PETER DOHERTY SCHOLARSHIP

Year 12 Mareeba State High School student, Brenden Crago has recently been awarded a Peter Doherty Scholarship. I have emailed his mother because he is currently overseas attending the International Youth Science Conference in Europe. It’s a fabulous achievement. Special thanks to Christin Ellaco for the work behind pushing the application together and to staff who have been nurturing Brenden over the last few years.

Jo Soothill—Principal

MATHS ENRICHMENT CAMP

Student Perspective.

In early August, forty eight Year Nine students from around the Tablelands attended the Twelfth Year Nine Maths Enrichment Camp. We did a range of activities from High Ropes and Canoeing to Code Breaking and Hanoi Towers. We attended lessons on Codes, Compass, Puzzles and a lesson with a Mathematician from the University of Canberra. On the last day we used all the skills we had learnt in a challenge. Over all this camp is a perfect mix between school, friends and fun.

Adina Heggie and Carla Newlands—Year 9 Students.

Footnote: Mr McClelland on behalf of all staff, would like to thank the following supporters for their contributions which made this – our 20th consecutive annual camp, an impressive event.

Mr Terry McClelland—HOD Maths

SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

17TH OCTOBER2012

We are proud to announce that NRL star Darren Lockyer will be Guest Speaker at our forthcoming Sports Presentation Night.

Tickets - Adults $50  Students $25

Ticket Priority Sales
27/08/2012 – 10/09/2012
1. Our Sports Award Recipients and their immediate family (3), our Mareeba SHS staff and partner (2)
11/09/2012 – 21/09/2012
2. Our student population and their immediate family (3).
08/10/2012 – un sold out
3. Our Mareeba community.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am—4:00pm
Tuesday
8:00am—3:30pm

P & C MEETING

Tuesday 11th September
5:30PM
Venue: School Library
Tea and Coffee available.
Everyone Welcome.

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mareeba State High School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Muluridji people of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

DATE CLAIMERS

4th Sept.
Year 7 Subject Information Evening 5:30pm.
4th/5th Sept.
QCS Testing
7th Sept.
Year 10 Beacon Ute Muster
9th Sept.
P&C Working Bee
11th Sept.
P&C Meeting
22nd Sept—7th Oct.
School Holidays
3rd Oct.
Back to school
9th Oct.
P&C Meeting
12th Oct.
Immunisation Program Year 8 & Year 10
17th Oct.
Sports Presentation Night
Ms Hazel Bensted

The P and C appreciate your efforts.

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PRINCIPALS WORDS

It’s more than half way through the term and it has been a really busy couple of weeks. In Year 10, the pathways evening and SET planning process has occurred and we are finalising the senior program options for 2013 based on our young people’s needs. Our Year 12s are working towards the end of the year with only a few more assessments to go. The final stages of preparing for QCS has occurred and the tests are on the 4-5 September. For other Year 12s though it is school as usual.

Year 12s have also received their reference applications. These need to be returned to the school office by Friday 7 September. The application forms the basis of a written reference which can be a valuable document when applying for jobs or scholarships in the future.

Recently, the school has adjusted procedures around sick bay to keep parents better informed. If a child comes to sick bay, staff will follow up with a phone call to a parent or carer. This is even in the case of minor visits where the student is able to return to class. Home-school communication is a dual responsibility and I believe that as carers/parents you need to know if your child has been out of class due to illness or injury.

On Sunday 9 September there is a P&C Working Bee from 9-12 noon. Even if you can only give an hour of your time it will make a difference. I hope you can make it.

Lastly, I am taking a week’s leave at the last week of this term to attend a wedding. During my absence Mrs Seidenkranz will be the acting Principal and Mr McClelland will be acting Deputy Principal.

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill
PRINCIPAL

WANTED

Used/Second Hand MSHS School Jackets

The MSHS P & C Association are holding a Working Bee to continue improving our school’s facilities. Please contact Ms Hazel Bensted - Guidance Officer for further information.

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TIME: 9.00am – 12noon
Refreshments will be provided
Can you help with:

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Other areas requiring attention
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Ms Leigh Gargan — Teacher

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2012
Mareeba State High School Year 11, Student Kayla Walker has won an Order of Australia Award in the Australian Honours system for community service.

The purpose of the Awards:

- To recognise students for their community service and remind us all of the significance of volunteering undertaken by young Australians;
- To encourage students to think about Australian citizenship and the importance of contributing to their community through service and involvement; and
- To make students more aware of the Australian Honours system and the ideals of good citizenship that it enshrines.

Kayla will receive her award Friday 21st September 2012 at the Old Legisla ve Council Chamber, Parliament House, Brisbane. In the presence of The Honourable Justice Margaret A. McMurdo AC. President, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland.

Congratulations on Secondary Schools Citizenship Award.

Ms Kylie Lambert — HOD Visual and Performing Arts

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENT LAPTOP SCHEME 2013
Year 10 students - Join the student laptop take-home scheme this year and take home the laptop for Term Four and the Christmas holidays.

