AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Mareeba High students were very successful at the recent Tablelands Regional Council Australia Day Awards. Rebecca Martens, Jacki McNab and Aimee Wildman were collectively awarded the Junior Community Service Award for their huge contribution to many events over the past 5 years. These girls have run many fund-raising events in the school for charities and worthwhile causes. They have been members of the Interact Club, and have participated in a vast range of activities to help others.

Anwen Towne was awarded the Junior Cultural Award. She has achieved Distinctions and Honours in a wide range of cultural activities, including Singing, Piano, Musicanship and Dance. She is a member of the Gondwana Voices – a national choir, and has performed at the Australian Embassy in China and was selected to Tour the UK early this year. Anwen was unavailable for a photo as she was still overseas on tour. Congratulations to these students – a credit to themselves and their school.

Well done!!!

SENIOR SUCCESS... BE PROUD!

OP 1  Rebecca Martens
OP 2  Jessica Kennedy
OP 4  Brenden Crago, Karla Mahmut, Tahlia Murador
OP 5  Anwen Towne, Alyssa Tieppo, Lesley Veschetti
OP 6  Hannah Lea, Daniel Hudson, Christina Meyer, Clint Posselt, Aimee Wildman

Congratulation to all our 2012 Year 12 students. The sheer hard work of the students along with the dedication of school staff and parents to support our young people to be the best they can be. Be proud!

DATE CLAIMERS

18th Feb
Year 8 Parent Night
19th Feb
Senior Induction
22nd Feb
Swimming Carnival
25th Feb
Year 8 and Year 10 Immunisation program
6th Mar
School Dance
13th Mar
Action Against Bullying Day and Who’s Chatting to Your Kids Program
14th—18th Mar
Mid Semester Tests
29th Mar
Public Holiday Good Friday

OFFICE HOURS

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

P & C MEETING

Tuesday 12th March
5:30PM  Venue: C10
Tea and Coffee available. Everyone Welcome.
pandc@mareebashs.eq.edu.au

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.

Everyone Welcome.
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2012 YEAR 8 CAMP

During the last week of school in 2012, the year eight students attended the annual school camp. For the first time, the year eight camp was held at Camp Tinaroo. The new location allowed them to experience great mental and physical challenges which they enjoyed thoroughly. This camp also gave the grade eight’s a better chance to interact with their teachers and peers in a non-school environment. I would like to congratulate all the current year nine students for their behaviour and participation throughout the camp. I look forward to an enjoyable year as your co-ordinator in 2013.

Mr Keith Pelka — Year 9 Coordinator

PRINCIPAL’S WORDS

Welcome back after the summer break and a special welcome to our new Year 8 students and new families to the Mareeba SHS community. I’m looking forward to an exciting year this year.

A large part of settling in a new environment is getting to know some friendly faces. All students have a Care teacher who they see each day and a Year Coordinator available to help with any issues. I would encourage all parents to make contact with these people over the next few weeks. There are also a number of other specialist people here at the school to support you and your child. We have a Guidance Officer, Hazel Bensted, a School-based Health Nurse, Chris Gray, a Youth Support Coordinator, Jenni Lord, a Community Education Counsellor, Elma Lingard, a School-based Police Officer, Sue Gill and a Chaplain Melissa Searle.

We have also adjusted the internal school management structure and some facilities. Mr Paul Charles will be looking after Educational Services (classroom/teaching related matters) and Mrs Teena Seidenkranz will be looking after Student Services (behaviour, health, learning support matters).

Another important part of high school is being organised – one of our school’s values. All students have a student organiser. The student organiser is an important tool to assist with learning. There are places where parents can make requests as well as a wealth of information about how to succeed at school. Our school policies and other important information are also included in the front and back of the diary to help both parents and students better know what is expected at our school.

Lastly, I am so very proud of our graduating class of 2012 who have achieved excellent results with over 94% of our OP eligible students being offered a place at universities around Australia. Rebecca Martens achieved an OP1 which was outstanding result. She spoke to the students about the value of hard work and organisation. Some 43 of our students are off to university this year due to their excellent results, and over 30 of them came to our Undergraduate Presentation. They had the name of their degree offer and the University at which they will be studying read out to the entire student body and then attended a morning tea with the new Senior Eight.

Our new leaders were congratulated by past School Captain Jamey-Ray Musmarra and teachers were delighted to be able congratulate our graduates.

Christina Ellacott — Senior Teacher

SENIOR 8

Tuesday 5th February was our first full school parade of 2013, and it was very special indeed. Our Senior Eight members were presented to the parade and our school leaders are:

School Captains: Cassidy-Rae Givney, Baedyn McClelland
Vice Captains: Sean Foster, Alessia Aloia
Student Council President: Curtis Midgley
Student Council Vice President: Anisah Ali-Allen
Student Council Secretary: Lisa Nastasi
Student Council Treasurer: Robert Gargan

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SPOTS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed the 2013 Sports Captains.

LEICHHARDT

Captains
Kate Mirarchi and Logan Hogarth
Vice Captains
Tiana Feggattili and Brady McFarlane

KENNEDY

Captains
Tegan Parker and Damien Barbir
Vice Captains
Melissa Fitzsimmons and Rusty Dawson

MCKINLAY

Captains
Kirsten Falvo and Zeljko Higby
Vice Captains
Reegan Phillott and Bradley Smith

GREGORY

Captains
Jessica Sexton and Tyler Palmer
Vice Captains
Jean Saker and Rowan Foxwell

Looking forward to the fierce interhouse rivalry starting with the swimming carnival Friday 22nd February.

