READERS CUP WINNERS

Congratualations to our Reader’s Cup team on winning the Year 8/9 Cairns Regional Final. Eight students represented our school at the final and they all deserve recognition for their hard work.

Our winning team of Carla Newlands, Caitlin Goodhew, Tara Phillo and Sam Harris will now represent our region at the State Reader’s Cup to be held at the State Library of Queensland during the Brisbane Writer’s Festival in September. Our second team, Katelyn Dickinson, Adina Heggie, Jacinta Russo and Caitlin Hungerford, came 7th overall.

These students will now need to read five new titles as well as produce a book trailer for one of the books.

Lucy Daly—Senior Teacher/Librarian

LABS ON LEGS

Over 20 students from years 9 & 10 were fortunate enough to attend “Labs On Legs”, a science extension program run by scientists from the CSIRO. Students were able to choose between a look at forensic science techniques and DNA extraction or activities. Mark Li le (Year 10) enjoyed the day immensely: “Some. Some of the activities that we were able to participate in included fingerprint DNA matching, cutting wire with various tools to see which matched the wire found at an imaginary crime scene, comparing and matching both blood samples and tyre tracks along with many other activities,” he said.

Chris na Ellaco —Senior Teacher

HOWES FARMING

The Howe Farming project aims to provide skills and opportunities to students interested in pursuing job opportunities in the horticulture sector as well as building their individual employability skills.

Over the past four weeks, Students used their access class on a Tuesday to prepare their resume and on the last Monday of this term, the students will complete an Industry White Card Course at the school. Students recently took part in a week of theory and practical learning both at the school site and HOWE Farming whereby they completed a number of units of competencies from a Certificate III in Horticulture as well as a general induction for HOWE Farming properties.

Kym Carlsson—Senior School Admin Officer

ERIC TABUAI

Tony Ward, Tyrone Hobbler, Isaiah Deshong, Shaqelle Banjo, Rex (Ag Trainer), Angus Cosgrove, Eric Tabuai, Anthony Claffe and Kingi Brook

RUGBY LEAGUE

Clint Posselt, Brayden Grogan and Azariah Gutchen (Year 12) recently competed at the Open Rugby League State Championships at the Sunshine Coast.

P & C MEETING

10th July 5:30PM
Venue: School Library
Tea and Coffee available. Everyone Welcome.
PRINCIPALS WORDS

It’s nearly the end of Term 2 and halfway through the year. There are a number of staff changes that will occur next term and there are a few I need to mention to you. I am pleased to announce that Mr Paul Charles has been appointed permanently as Deputy Principal. This now means that the school’s leadership team will be more stable over the coming years. Mrs Fay McGrath, Head of Department, will be taking leave in July and then return from teaching towards the end of the year. This year, Fay has had a special role coaching teachers, especially our new/beginning teachers through the Na onal Partnership. Her experience and teaching expertise have meant an asset to the school over many decades. There will be a re-ment function held on held at the Mareeba Leagues Club on Tuesday 24 July to celebrate the achievements of her working life. Further details about the event will be published over the coming weeks. Mr Terry Cislo, Janitor, is also taking leave and he remains a constant 28 years in janitorial and teacher aide roles at the school. Terry’s commitment and dedication to the school as well as his innovative approach to keeping school facilities in good working order will be missed. I wish both Fay and Terry, long and healthy re-ments.

Your child’s school reports should be included with this newsletter along with backing forms for parent-teacher even. Which will occur on Wednesday 18 July. It is very important for you to discuss the contents of the report card with your child. I believe that the effort and behaviour grades and school attendance are the most important areas to focus on. This is because if your child is attending every day, is trying their hardest, and working with their teachers to learn, then there is a good chance that their achievement results will be a "C" or better. With the Na onal Curriculum becoming the norm in English, Maths and Science in Years 8-10, there may be some differences in achievement from 2011 for your child. This is occurring across all schools in Queensland as we adjust to the new curriculum and is not something to be alarmed. Our young people are capable of working towards achieving an OP, a traineeship or apprenticeship, or being ready for work and community roles as a young adult by the end of Year 12 and our inspections indicate that we are continuing to do this.

