



PARENT NEWS *Term 2, Week 11*

WE HAVE HAD A BUSY END OF TERM

Home Economics News

Year 7 Textiles - Recently students have been working with a partner to design and create felted pictures to be displayed in the upcoming Malanda show. Felting is an ancient process where wool is worked in a variety of ways to produce felt. The process the year 7's have used is to lay out the wool on bubble-wrap (3 layers) douse it with soapy water, lay bubble wrap over the top and then rub to create friction which knits the wool fibres together. The piece is then immersed in hot water twice, thrown around (the students LOVE this part!), rinsed through cold water twice and then left to dry.

Look out for our awesome felted pictures at the show!

Year 9 - Students have spent 3 weeks researching the effect of a fatty diet and looking at ways to produce healthy alternatives to popular fast food items. They were very eager to get back into the kitchen and test out their healthy recipes.

Mrs Shanahan



State of Origin Theme Dress Day FUN FOR A CAUSE –

Tomorrow Wednesday 22 June (game 2) students are allowed to come to school in State of Origin themed clothing but will pay a 'gold coin donation' for the privilege. The day is a fundraiser for the 'Fun for a Cause' committee and all funds raised will go to our Cambodia family. This is not a free dress day – clothing must be state of origin themed or your school uniform and must abide by safety rules – no singlets and correct footwear etc.





UNIVERSITY OF QLD VISIT

Recently Malanda State High School was privileged to be visited by University of Queensland faculty members Andrew, Morgan and Elise. They are travelling the state to increase adolescents interest and enthusiasm in the areas of maths and science. The trio liken themselves to a real life 'Big Bang Theory' with Andrew being an Experimental Physicist like Leonard Hofstadter, Elise being a Theoretical Physicist like Sheldon Cooper and Morgan being an expert in mathematics like Howard Wolowitz. Firstly, Morgan worked with a group of year 7 – 10 students who had all nominated to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The group worked through some hands on extension type activities involving probability and knot theory. After this all of the year 7 and 8 students took part in a physics based demo show run by Andrew and Elise. They showed everyone some really interesting science experiments and challenges and ran a great interactive show. We would like to thank the team for visiting our school as part of their travels. *Mrs Hitchener*



ENTREPRENEURS OF TOMORROW

We are happy to announce that in collaboration with the Primary School we have won a grant through the 'Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow' state government funding. The focus of this grant will be to link Primary students with High School students where they will work in teams to look at 'unexpected or non-traditional' entrepreneurial career paths in Agriculture utilising a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) pathway. This grant will allow for the purchase of drones. Planning between the two schools is now well underway and it won't be long before we see students utilising this technology in the agriculture field.

Homework Tip for Parents – 6

BE A MOTIVATOR AND MONITOR. Ask about assignments and exams. Check your student's subject Learning Assessment Overview (LAO) as this will have a proposed assessment calendar for the term. Check their diary. Give encouragement, check completed homework and make yourself available for questions and concerns. Be there, in case you are needed to head off frustration or give a fresh perspective.



Parents and carers are able to check when assignments are due by looking on the school [website](#) at the appropriate year level and subject for the Learning Assessment Overviews.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of term is always a flurry of business then a relief at the end of the week. I congratulate the students who have put so much effort into their study this semester. I am sure as I filter through the reports I will be amazed at the outcomes our students reach. I will also be able to identify where students are struggling with aspects of their schooling so I can begin conversations regarding the support available to remedy this situation.

I also congratulate the students for their behaviour progress and the manner in which the teachers are working to have every lesson a respectful environment for learning. All schools are challenged by student behaviour from time to time and some schools all the time. I am proud of the student behaviour at our school and acknowledge the work of teachers and leaders for the fact we had only one suspension for the semester. Suspensions are utilised on occasions and will be employed at our school if necessary however our systems are working well to ensure students are guided towards respectful behaviours and thus remain in classes where the learning takes priority.



Our staff is very stable now and the quality of our teachers is first class. I encourage all parents to make themselves an appointment to meet teachers at our Parent Teacher interviews next term. The building of relationships and partnerships between our staff and the parents is paramount to the success of the students. Not surprisingly we generally get a lot of very welcome bookings from students doing very well within our school. It is also important for parents of students struggling with any aspect of school to make an appointment and become part of the plan for their child's education.

Please have a happy and safe holiday with your child and spend as much time with them as possible before we hit term three with a burst.

Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach
Principal



PARENT –TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Tuesday 19 July

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 19 July in the hall. This is a great opportunity to have a discussion about your child's learning and progress at school.

Please mark this date on your calendar and book now to ensure you can get your appointment/s at a time to suit yourself.

Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **tth4r** and follow the prompts. It is that easy. If you would like us to make the booking for you please do not hesitate to phone the school office on 40967111 and office staff will be most happy to do this for you.

FOR SALE

The Malanda State High School agricultural department regularly has livestock for sale. If you are interested in purchasing cattle, goats or chickens, please contact the Agriculture teacher, Dave Kilpatrick, through the school or email dkilp9@eq.edu.au



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OUR SCHOOL CHOIR

Students will be happy to know that Ms Sarri and Ms Riding have volunteered to lead our choir and continue the wonderful work of Felicity Stoetzel. Both of these teachers bring with them a wealth of musical experience and are eagerly planning the next half of the year for choir members. Students who love to sing should see either of these teachers if they are interested in joining the school choir. You will have the opportunity to perform at school functions, and around the community. Ms Sarri and Ms Riding have some new plans for the choir so if you love singing come along to choir practice and learn about this.

Band & Choir members – are reminded that your new performance shirts should be available from the start of term 3 and payment is now due at the office. The school has subsidised 50% of the purchase price of these and your price is only \$13.50. All choir and band members should have received an invoice for these.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to the parents and students who helped with the Sausage Sizzle and \$100 board last Saturday. A total of \$292 was raised bringing our total fundraising money to \$591!

