sheppard also a former Mareeba State High School student said "the five Mareeba boys have been a credit to themselves, their families, their school, their Club and their community with their attitude and dedication. The aim of our Academy system is to provide opportunity to local players see them develop as athletes, players and most importantly as young men which each of these boys have. It's very pleasing to be part of their development."

And there’s more...

Elijah Ibell, Year 12 (pictured far left) has also been awarded a **Youth Development Grant of $1500** to aid him with expenses involved in his chosen sport of football. The Youth Development Grants are a collaboration of the Queensland Branch of the RSL (Returned Services League) and Bond University. This year 200 of the state’s **most exceptional students** have been awarded a grant. Eli will travel to Brisbane to receive his award. Elijah will use his grant to help with the expenses involved in the high level training and gym work needed to maintain his position in the **Under 18’s Northern Pride Academy football squad.**

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**Year 11 and 12 Student Laptop Program for 2012**

Mareeba State High School has been supplied with a number of laptop computers in 2011 under the Federal Government’s National Secondary School Computer Fund program (NSSCF). The school has purchased additional laptops to ensure there are sufficient computers to allocate one to every year 11 and 12 student in 2012. To maximize the opportunity for students to take advantage of the computers the school is offering a 1:1 take home scheme whereby, for a parent/guardian co-contribution of $150 per year, students will be able to take the computers home. The Acer Aspire 1830 laptop computer is very compact making it especially suitable for take home use, has a wide range of programs installed including any that are needed for school work and includes prepaid internet access for use outside the school. A Helpdesk is also available. Forms to join the take-home scheme have been given to students but more forms are available at the school office.

Students who do not wish to participate in the take-home scheme will be allocated a Laptop in due course to use at school only. Because the school has to arrange for overnight storage and charging and the daily checking in and out of laptops for students who are not in the take-home scheme it will take a little while to determine the number of laptops that are going to remain at school for which these facilities are required.

Students who wish to participate in the take-home scheme are encouraged to join as soon as possible so that they can gain the most benefit from the program.

For any parent/guardian enquiries please contact Mr Paul Charles, Deputy Principal. Students may see Mr Trevor Scott in Room C13.

Year 12 students Christina Meyer & Taralee Thies and Year 11 students Rachel Bilic, Cassidy-Rae Givney and Monica Avolio making good use of their laptops in Art.
School Newsletters are only posted out 4 times a year. The other newsletters are sent out via email. Should you wish to be included on the ParentNet database please complete and return this form to the school office.

Whole School Network

- Do you have an email address?
- Do you want to be more involved in our school but have not got time to come to meetings?
- Do you want to know more about the school?
- Can you share what you know with your friends or workmates?
- Can you let us know what you think?

Our School Opinion Survey results indicate the need for us to involve more parents in the communication loop, but, some of us just cannot get to meetings. It does not mean you are not interested, just really busy. However, we still want your support input and feedback. The ParentNet is an innovative idea based on natural communication pathways, that is, family, friendship groups and workplace relationships.

How this works:
- You become part of an email discussion list with Jo Soothill (Principal)
- Jo Soothill will send out brief snippets of information to the people (email addresses) on the list to keep you up to date on a whole range of aspects.
- You share this information with your family/friends/workmates. Feel free to discuss all aspects of the information and then either:
  - Reply to the discussion list
  - Reply direct to Jo Soothill
  - Ask questions of the list or Jo Soothill
  - Don’t reply

What happens:
- You get more involved in our School
- You know what is going on
- You have your say
- You and your communication group provide support to your School

I would like to be part of the ParentNet:

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: _____________________

Email Address: (please print clearly)

OR

For parents/caregivers who are currently registered on ParentNet:

I do/do not wish to remain on the ParentNet.

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: _____________________

Email Address: (please print clearly)

Return to School Office