I was interested in the recent Federal budget change replacing the Educa onal Tax refund with the Schoolkids bonus. As part of the transition to the new payment in 2013 (when parents will receive 2 equal payments in January and July, the Educa onal Tax Refund for 2011-12 will be paid out in full as a lump sum payment of $820 for each high school aged child in late June this year to eligible families. Our school fee structure and subject levies are well below this amount. Further most uniform and excursion costs could also be covered with this payment. If you are eligible, please consider using this payment to purchase insurance and any outstanding school fees for this year. For further informa on about this payment, please go to the Department of Human Services website at: h.p://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/publica ons-and-resources/budget/1213/measure s/families/10576

Lastly, I hope that you all our young people have a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing your young people back refreshed for the start of Term 3 on Monday 9 July. Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOLS MOOTING

COMPETITION

On May 17th, Mareeba State High School students took part in the inaugural Tablelands Schools Moot Compe on, a form of legal debate. The case notes are only released 3 weeks prior to the Moot and our students did a fantastic job of preparing their case.

Our Barristers were Aimee Wildman and Anishah Ali-Allen, with Rebecca Martens as Instruct ng Solicitor, and Jacki McNab and Brenden Crago as witnesses. Mareeba won their case against St Stephens, and Brenden was awarded "Best Witness" on the night.

The level of conversa on about the case a week later was just great and con ve rs are important. Students and their families are important for you to discuss the contents of the report card with your child. I believe that the effort and behaviour grades and school attendance are the most important areas to focus on. This is because if your child is attending every day, is trying their hardest, and working with their teachers to learn, then there is a good chance that their achievement results will be a “C” or better. With the Na onal Curriculum beginning this year in English, Maths and Science in Years 8-10, there may be some differences in achievement from 2011 for your child. This is occurring across all schools in Queensland as we adjust to the new curriculum and is not something to be alarmed. Our young people are capable of working towards achieving an OP, a traineeship or apprenticeship, or being ready for work and community roles as a young adult by the end of Year 12 and our inspections indicate that we are continuing to do this.

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UNDARA CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP (24th—25th MAY 2012)

Forty-four indigenous students from Mareeba State School, Biboohra State School and Mareeba State High School travelled to Undara for a cultural educa on camp. The camp was led by teachers, Community Educa on Counsellor, Police Off ers and the School Based Youth Health Nurse. The ac vi es undertaken focused on cultural awareness and environmental issues. Students also engaged in activities that promoted health and hygiene as well as nutrition and social skills. A highlight was the guided tours of the lava tubes. Thank-you to Mareeba PCYC ‘Back on Track’ Grants (funded through the Department of Communi es) for funding this camp.

Teena Seidenkranz — Deputy Principal, Chris Keati g—HOD Students Engagement and Elma Lingard — Community Educa on Counsellor.

CALCULATORS

Would parents and students alike, please check that a valuable school resource has not made its way home. All Casio Maths calculators with the distinctive markings as shown are the property of the Mareeba SHS Mathematics Department and should be returned to the school immediately.

Terry McClelland—HOD Maths

“Good, I liked all the camp”

Kyle Joinbee (Year 8)

“Great, the best part of the camp was the food”

Drew Cater (Year 8)

“I love all of the camp. I wanted to stay longer”

David Richards (Year 8)

“I wanted to stay longer, I had a good time”

Jay-Kaylah Grogan-Creed (Year 8)

“I want to go again. The camp was so good and plenty of food”

Marylou Kulka (Year 8)
ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
On the 30th May Mareeba State High School hosted a robo cs workshop sponsored by the Business Liaison Associa on. Two representati es from the University of Queensland, Marie Boden and Marnie Lamprecht, ran a one day workshop. A dozen students from year eleven parti ipated in the course. During the day the students were introduced to advanced robo c techniques and used NXT robots to test their programs.

The students parti ipated in a variety of diffe ent ac vi- es including relay races and the programming of arti -cial intelligence. The course was a great success and the students walked away with a greater knowledge of robo c logic and programming.

Keith Pelka—Teacher Manual Arts

APPLE IPAD WINNER
Voca onal Partnerships Group (VPG) is a community organisa- on commi ed to helping young people make the transi on through school and onto successful careers and life experiences.

VPG have Youth Support Co-ordinators working within high schools to support students to remain engaged in educa on and also run a number of programs for dis-engaged youth including Youth Connec ons & Get Set for Work.

VPG recently held a store at the Cairns Careers Expo. At the Expo all high school students from Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands and the Cassowary Coast had the opportunity to enter a compe on for the chance to win an Apple iPad. To enter this compe on students were required to complete 4 short ques ons related to VPG. VPG were thrilled to announce that the lucky recipient was a Mareeba State High School Student!

Congratula ons to Emily Martens in Year 12 who won the prize. Well done Emily. Jenni Lord—VPG’s Youth Support Co-ordinator

WANTED
Used/Second Hand MSHS School Jackets
The MSHS P & C Associa on seeks assistance from former students or parents for the dona on of any second hand school jackets in the current design. This request will assist in making jackets available to students who are unable to source them due to a current short-age through commercial outlets in Mareeba. Jackets can be delivered to either the Administra on or ce at the school or the Tuckshop. Any dona ons will be gratefully accept- ed and appreciated.

