The Regional Cross Country Championships were held here at Mareeba State High School on Friday 24th May. Runners represented Districts from as far South as Tully, North to Bamaga and east to Cairns. It was the first time Mareeba State High has hosted a combined Primary and Secondary Championship and all reports indicate that the carnival was well received by the elite cross country runners across all age groups in the region.

From our own Tablelands District over 10 runners made it into the Peninsula squad with significant representation from our own Mareeba State High School running squad. Outstanding individual performances came from Johnson Makoti placing first in the open boys and Tegan Parker placing second in the region in the 17 girls. Other outstanding performances came from Baedyn McClelland, Damien Barbir and Geoffrey Chalmers all of whom made the Peninsula team in their own right.

All runners are looking forward to competing at the State Championships early next term in Bundaberg and we wish them all the best in their pursuit of excellence.

**Brad Weaver—Senior Teacher & Year 12 Coordinator**

**AUSTRALIAN INFORMATICS COMPETITION 2013**

The first of our 3 National Mathematics Competitions was held in May and it has unearthed some high achievers.

**Credits** were awarded to: Year 8—Bradley Newlands and Olivia Anderson, Year 9—Katelyn Dickinson, Year 10—Sam Harris, Adina Heggie and Carla Newlands, Year 11—Matthew Penn and Year 12—Jacinta McDonald. (Pictured above)

Receiving **Distinctions** are: Year 8—Jessica Heggie 84th percentile, Year 9—Yasin Ali-AlIen 98th percentile, Year 10—Carl Martens 97th percentile and Reece Ashford 84th percentile. (Pictured left)

**Terry McClelland—HOD Mathematics**
Arts & ICT

Congratulations everyone on your Demi Character. Modern and Very Highly Commended in Fast Jazz, Very Highly Commended in Slow Rowena Petersen Character and 3rd in Lyrical Solo.

Very Highly Commended in Demi Geraldine Petersen Jade Lep and 1st in Tap Championship. Jazz, 2nd in Waltz Tap, 3rd in Fast Tap, Commended in Contemporary and Fast Kiarna La Rosa Commended in Modern Championship.

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Our students were very successful and long rehearsal hours were worth it. Overall Baedyn McClelland was awarded the prestigious award of Most Outstanding Performer in 2013. Achievements included:

Baedyn McClelland - Most Outstanding Performer, 1st in Tap Duo, 1st in Classical Duo, 2nd in Contemporary Duo, 1st in Lyrical Solo, 2nd in Fast Modern Solo, 1st in Boys Only Solo, and Very Highly Commended in Modern Championship.

Kiarna La Rosa - 1st in Tap Duo, Highly Commended in Contemporary and Fast Jazz, 2nd in Waltz Tap, 3rd in Fast Tap, and 1st in Tap Championship.

Jade Lep - 3rd in Lyrical Solo.

Geraldine Petersen - 1st in Classical Duo, Very Highly Commended in Demi Character and 3rd in Lyrical Solo.

Rowena Petersen - Highly Commended in Fast Jazz, Very Highly Commended in Slow Modern and Very Highly Commended in Demi Character. Congratulations everyone on your success!

Kylie Lambert—HOD Visual & Performing Arts & ICT

PRINCIPAL’S WORDS

It’s nearly the end of Term 2 and it’s been very busy. This newsletter I’d like to focus on some of the technology enhancements that the school has available to support your child’s learning, keep you up-to-date about your child’s educational progress and what’s happening at the school.

Firstly, the 1-to-1 laptop program is extending to Year 10 from the end of this term. Already over half of Year 10 have taken up this cost-effective option to have a laptop with 3G internet allowance to support student learning.

Secondly, Education Queensland has released an iPhone/iPad app for government schools – “QSchools”. It links directly to the school website and keeps you up-to-date about news at school, events coming up and newsletter updates. I am interested in feedback from parents about whether this is a useful addition to the modes of communication about school activities and achievements. An android version of the app is being developed and I will let you know when it is released.

