53RD ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

DATE CLAIMERS

- 7th Nov. Year 10 Ties and Tiaras Dinner Dance
- 7th—9th Nov Year 12 Exams
- 13th Nov P&C Meeting
- 15th Nov Year 12 Graduation
- 16th Nov Last day and formal (Year 12)
- 21st—23rd Nov Year 11 Exams
- 26th—28th Nov Year 10 Exams
- 30th Nov Last Day Year 10 & 11
- 5th Dec Year 7 Transition Day

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.

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE
16TH NOVEMBER—12:30PM

Mareeba State High School will be closed from 12:30pm onwards on Friday 16th November 2012 due to office renovations. Normal opening hours will resume on Monday 19th November. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you to all those business houses and individuals that supported our school and students.

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SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Mareeba State High School’s Sports Presentation Night was a huge success. Our student award recipients, their parents, teachers and members of the community were thrilled to be in the presence of one of Australia’s Rugby League legends, MR DARREN LOCKYER.

The Sports Presentation Night would like to extend a personal thank you to our Sponsors. These Sponsors have helped us achieve our objectives of recognising our sporting youth, fundraising for the purchase of additional equipment for various sports and ultimately “building a better future together”.

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Mr Soothill

PRINCIPAL'S WORDS

It’s been a busy few weeks with Sport Presentation Night, the D.A.T.A awards and Presentation Night. I am very proud of the many individual successes of our young people.

Also earlier this week, we hosted a Community Forum organised by Tablelands Regional Council about the upcoming eclipse next week. It was a really informative evening and it was wonderful to see so many Tablelanders coming to Mareeba to share information about the eclipse. If you are going to view the eclipse on the morning of 14 November, please make sure that you do not look directly into the sun as it may permanently damage your eyes. There is a wealth of information available through the Astronomy Association of Queensland website. Go to http://www.eclipse.aaq.org.au/index.php/eclipse-information/how-to-observe-the-sun-safely

This week is the last week for Year 12s with an alternative program commencing when block exams are finished. It is really important that all work requirements are met before Friday. The graduation ceremony is on Thursday evening and is open to family and friends of graduating students. The formal is on Friday evening and is a closed function for graduating students and a maximum of two parents.

For upcoming exam dates and year level course information please refer to the dates and news section in the newsletter. Lastly, the Year 7 transition day for students already enrolled at Mareeba SHS and Year 11 and Year 8 camps, please refer to the dates and news section in the newsletter. If you know someone who has not yet enrolled for 2013, please encourage them to book an appointment. The transition day is a chance for students to try different class combinations as well as to further familiarise our incoming students. A big thank you goes to our incoming interyear leaders, Year 11 students who volunteer to assist our newest Mareeba SHS in making a smooth transition to high school.

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill

PRINCIPAL

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN AWARDS

Every year the Business Liaisons Association organises the regional Industrial Technology and Design awards, these awards recognise outstanding INTAD students throughout the Cairns and Tablelands region. This year three Mareeba State High School students won awards; Brenden Crago - 3rd place in Senior Construction and Jason Lea - 4th place in the same category and Daniel Hudson - 2nd place in Senior Mechanical Design and in addition one was awarded most outstanding senior student for the region. We are very proud of all of these students and congratulate them all on their success.

Mr Keff Johnson—
Teacher (INTAD Co-ordinator)

D.A.T.A AWARDS

The Disguised Amateur Technology Achievement (D.A.T.A.) Awards occurred last Wednesday night with great support from parents and students alike. Students were acknowledged for their creativity and efforts in the areas of photography, website design, animation, video. Each of the award winners were presented with their handmade trophies made by year 12 student Hayden Mercieca. Assisting on the night were year 11 students Shenice Henley Tabuai, Tomas Heta and Eric Tabuai.

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This is a fantastically informative job as hosts. These awards celebrate the creative talents of our students and encourage us to grow next year with talk of additional categories for the students to enter our innovation competition.