Christian Stewart — HOD Health and HEC

CAMBODIA TRIP

During the Easter break a group of Mareeba State High School students will be doing volunteer work at an orphanage in Cambodia. Part of the preparation for the trip is fundraising so they can donate items like bicycles or school materials to the orphanage. Please find attached information about a fundraiser pasta night on 1 March. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.

PASTA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

$25 per ticket

MAREBEA LEAGUE CLUB

153 Day St, Mareeba

Ph: 4092 2922

Daily Lunch Specials

Legends Bistro - Open 7 Days

Functions • Air Conditioned • Courtyard • Gym & Bar

Tab • Keno • Bingo

BE SUN SMART

Hats are available for purchase from the school tuckshop for $15.00. Reversible school and sports house colours.

NEW TEACHERS

Name: Christian Stewart
Teaching Subjects: HOD Health
Background: Physical Education, Health, Science and Hospitality
Special Interests: Sport, Food and Science

Name: Adam Libke
Teaching Subject(s): Drama
Background: FNQ raised. Lived in Sydney a while. Staying in Mareeba now and enjoying it.
Special Interests: Music, Film, Acting, Basketball, Soccer

Name: Alistair Barnett
Teaching Subjects: Year 8,9,10 science, 12 prevocational maths, 2x year 10 HPE, Year 11 Career Development
Background: Moved up from Brisbane to start my first year of teaching.
Special interests: Outdoor activities, The environment and sport

Name: Tamara Brown
Teaching Subject(s): year 8 & 9 SOSE, year 9 English, year 9 CARE (may not be relevant) and year 8 Sewing
Background: 2012 – Tully State High School (Home Ec teacher), 2011 Term 4 contract – Mareeba State High School (Business/Sewing teacher)
Special Interests: Sewing, Cooking are things I like to do in my spare time and on weekends. I also like travel and plan to travel to Europe for my next trip.

Name: Peter Ward
Teaching Subject(s): Manual Arts
Background: 24 years involved in family service station/John Deere dealership. Mechanic/diesel fitter. 10 years of teaching in small schools around the state, the last 5 at Blackall in Central Western Queensland.
Special Interests: most sports but especially Rugby League

“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to always try just one more time.”  

Thomas Edison

**COMMUNITY**

**SITCHROMES BOXING MAREEBA PRESENTS**

**BOXERS AT WAR 7**

**ALCOHOL SERVED**
**FIND YOUR LUCKY HUNGRY**
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**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**
MASONIC HALL (CONSTANCE ST) MAREEBA
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM - FIGHTS START 7PM

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**YOUTH SUPPORT COORDINATOR**

Jenni Lord is Mareeba High’s Youth Support Co-ordinator (YSC). Jenni is employed by Vocational Partnerships Group and works with young people who are at risk of disengaging from formal education due to personal, social or educational issues. YSC’s can provide young people with information, referrals to specialist agencies, advocacy, transport to appointments, skill development and non-therapeutic counselling. Some examples of issues we frequently deal with include; relationships, independent living, interpersonal conflict, pregnancy and parenting, personal development and general support. Jenni is based at Mareeba High every Tuesday and Wednesday and works with students who self refer or students that are referred from schools, community agencies, families or government organisations. If you would like more information about the YSC Program please contact Jenni.

Mobile: 0488 734 420
Email: jenni@vpginc.com.au
Room: C01 at School

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**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

For all of you who don’t know me yet, my name is Melissa Searle and I am the Chaplain here at Mareeba State High School. I am looking forward to another great year of journeying through school with all the students. SU QLD Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. We are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety. We provide a listening ear and a caring presence for students in crisis and those who just need a friend. We also provide support for staff and parents in school communities. If you have any questions, or just want a chat, please call me through the school on 4086 2777 Monday to Thursdays.

Mobile: 0448 734 420
Email: melissa@vpginc.com.au
Room: C01 at School

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Message from the School Based Police Officer

**Welcome back….**

Well another school year has started and as usual it’s been full steam ahead. Now is a timely reminder to talk to your children about what devices they want to take to school and why? Although they may have received lots of branch new devices at Christmas, doesn’t mean they need to bring them all to school with them.

When discussing what devices your child what devices they can take to school there are three things you need to consider: school policies, distraction and theft. You and your child should be familiar with the school’s policy and it is important that you enforce these restrictions with your child. Most devices are expensive and in the event that property is stolen at school, it is extremely difficult to retrieve. Please encourage your child NOT to keep valuable in their school bags, but to keep them on their person at all times or hand them into the office for collection after school. It may also be beneficial to mark or engrave property where possible and with mobile phones activate the ‘Find my Phone’ application.

**Reminder….**

This year we have had an increase in the number of buses running to and from the school. The bus stop is situated in O’Donnell Street. Particularly after school this street becomes extremely busy with buses coming and going, parents picking up children and children from other schools disembarking or transferring buses. I would like to ask parents NOT to park adjacent to the bus stop to pick up children, this is causing congestion in the street, making it hard for free traffic flow and endangering the lives of children. The Council have been informed of this hazard and we are working with them to make it safer.

The safest area to pick up your children is at the loading zone on Jasper Street.

This particular are is a loading zone between 7.30 – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Drop off or pick up passengers only (as signed).

No parking longer than 2 minutes. **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.

Sue Gill  
Acting Senior Constable  
25498. School Based Police Officer  
Mareeba District  
(07) 4030 3306  
Sue.Gill@police.qld.gov.au

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**BRASS & CONCERT BAND 2013**

Date: 9th March  
Time: 7:00pm  
Place: Atherton SHS Community Hall

Presented by The Tablelands Regional Brass Band featuring

**Cairns Brass**
and various Tableland State Schools ensembles.
$10 entry fee per adult (includes supper) children free.