Lastly, the school is trialling an online parent-teacher booking process for the interviews early next term. Hopefully it means that you can make appointments to see your child’s teacher more easily. You can already email teachers if you have a specific query at any time, but parent-teacher interviews give you the opportunity to put a face to a name. Again, I would be interested in any feedback about using this new process.

Warm regards to all families,

Jo Soothill

PRINCIPAL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - BAND REHEARSAL WITH MISS CRAMB

This morning the school band sounded fantastic in rehearsals! Students were ably conducted by Miss Eliza Cramb, our new Instrumental Music teacher. Miss Cramb has recently moved from Brisbane and joins our teaching team while Ms Braes is on maternity leave. Miss Cramb has a passion for music and personally enjoys playing the flute and saxophone. Miss Cramb was impressed by the performance of the school band at the recent Dimbulah Lions Festival. If you are interested in your student having Instrumental Music lessons or have any questions about the programme please contact Ms Kylie Lambert on 40862777.

Ms Kylie Lambert—HOD Visual and Performing Arts and ICT

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Year 11 Leadership Camp is held annually in November and this year’s camp will be held at the Barrabarood Swing Scout Camp at Lake Tinaroo.

We started the ball rolling in Term 1 when we handed out a note to students asking for a deposit of $50 and a signed parental permission note. Some students/parents have paid their deposit and returned the note. Thank you. Some parents have paid the deposit with their child’s school fees but have not returned the permission note. Maybe the note never made it home. If a new note is required, please ask your child to see Mrs McClelland or Mrs Lambert in F Block staffroom for a new one.

Students have until the end of the first week of term 3 (12th July) to hand in their permission note and pay the deposit.

It is necessary for us to have a clear indication of the number of students who will be attending the camp in order to proceed with the planning and preparation required for an event of this size. Thank you

Kim McClelland/Denise Lambert—Year 11 Co-ordinators
YEAR 10 LAPTOP/TABLET TAKE HOME SCHEME

Year 10 Students are invited to join our Laptop/Tablet Take Home Scheme and application forms have now been distributed to all Year 10 students. We anticipate that the tablets will be ready to take home in time for the holidays, if not they will be available from Day 1, Term 3.

The Acer Iconia W701 tablet computers are on their way. Students joining the scheme will be able to use the device at school and home, weekends and holidays including the Christmas holidays. The co-contribution would normally be $150 per year however a fee of $75.00 will be charged to cover remaining part of 2013.

While all necessary forms and details have been provided to Year 10 students, spare copies are available from the school office.

Mr Trevor Scott — ICT/Student Laptop Co-ordinator

BARRON RIVER CHALLENGE 12 SCHOOLS DIVISION.

The annual Junior Barron River Challenge 12 km kayak/canoe race between Mareeba and Biboohra saw a new champion get his name on the Bendigo Bank Trophy. Matthew Lep completed the race on a Spirit Ski in a time of 1:18:54 in very low river conditions. The Canadian male division was won by Julian Kath and Damien Barbir whilst the female division was won by Jennifer Apel and Regan Phillott. Taking out the mixed Canadian class was Tayla Hughes who teamed up with Darren Low. Special mention was made at the Tinaroo Canoe Club’s presentation ceremony of Brock Hawke who completed the 50 km BRC50 open race between Mareeba and Kuranda in a sub 6 hour time 5:56:23.

2014 will see a Canadian Canoe Teams division open to competent paddlers. Start Paddling.

Terry McClelland — HOD Maths & BRC12/50 race co-ordinator.

Q SCHOOLS SMARTPHONE APP

Queensland school communities now have a new way to interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

Subscribe to your school to stay engaged with the school community. Add schools to your favourites to get school news items, newsletters and calendar events straight to your smartphone. Add events to your smartphone calendar. Multiple schools can be added as favourites.