Warm regards to all families,

Ms Gargan and Alex Weinden

GUITAR MASTER CLASS

A small group of students had the opportunity to work with Nathaniel Andrew, the guitar instructor from the Conservatorium of Music, Central Queensland University on Monday 29th October.

It was a fantastic day for students and students. I was really impressed with the very high level of par cipated with their ability to persist in practicing music and the great sense of humour displayed by the group.

Our students wanted to know if they could do the day all over again soon.

A special thanks for all the great work and support on the day goes to Nathaniel Andrew, Kipp Seidenkrantz, Kelsey Allen and Chris Gray. For all students this year you see them: Ausn Pell, Tayla-Jane Portelli, Akeam Akee, Esta Musumeci, Enrol Leon, Kaleb Callaghan, Phillip Condren, Ian King, Shaydan Wason, Henley Tabuai, Tomas Heta and Eric Tabuai.
FOOTBALL DREAM

Dreams are becoming reality for one Mareeba State High School year 12 student. Clint is about to begin his professional football career. He is only days off graduating as a highly respected and successful young adult. Having lead the seniors of 2012 through their final year he is now about to embark on a new and exciting challenge at one of the biggest clubs in the NRL game and 2012 Premiers – Melbourne Storm. Clint is a rugby league player with exceptional talent. Many of his coaches and trainers have commented on both his on-field and off-field dedication. His success on the football field sees him play a full game; topping 40+ tackles and 25+ hit-ups in a game. Being a hooker in a team of professional athletes requires more than just a standard bag of tricks. Stamina and vision allow Clint to emulate one of his idols in Melbourne Storm, Queensland & Australian Hooker, Cameron Smith. He has the entire package, speed, strength, agility, passing game, kicking game and a natural ability to read the play as it unfolds.

This year he has had a great deal of success both in the classroom and on the football field. Clint was not only a run on member of the Northern Pride U18’s team, but was also named captain of the U19’s Peninsular School Boys Team. Very soon after graduating he will be off to Melbourne to continue his 2-year contract and while most of us are relaxing over the school holidays, Clint will be trained to a standstill in Melbourne. Looking forward to 2013, Clint’s aim is to make the Melbourne Storm U20 National Youth Competition (Toyota Cup) team and continue his education through a Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University. His academic achievements have contributed to inspire others. Clint is very well respected among the halls of Mareeba State High School by students and teachers, often achieving straight ‘A’s’ across his subjects. When questioned about his academic success he puts it down to a supportive environment coupled with pure dedication on to succeed. Once his goals have been set there is no stopping or changing his mind.

The Mareeba Gladiators will definitely miss his kills and professionalism next year. Clint, everyone wishes you all the best in your future with the Melbourne Storm. Remember – luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Mr Tom Wakely—Teacher

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS SHEP AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (IM)

This year seven of our talented instrumental students participated in State Honours Ensemble Programme or SHEP. The SHEP programme is organised by the Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University. It aims to bring together young musicians from across the state to work with experienced musicians and conductors. Students need to be nominated by their instrumental teacher to participate. Caitlin Goodhew, Lauren Searle, Diandra Graham, Caitlin Peacock, Jessica Kennedy, Lachlan Shorey and Anwen Towne all ended the SHEP Programme in North Queensland. Anwen Towne also ended the SHEP Programme as a state representative. Well done to all our talented musicians.

Students in the IM Programme at Mareeba SHS participated in a range of experiences that supplemented their school education. Lessons are individualised and with our IM teacher, Ms Kristy Braes. Students have the opportunity to practice and perform with other talented members of a school band. If you are interested in your student being part of the Instrumental Music programme at school please contact Kylie Lambert on 40862777.

TUCKSHOP DAY

On Friday the year 12 Early Childhood class volunteered to assist in the canteen to say “Thank you” to our wonderful tuckshop ladies who have provided them with fantastic food over the past 5 years. The girls eagerly prepared food, packaged lunches and prepared well deserved coffees. Happy Tuckshop Day.