P & C Associa on

YEAR 8 BOWLING TRIP
On Monday 4th June 60 students and six staff ended Tableland bowling in Atherton. The ac vi ty was held as a reward for hard work and good be- haviour over the past term. The students were also able to bond with their peers in a diffe ent environment.

The bowling trip was a great success and a few future bowling stars were discovered. The table-lands bowling staff were amazed at how courte- ous and well behaved the students were.

Keith Pelka—Year 8 Co-Ordinator

EQUISTRIAN TEAM
Ebony Van Bockel, Rachel Shred, Sarah Bensted and Lisa-Maree Toohey winners of the perpetual shield whilst representing Mareeba State High School at the interschool compe on recently held in Mareeba.

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

Winston Churchill

This term a number of students and staff were involved in our school play Romeo and Julie. Featuring Joshua Sharpe as Romeo and Bri any Ga o as Julie, the play was an entertaining parody of the original script written by William Shakespeare and even included some Abba songs. It was wonderful to have staff and students working together to make this production possible and the audience laughter filling the theatre at each performance night was an apt reward for the hard work of all involved. Mareeba Theatre Group kindly donated their club-house space for the performance and Mareeba Lifeline generously donated clothes for costumes. A big thank you goes out to all staff who contributed to the successful production of ‘Romeo and Julie’.

CAST AND CREW


INTERACT CLUB ATTENDED THE ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Mareeba State High School Interact Club attended the Rotary District Conference in Cairns over the June long weekend. The Execu ve presented a 2 minute presentation on the conference about their ac vi es for the weekend. The Execu ve presented a 2 minute presentation on the conference about their ac vi es for the weekend.

MATHS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The new Australian Curriculum textbooks — Pearson Mathema cs will be rolled out over the next few weeks. The Maths Department is confident that this textbook will meet the needs of the full spectrum of students in our Mareeba State High School classrooms.

20th Maths Camp to be held in Week 4 of Term 3 — The Mareeba State High School Mathema cs Faculty has co-ordinated the Tablelands Year 9 Maths Enrichment Camp for the previous nineteen consecutive years. This year they are proud to celebrate the 20th running of the camp. Eighteen of our top Year 9 Maths students will attend along with the Year 12 Maths C students from July 31 to August 2. The camp has a long tradition of using the facilities of the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre and this outstanding outdoor setting has combined to sustain over 1000 budding mathematics students since the camp’s inception in 1993.

Mathema cian David Clark enriches top Maths students in Week 4 — The Chairman of the Australian Informa cs Committee on Board and University of Canberra Senior Mathema cs Lecturer, David Clark will be working with senior mathematics students on Monday the 30th of July and will then join the junior maths students at the Enrichment Camp at Tinaroo. David has accepted an invitation from Mr McClelland who has worked with the Informa cs Committee on Review Commit te for many years. Mr McClelland is grateful for the sponsorship of the Queensland Association of HOD Maths Teachers, the Business Liaison Association and the Fenwick and Robert Fabris Trusts for their support of the Maths Enrichment Camp.

Terry McClelland — HOD Maths

LIVE WELL WITH ASTHMA

Are you living well with asthma? If you or someone you care for:

• wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
• struggle to keep up with normal ac vity
• use your blue reliever puffer more than three times a week
• are unsure about the way your medications can work best for you

If so, these are all signs your asthma is not well controlled or signs you are not living well with asthma.

If your asthma is limiting your quality of life, your Asthma Foundation invites you to join us in Mareeba to a end our free workshop designed for your local community. Bookings Freecall 1800 645 130 Mareeba RSL. 88 Byrnes Street Sat, 21 July, 2012 2.00pm — 3.00pm

LOST PROPERTY

If anyone has lost a Mareeba State High School winter jacket please check at the front office before Friday 13th July.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Work experience will proceed on week 3 of Term 3 (23rd – 27th July) and students should have their work experience organised, agreement forms signed and returned to the school. This year we have approximately 130 Year 10 students, who will all be completing their work experience in local businesses including, lots of retail, rural, hospitality and tourism, local schools, air conditioning, electrical and construction, veterinary, photography, police, health and the Mareeba Magistrates Court. The range of choices is very broad. Many students will also travel to Cairns and other centres for the week and we wish them all the very best for this exciting opportunity.

This year all students are doing one aspect of a Certificate I in Work Education and this course requires successful industry placement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses for their assistance and ongoing support of our youth.

Jenny Walker — HOD Senior Schooling