Important alerts Receive push notifications for important announcements about school closures and natural disasters.

School search Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

School details View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.

For more information: http://data.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/qschools.html

VISUAL ART EXHIBITION

Recently four Year 11 Visual Art students at Mareeba State High School were selected to be participants in the exhibition “Part of the Process”. Jessie Lea, Maggie Greene, Reece Ashford and Belinda Grundling were selected for this showcase exhibition based on the high standard of work that they submitted.

“Part of the Process” is an exhibition that explores the process of visual artworks and features items such as experimental works and visual diary pages. The exhibition has been professionally curated by Ms Olivia Everitt and held in ‘A Beautiful Art Space’, a Cairns gallery in the CBD.

Students selected for the exhibition have had the opportunity to be mentored and to work with the curator with their art works featured in the exhibition catalogue.

The opening night of “Part of the Process” held on Friday 7th June at 5:30pm was a great success with friends and families attending.

Congratulations Jessie, Maggie, Reece and Belinda on your success. Keep up the great work!

Ms Kylie Lambert — HOD Visual and Performing Arts and ICT

Belinda Grundling
Reece Ashford
Jessie Lea
Maggie Greene

MAREEBA LEAGUES CLUB
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“NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE”
“Start by doing what’s necessary, then what’s possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – St. Francis of Assisi

CAIRNS SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE EVENTS
Saturday 29th June and Saturday 6 July 2013

Magic of Colour 10:00 – 11:30am
Learn about chemistry and physics using colours. Create interesting designs on fabrics, find out what colours smarties are really made of, make rainbows, use crystals and polarising filters to produce funky images and lots more! Ages 5-15yrs.

Colourful Chromatography 12:30 – 2:00pm
Create a colourful calico bag design using chromatography techniques – all materials supplied. Ages 5-15yrs.

Venue: Peace Lutheran College, Cowley Street, Kamerunga (follow the signs to Science Labs)
Times: See individual events
Cost: $12 for Double Helix Science Club members
$15 for general admission
Age: 5 – 15 years (Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

Bookings are essential!
We now take bookings online – http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club/Helix-events/DH-Events-QLdn.aspx
Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any further enquiries. Phone: 47 257 887 or Email: Double-HelixNQLD@csiro.au

ELITE FOOTBALL NQ
Are you the next Tim Cahill? Are you aged between 13-18 and interested in playing and training with a number of English soccer clubs? Elite Football NQ will be holding a 2 day trial on 4th - 5th July (in Mareeba) to select players to take part in a 3 week tour of England and Wales in November/December 2013.

Registrations for the trials is required for insurance purposes, For more information on the trials or the tour, please contact Scott or Michelle Orth on Phoned 47737391 or elitefootballnq@y7mail.com

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

P & C Association

SCHOOL WATCH
Education Queensland in conjunction with Mareeba State High School has a grounds policy: ‘No one shall access the school grounds out of school hours without the written permission of the Principal; and secondly the school is part of the School Watch Program which aims to reduce crime directed against schools and to foster a greater degree of community involvement in school security. We ask our local school community that if you see or hear suspicious behaviour, report the incident immediately to 131788 or if life threatening phone 000. The Queensland Police will take appropriate prosecution action in charging persons found unlawfully on school grounds. Please assist the school in safeguarding against vandalism, theft and arson these school holidays.

THE GREAT PYRAMID RACE AND COUNTRY FAIR ASSOCIATION INC
Students are invited to take part in this year’s event.
10th August 2013, Norman Park, Gordonvale.
1500m Road Race - 10:15am
5km Cross Country Race – 11am
Register online at www.pyramidrace.com.
Email: info@pyramidrace.com
Phone: Lyndell (President) 0435 578 347 or Karen (Treasurer) 0422 517 624

2012 School Magazine ‘SCHOLA’
80 pages of full colour – academic achievements, sporting highlights, camps, excursions, school dances, G&T and much more. Still available for sale at the office. $27.00.