STUDENT SUCCESS CONTINUES

Sarah Bensted attended the Queensland Youth Parliament at Parliament House, Brisbane, over the holidays which she said was “Just the best week of my life!” She learned a lot about parliamentary processes, gave a maiden speech, and followed the development of a piece of mock legislation from committee stage through to its final reading in parliament.

Brenden Crago received his Peter Doherty Award for Outstanding Senior Science Student on October 5th at Customs House in Brisbane, one of only 10 students from across the state to be honoured in this way. Brenden’s achievements are outstanding, and all of his teachers are to be congratulated for the part they have played in helping this young man develop his talents.

Jason Lea is the proud recipient of this year’s Pierre de Coubertin Award, which is a major program of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) Schools Education Strategy. The program is designed to emphasise participation and commendable sporting behaviour consistent with the Olympic Movement.

Kayla Walker received her Order of Australia Award on the last day of last term. Kayla was nominated on the basis of her leadership both musically, as Co-Captain of the Tablelands Regional Youth Band, and for her strong efforts as a young Indigenous leader. She gave a good acceptance speech and was just thrilled, excited and delighted for the whole day – it was a bit hard to choose between Kayla and her Grandma as to who enjoyed themselves the most! All of the dignitaries came up and introduced themselves to her and congratulated her on her success. Several people were interested in our indigenous leadership program and the opportunities we are providing for our indigenous kids at Mareeba State High School. Elma Lingard (Community Education Counsellor), Chris Kea ng (HOD Student Engagement) and I were also in attendance.

Ms Chris na Ellaco —Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Senior Teacher

GIFTED CHILDREN PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING

Gifted kids are different, and have different learning needs and as parents, how can we tell if our kids are gifted? What do we need to know about them? What are their special learning needs? How can we work with my child’s teachers and school to give our child an education on which is suitable to their learning needs? The answers to these questions and more will be provided by Visiting Gifted Education Specialist Rosalind Walsh at a public information evening hosted at Mareeba State High School on Monday 22nd October.

Rosalind Walsh holds a Masters of Education from UNSW specialising in gifted education. She was the manager of the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales for 10 years. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of Rosalind’s presentation. A light supper will be provided – gold coin donation would be appreciated.

When: Monday 22nd October, 7.00-9.00pm
Where: Mareeba High School Auditorium.
RSVP: Please indicate numbers attending by:
Phone: 4086 2777
Email: cella4@eq.edu.au (Chris na Ellaco, Gifted & Talented Coordinator)

SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

17TH OCTOBER 2012

Guest Speaker — Darren Lockyer.
Tickets Available Now
Adults $50 Students $25

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

12th Oct. Immunisation Program Year 8 & Year 10
17th Oct. Sports Presentation Night
22nd Oct. Student Free Day
24th Oct. School Dance PCYC Digital Showcase
26th Oct. Year 10 Beacon Signing
30th Oct. Presentation Night
7th Nov. Year 10 Ties and Tiaras Dinner Dance
7th—9th Nov Year 12 Exams

OFFICE HOURS

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

P & C MEETING

Tuesday 13th November 5:30PM
Venue: School Library
Tea and Coffee available.
Everyone Welcome.
PRINCIPAL’S WORDS

Welcome to Term 4! I’m refreshed from my break in Fiji. While I was away, our provisional NAPLAN results arrived and it’s good news. This year’s results indicate that in all 5 strands we have improved student’s literacy and numeracy. In particular there have been significant gains in spelling and grammar/punctuation along with maintaining strong results in numeracy. I am very proud of our Yr 9s who have been working hard in class to improve and also of my teaching staff who have been focussing on explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy and seeing individual learning goals with their students.

Over the break, Kayla Walker received her Order of Australia Associate Prize, Brendan Crago received his Peter Doherty Award and Sarah Bensted attended the Queensland Youth Parliament. Next week, the Kings Chess team will travel to Brisbane to compete in the State finals at Brisbane SHS. I would like to thank the many community organisations who provide financial assistance to allow our students to attend and/or compete at State, National and International events.

Lastly, Choice Habitz, our tuckshop, recently received a 5-star rating for healthy foods. This means that the tuckshop only sells foods that meet the strict, healthy eating guidelines. This means parents can be assured that if their child eats at the tuckshop, then he/she is eating healthily. Congratulations to convenor Debbie Heathfield and her team of willing workers and volunteers on this achievement. It means that again the tuckshop is eligible to enter the Tuckshop of the Year contest. Last year the tuckshop was in the top 10. My fingers are crossed!

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill
PRINCIPAL
Three of our students, Nadine Rains, Shenice Portelli and Angus Hughes have won 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the BLA Bare Foot photography competition. They will receive their award in early December in Cairns. Well done to their teacher, Kylie Lambert, who worked with the photography students to produce such excellent work.

