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"Building a Better Future Together"

FANTASY WRITER’S CAMP

Mareeba State High School was delighted to be offered 6 places in the highly selective, award-winning Fantasy Writer’s Camp held at the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre over four days (27th – 30th Aug). Students who attended were: Olivia Anderson, Ben Dickinson, Lachlan Ford, Adem Latif, Mateen Latif and Mitchell Stephens.

Our students had four days of total writing immersion with high level experiences developed especially to foster their writing skills. Guidance in speculative fiction writing was delivered by much-published author Michael Pryor. It was especially pleasing that our six students not only participated willingly in all writing activities, but that they were standouts in their participation in all aspects of the camp – including cleaning and cooking chores, volunteering to help and showing initiative! Their good manners and cheerful presence was noted by all – well done! Thanks to Mrs Lyndell Sellar and Mr Peter McGregor for organising and developing this wonderful learning opportunity.

Christina Ellacott—Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Senior Teacher

SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Sports Presentation Night this Friday looks to be a wonderful evening with guest speaker Vicki Wilson. Vicki has represented Australia for 15 years between 1985 and 1999, the last four as captain, and was arguably the world’s best goal shooter for most of that time. Joining her on this evening to help celebrate Mareeba State High School students sporting achievements are students and their families, staff, sponsors and community members. Congratulations to all students nominated.

Junior Sportsperson of the year
Lachlan Ford
Mitchell Greene
Sarrah Myrteza
Erin Phillott
Bradley Newlands
Senior Sportsperson of the year
Oliver Cotterill, Brock Hawke
Baedyn McClelland, Tegan Parker

ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION NIGHT

18th October 2013
Mareeba
International Club
Guest Speaker
Vicki Wilson OAM

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

18th Oct
Sports Presentation Night
23rd Oct
Digital Showcase Awards Night
25th Oct
School Dance—PCYC
29th Oct
Presentation Night
6th—8th Nov
Year 12 Exams
15th Nov
Last Day for Year 12 Senior Formal
20th—22nd Nov
Year 10 Exams
25th—27th Nov
Year 10 Exams
26th—29th Nov
Year 11 Camp

OFFICE HOURS

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

P & C MEETING

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

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**TUCKSHOP CLOSURE**

Tuckshop will be closed for the last 2 weeks of the school term from 2/12/13 – 13/12/13 due to major renovation building work.

Debbie Heathfield — Tuckshop Convenor

**PRINCIPAL’S WORDS**

Welcome back to students and staff for the final term of the year, how quickly it is all flying by with just 12 weeks until Christmas! I am currently Acting Principal whilst Jo Soothill takes some well-deserved long service leave at the beginning of Term 4 and feel quite privileged to be leading off.

Our Year 12 students have 6 weeks remaining. Their focus will be tested this term but it is imperative our students and their support networks keep an eye on the main prize.

School success can be gauged by what is achieved at the end of this period. My gauge of success is ultimately whether a student gains a Queensland Certificate of Education and achieves our service commitment which means our exiting Year 12’s will:

→ Achieve an OP and enter university or;
→ Enter a clear VET pathway to employment or;
→ Gain paid employment of a minimum of 25 hours per week or;
→ Find an alternative pathway at risk or have special needs

A smooth and successful transition to their post-schooling destination of choice is our wish. All Year 12 students must do everything they can over the next 6 weeks to ensure their success is not an accident, but is deliberate and planned for.

On 18 October is our 10th Annual Sports Presentation event where we get to celebrate the sporting achievements of our young athletes. This year we are hosting Australian Netball royalty, Vicki Wilson who was part of the Australian Netball team for fifteen years and an inductee to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. Please join us for this very special event.

Tickets are available from the main office for $40. Explicitly teaching the values of Respect, Organisation, Learning and Safety remain resolutely front and centre this term. Our commitment to teaching and applying these values every day this year has paid dividends during the recent behaviour audit with our school scoring highly across the majority of the audit domains. A great achievement and one we are proud of at Mareeba SHS, and testimony to the collective effort and hard work of our school community, students and staff.