The Mareeba State High School offers laptop schemes to students. For year 10 students who pay their 2013 contribution this year there will be a number of laptops available from the school tuckshop for $15.00. Students or available from the school tuckshop.

Laptops Include:
- All software needed for school
- Six-hour battery
- Crush-proof protective cases
- Wireless network connectivity
- Pre-paid 3G Internet connectivity including data plan
- Student helpdesk
- Accidental damage protection (excess payable)

How to join the take-home laptop scheme
To participate in the take-home scheme and receive a laptop this year please complete the forms supplied to students when you see them.

Mr Trevor Sco — Teacher (IT Co-ordinator)

MAREEBA LEAGUES CLUB
Doyle Street, Mareeba
Ph: 4092 2922
Daily Lunch Specials
- Functions • Air-conditioned • Courtesy Bus • Gaming Lounge
- Tab • Keno • Bingo

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER

Unfortunately this month we have seen an increase in the inappropriate use of FaceBook. As a result we have been dealing with students involved in the debacle surrounding ‘Mareeba Goss’ and ‘Mareeba In Goss’, FaceBook pages. Both of these pages were closed down within 24hrs of them being discovered, but not without some serious side effects. It will make me wonder, how are students being allowed to participate in this type of behaviour? – My Answer: Lack of parental supervision. “Harsh I know – but reality bites.”

We all live busy lifestyles and with the increasing easy access to technology, it is getting harder and harder to monitor or control. Did you know that 97% of students own a phone; 64% of those have internet capability and 34% of young people use their mobile phone for internet access. The inappropriate use of mobile phones and social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Diva Chat, Twiter and alike is becoming more and more prevalent amongst our teenagers.

To make things even harder, children don’t even need credit on their phone to access these social networking sites they are FREE!

I encourage all parents/caregivers to continually monitor their child’s activity online and mobile phones to ensure that they are using it appropriately and are not being a party to bullying.

If your child has a FaceBook account, become a Friend of theirs, that way you can monitor not only what your child is doing on line, but monitor what other people are doing. Make this a condition of having a FaceBook account.

Under Commonwealth Legislation on these offences carry severe penalties:

- Use a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence - PENALTY: 3 years imprisonment
- Use a carriage service to make a threat to cause serious harm - PENALTY: 7 years imprisonment
- Use a carriage service to make a threat to kill - PENALTY: 10 years imprisonment

Road Safety...

In the last few weeks, I have been conducting foot patrols of the bus zone (O’Donnell Street) and Loading Zone (Jasper Street) outside the school.

This particular area is a loading zone between 8.00am-9.00am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Drop off or pick up passengers only (as signed).

No parking longer than 2 minutes. Warnings and education have been provided to drivers parking in this area of late. Traffic Infringement Notices will now be issued to drivers that continue to ignore this parking sign.

Fine: Stop in loading zone for more than 2 minutes $40 Penalty

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.

See Judd Act 25498 School Based Police Office - Mareeba. Mareeba District.

DENTAL HEALTH

Each year dental professionals across Australia raise awareness about oral health issues impacting our communities. Dental Health Week theme for 2012: 

Despite the fact that tooth decay is largely preventable it:

- is Australia’s most prevalent health problem
- has the highest prevalence of asthma among children is the second most costly diet related disease

Causes:

- consumption of foods and drinks high in sugar
- irregular brushing of teeth and flossing or incorrect tooth brushing technique

Australian Survey Results:

- more than 30% of Australians admit they only brush once daily, with most skipping the pre-bed brush, and most admit to avoiding flossing altogether

- 83% of Australians report that decayed teeth and bad breath are the biggest turn off on a first date, far more concerning than excessive body odour (5%) or poor dress sense (4%)

Symptoms of tooth decay:

- tooth ache
- an unpleasant taste in your mouth
- bad breath
- pain when you consume hot or cold drinks
discouraged spots (grey, brown or black) on your teeth

Preventi on:

- brush teeth at least twice a day with a soft bristled toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste. Clean in between teeth with or interdental brush at least once a day
- eat healthy foods and reduce frequent consumption of foods high in sugar and acids
- when thirsty opt for healthy drinks like water and low fat milk. Fruit juices are high in natural sugar and acids which can be detrimental to teeth
- schedule yearly dental visits with your local dental professional or as advised by a dental professional

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL & TALENT QUEST

Presented by Walkamin Country Music Club

12th, 13th & 14th October 2012 Kerriebee Park Mareeba

Nomination are being called for the Talent Quest, Sec ons are Pee Wee (4-7 yrs not turned 8)

Junior (8 – 13 yrs not turned 14)

Juvenile (14 – 17 yrs not turned 18)

Open (over 18 years old)

Please contact Cassie for nomination form.

Email: blain72@bigpond.com

Let’s Stop the Rot – Join the Fight Against Tooth Decay

Dental Health Services – Health Promotion on Cairns & Hinterland Health Service District


Henry Ford – “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”