WANTED

Used/Second Hand MSHS School Jackets

The MSHS P & C Association seeks assistance from former students or parents for the donation 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 shortage through commercial outlets in Mareeba. Jackets can be delivered to either the Administration office at the school or the Tuckshop. Any donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2011 VISITS MSHS

On August 16 the SOSE/BUSINESS Department welcomed Mr Jae Fraser (Australian Institute of Management Young Manager of the Year 2011) to the school as Guest Speaker. He addressed a number of our Year 10, 11 and 12 business students. In his presentation ‘Driving High Performance’, Mr Fraser highlighted various skills and strategies to motivate and drive high performance teams to achieve the best possible results in the workplace. Jae spoke from experience as currently he is the General Manager Operations of G8 Education, a company which is responsible for over 150 childcare and education services in Australia and Singapore.

Mr Fraser was warmly welcomed and acknowledged for his very interesting and inspirational talk. He reassured the students that there were many opportunities available to them if they are willing to work hard and aspire to be “the best they could possibly be”, in their chosen profession.

A similar presentation by Jae was made to the School’s Leadership Team which was also very well received. He has a very contagious way of making others look at the way they can make their workplace more enjoyable and fun to be a part of.

Ms Hannele Mlikota — Senior Teacher

DATA AWARDS

The Digital Showcase has been renamed this year and will now be called the DATA Awards. DATA stands for Distinguished Amateur Technology Achievement and these awards are to recognise students who have demonstrated their talents creatively using technology. The categories for this year’s Awards include Digital Art, Photography, Web Site Design, Animation, Game Design and Digital Video. Students have been busy preparing their entries for the Awards which are occurring at 6:00 pm on the 24th of October in the Mareeba State High School Hall.

Ms Leigh Gargan — Teacher

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.

Mareeba State High School offers year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to participate in a 1:1 take home scheme for a parent/guardian co-contribution of $150 per year. For year 10 students who pay their 2013 co-contribution on this year there will be a number of laptops available from the start of term four with others becoming available around week 6. These will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

Laptops Include:

☐ All software needed for school
☐ Six-hour battery
☐ Crush-proof protective cases
☐ Wireless network connection
☐ Pre-paid 3G Internet connectivity including data plan
☐ Student helpdesk
☐ Laptop Skin
☐ 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 or available from the school office and return them together with the $150 co-contribution for 2013 to the school office.

Mr Trevor Sco — Teacher (IT Co-ordinator)

YOU CAN HELP

Support the DATA Awards by purchasing a copy of the 2012 School Magazine ‘Schola’.

80 pages of full colour – academic achievements, sporting highlights, camps, excursions, school dances, G&T and much more.

Expected delivery date: 12 November 2012
Cost: $27
Pay at the school office to secure your copy.

SCHOOL HATS FOR SALE

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P & C Association

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
“Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.” — Les Brown

**TERTIARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**
The Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund can assist with scholarships for those commencing their tertiary studies in 2013. The scholarship applicants are assessed by a “merit and means test” process and are provided to assist youth to achieve their goals in their chosen field. Applications can be obtained from the Fund’s website at www.fnqyaf.org.au. Alternatively, inquiries can be directed to the Fund’s Office on 40516590. Applications close 31st December 2012. We also now have Facebook – Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund Inc.

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER**
Teacher Training Opportunities at Mareeba RATEP in 2013. If you are interested in becoming a teacher or a qualified teaching assistant, these courses are for you. Applications are now being taken for Certificate III in Education, Certificate IV in Education, Diploma of Education, and Bachelor of Education.

For further information please contact Colin McElligot on 40922556. Applications close November 30th 2012.

**SUNCORP BANK**
Are you going overseas? Suncorp Bank can help you!

If you’re in year 12 and travelling overseas for your school trip this year, or going on a family holiday, get in early and see Suncorp Bank.

We can help you with purchasing foreign cash and getting a cash passport which means an ATM card you can use overseas!

Be prepared, pop in and see your friendly Suncorp Bank Mareeba Team today!

**FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL & TALENT QUEST**
Presented by Walkamin Country Music Club
12th, 13th & 14th October 2012 Kereribee Park Mareeba

Nominees are being called for the Talent Quest:
- Senior (8 – 13 yrs not turned 14)
- Junior (14 – 17 yrs not turned 18)
- Open (over 18 years old)

Please contact Cassie for nominations form. 40923542 / 0447923532 Email: blain72@bigpond.com

**TABLELAND TOUCH**
Tableland touch comp on saw our senior team become runners up in nal and the sub-senior team produce the best and fairest overall champion.

**REC CAMP**
Senior HPE REC camp saw students ride and hike to Lake Tinaroo during the last week of term.

**NZ SKIING TRIP**
Four of our teachers: Darren Jones, Sally Levi, Toni Stevens and Tom Wakely gave up a large chunk of their holidays to take 27 of our students on the trip of a lifetime skiing in New Zealand. No bones were broken, and no-one got lost or left behind, so it was obviously a great success!