Until next time

Paul Charles — Acting Principal

**MAREEBA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ARTS SHOWCASE AWARDS 2013**

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Leigh Gargan — Media Teacher

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Terence McClelland — HOD Maths

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Sat-Sun: 8:30am-12:30pm

**THE ARTS SHOWCASE AWARDS**

6.30pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday, 23rd of October
Mareeba State High School Hall

The Arts Showcase Awards

**TABLELAND TOUCH FOOTBALL OPEN CHAMPIONS**

For 7 weeks during term 3 this year we had 2 Grade 12 Touch Football teams competing in the Tablelands Touch Football Competition in Atherton. Both teams represented Mareeba State High School proudly. Team #2 had mixed results, coming 5th in the competition. The Best and Fairest player for Team #2 was Brendan Nastasic. Team #1 went undefeated for the entire 7 weeks defeating Malanda State High School 9-7 in the Grand Final. Best and Fairest for Team #1, and Player of the Final was Baedyn McClelland. The coaches, Mr Ralph and Ms Brown, are extremely proud of the efforts of our students. A big congratulations to Mareeba State High School for winning the 2013 Open Touch Football Competition. An excellent result.

Tim Ralph — Teacher (Year 10 Co-ordinator)

**CASUAL CLEANERS WANTED**

Casual Cleaners wanted at Mareeba State High School. For more information please contact Pamela Evans, Business Services Manager on phone 07 40862777 or email: bsm@mareebashs.eq.edu.au

**$100 BOARD WINNERS**

Sezen Nina, Gemma Brown, Tiana Fegatilli and Alyson Martin

**NON NOBIS SOLUM**

“The things that we cannot do
Are the things we are not subdued to
To do by human strength alone.
We are made for things that are above
For things that are only in the power of God.”

— Augustus Jerome

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**THE PERSONAL PRESENTATION**

This program was base at Altitude Hair Design and explored work readiness skills related to personal grooming as well as career paths in Hair and Beauty. Students attended for 9 days to work through a broad range of information and skills and culminated in a makeover at the end. A huge thank you goes to Elizabeth Bors and her team at Altitude Hair Design for delivering the program and for the great outcomes for our students.

**THE WORK SKILLS IN FARMING – INCLUDING UNITS OF CERT 2 PRODUCTION HORTICULTURE**

Australian Agricultural College and Howe farming in Walkamin have combined to give students an overview of the farming and horticultural industry as well as introduce them to the basic work skills required. Students will then gain the units of competency that they are competent in after the 6 days of the program.

Part of the time has been spent at Howe farming gaining insight into the broad range of careers that are possible, observing the work conditions and seeing first hand what some aspects are like from a work trial situation. This program has involved transporting students to these offsite locations and ensuring they are provided for during the day.

A huge thankyou to Rudi and Bob from Australian Agricultural College and Dennis, Kim and Doug and other workers from Howe farming who assisted in making this possible and successful for our students.

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**PROGRAMS PREPARING STUDENTS FOR WORK.**

Recently Mareeba State High School has run 2 different programs for students who are at risk of disengaging from school before completing Year 12. We are aiming to assist students gain work skills and develop a clear career or work pathway.

To achieve outcomes for students we are working with parents, employers, Vocational Partnership Group and the Tablelands Regional Council Youth Worker based in Mareeba. The aim is to inform students of possible options, gain work related skills, and start relevant networks to assist in becoming work ready. We are aiming for a holistic approach and to broaden the range of opportunities that are able to be offered, as well as increasing the number of students we are able to work with.

The two programs that have run are a personal presentation program and a work skills for farming program.

Students are required to attend these in offsite locations, mainly in work settings for real work experiences. This has meant extra assistance from the TRC Youth worker, the school Community Education Counsellor and MSHS tuckshop, and the Vocational Partnership Group. These programs continue from Year 10 work experience and are aimed at our “post compulsory students”. A grant through the PCYC has allowed much of this to be possible.

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The 2013 Schola Magazine has gone to press. Your prepaid copy can now be purchased through the school office.

This 80 page full colour magazine will be delivered at the end of the year.

2013 Schola Magazine $27.00 each
“Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture.” - Lydia M. Child

**YEARS 9 GO KARTING TRIP**

As a reward for hard work and good behaviour, the year nine cohort had the opportunity to attend a social trip at the end of last term. The social trip was conducted at Cairns Kart Hire. Everyone had a great time and some fierce competition took place on the track.

The year 9 students were polite and well behaved and were great representatives for the school
Keith Pelka—Teacher, Year 9 Co-ordinator

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