Ms Michelle Cifuentes—HOD Health and HEC

SCHOOL HATS FOR SALE

VISUAL ART AWARD

Recently Morena Toffnello, a year 12 Visual Art student, won the regional BLA Visual Arts Excellence Award. Morena will receive a $1000 bursary which can be used to support her future visual art studies. Congratulations to Morena for all her hard work and dedication to her Visual Art studies this year. It has been great to have so many hard working Visual Art students at Mareeba SHS aiming for excellence in year 12.

Bursary Winner

Congratulations to Year 9 Student Geraldine Petersen who was recently awarded the “BHP BILLIONT CANNINGTON MINE NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BURSARY” for her efforts in Dance valued at $750.00.

Geraldine being presented the award by the Tablelands Regional Council Mayor - Rosa Lee Long

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

Clay P. Bedford

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Christmas & Separated Families

Tips, Resources & Service Information

When families separate, Christmas can be a sad time. Children caught up in the conflict and tension of a family break-up may feel anxious, sad, confused, left out, angry, depressed, or even scared between parents who are dealing with anger and other stresses associated with separation. The following information may help you to plan a Happy Christmas for your children. We wish you a safe and Happy Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year.

If you can’t agree on what the children spend Christmas:  
- Arrange to have your child’s other parent at a mutually convenient time. It is a neutral place where the children are cared for elsewhere. Most in private or with pre-agreed other parents present.
- Keep the topic of yard, be direct, clear, specific and non-blaming.
- Stay calm. Listen without interrupting. Avoid the tough topics in front of an mirror.
- Complain, don’t complain. Look for solutions, not blame. Focus on what are the best interests of the children.
- When the going gets rough, medication can help. The Child Family Relationships Centre (1300 504 277) can offer help, but you need to book well ahead. The FAC will be closed from Dec 24th to Jan 3rd.
- If the matter needs to go to Court, for mediation, the deadline for filing applications is 30th November. Contact your legal advisor for more information, or contact:
  - Child Community Legal Centre: 1300 788888 for an appointment.
  - Legal Aid QLD: 1300 65 11 00 for an appointment.
  - For women only—NQ Women’s Legal Service 1300 244 994 for a free telephone advice.

If you can’t agree on the children’s other parent on Christmas Day:  
- Focus on the children—try to take the emotion out of it and try not to fight or argue in front of them. Be fair.
- Encourage the children to have contact with both parents on Christmas Day—all of it by phone email, Skype, SMS, etc.
- Avoid a custody war—don’t change and change phone. Older children like to be involved in the planning.
- Remember that Christmas is not one day, it is a period—Christmas can also be celebrated on Xmas Eve or Boxing Day.
- Talk to your kid about what presents you intend to buy—don’t want duplicates or to upset each other.
- Remember that your friends, relatives, and couples are very important sources of support for children. Make sure that your children can feel free to contact their relatives on all sides of the family—children’s phone when they are not able to see people that they are close to.
- Plan ahead—children feel happier if they know what is going to happen in advance.
- Remember: everything you say to your former partner goes straight through your child’s heart.

For parents who are without their children at Christmas:  
- Plan alternative activities and be with family and friends if possible. Treasure the children that you have.
- Volunteer! The Salvation Army usually needs help to serve Xmas lunch on Christmas Day. You could also help out as the local nursing home.
- If you feel depressed, make sure that you get help from your friends or family. You can ring Lifeline on 131 114 at any time. This is a free call from landline and mobile phones.

Happy Christmas!

Keeping Safe  
If you or your child feel unsafe, receive threats or experience violence or abuse at Christmas or any other time, contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Counselling Service: 1300 333 746 (24/7) or at www.anzcus.org.au.

Be aware that during Christmas gatherings, increased consumption of alcohol can add to an already tense situation.
“Schola”

Mareeba State High School’s school magazine is now at the printers.

Copies can be pre-ordered at the office or $27.00.

Magazines will be available for collection towards the end of November.

“Schola” order your copy now