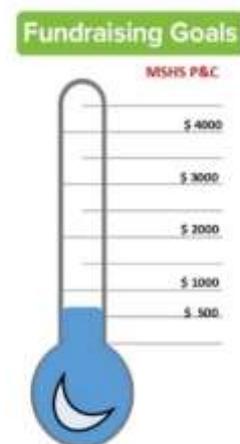
Also a big thank you to **Malanda Real Estate** for the donation of sausages, bread, sauce etc. and for giving us the opportunity to raise money.

The winner of the \$100 board is Derek Nicolson. Congratulations!

We booked the sausage sizzle again for **Saturday, 20 August 2016** so please add this to your calendar!



Don't forget: P&C meeting **tonight**, Tuesday 21 June 7.15 start, there will be a short video presentation before the meeting at 7pm to provide information about QParents which will commence at the school early next term. Both will be held in the Ag building, use top entrance to park near the building. All Parents/Carers welcome!



AROUND OUR SCHOOL

- This coming Friday at 1.30pm, weather permitting, the 1500 metres race which forms part of our inter-house athletics carnival will be held. Students have been invited to spectate this event and cheer on competitors. Parents are asked to mark the 21 & 22 July on their calendar to come along and be a part of our inter-house athletics carnival. More information about this after the holidays.
- Remember if you are cleaning up around the house our art department needs your unwanted junk! If you have any annoying, cracked or broken tiles, old magazines, plastic bags, recycled plastic food yoghurt, ice-cream or margarine containers of any size, we would gladly take them off your hands and turn them into beautiful works of Art. For more details contact Ms Honeyman in the Art Department on 4096 7111 or email rhone7@eq.edu.au

JAPAN TRIP UPDATE

A parent information evening will be held on **Monday July 25 at 6pm in the Hall**. The information evening is an opportunity for parents and students to clarify details regarding the trip itinerary, money, phones and electronic devices, public transport, luggage, clothing requirements, emergency procedures, insurance and other matters. Attendance at the parent meeting is expected for all participating students and their parents. As important details will be explained, it is imperative that all participants are present. Any questions you might need answered or additional information you may require about the trip can be addressed at this meeting. Please ensure you notify the school if you are unable to attend.





YOU ARE INVITED

YEAR 6 into HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION – PARENT EVENING



MALANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Malanda State High School is recognised and acknowledged as one of the best (finest - top) academic schools in Queensland. Our school is built on relationships and support for each student. Malanda State High School is a school of choice for your child.

Year 7 – 2017

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

"All you need to know about transitioning your student to Malanda State High School"

Wednesday 13 July

6pm

Malanda SHS Hall

Tel: 40 967 111

A Place to Excel



YEAR 6 into YEAR 7 in 2017

Thank you to those parents who have already undertaken their initial enrolment interview with the Head of Student Support, Mrs Louisa Greatrex. **Attached** today is our Welcome Letter to new families for 2017 and an outline of all that we have planned to transition your student into high school. If you know of families who will have a student in year 7 next year please pass on a copy of this to them. Enrolment packages are always available at the school office or on the school [website](#). At an enrolment interview parents and carers will have the opportunity to ask questions and have any concerns and fears allayed whilst we gather information about your child. Bookings are now open and can be made by going to schoolinterviews.com.au and using the code “catjd” to make a booking at a time to suit yourself. We look forward to meeting new parents and hearing about your child.

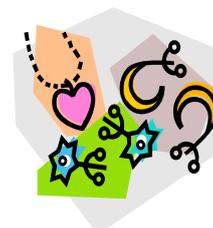


On the previous page of this newsletter is an invitation for families who will have a student in year 7 in 2017 to come along to a parent information session at the school hall at 6pm on Wednesday 13 July 2016. Dates have been announced for parents and carers to come along for a ‘walk and talk’ with the Principal. If you have not been to Malanda SHS this is a great opportunity to meet Mr Toshach in an informal setting and have a guided tour of the school facilities. We look forward to meeting lots of new parents at both the ‘walk and talks’ but most importantly at the parent information session to be held the first week of term 3. Please keep this date free if you are enrolling a new student in 2017 and let friends and neighbours know the date if they have a student entering year 7 in 2017.

FROM THE OFFICE



- Friday 24 June report cards will be emailed home to all families. Please ensure we have your current email address on file to ensure it is received by you. Copies will be handed to students on the same day. As year 10 students will be at work experience parents and carers are welcome to call and collect their students’ report card on the last day of school or alternatively we are happy to hand a copy to a sibling as long as they have a note from a parent/carer providing permission to do so.
- If you have any old uniforms still in good condition that you no longer require please donate them to the school office rather than throw them out. For a variety of reasons staff are often looking for a spare shirt or shorts to loan to students for a day. All donations will be very much appreciated.
- Recently we announced that we are to become a QParent School. For this to occur we have **attached** to this newsletter a ‘Details Form’. Please take special note of the information around the person who will be the QParent Account Holder (QPAO) before completing and returning the form to the school office. In week 3 of term 3 parents will be invited to complete the registration process and this will include providing the school with all necessary documentation. The QParent Account Owner will be provided with a unique invitation code to complete and finalise their registration. More information is available [here](#). (The link for QParent information can be found at number 4 in Announcements.)
- Please ask your students to check the lost property box near the office if they have lost items of clothing, lunch boxes, etc. We also have a quantity of earrings, watches etc. at the office if you have lost any of these types of items.





Another State Representative

This week we congratulate Hayleigh Sartor who recently competed in the State Under 19 Football (soccer) championships. Hayleigh was selected as a shadow player for QLD School Football Under 19 Team. She will compete at the National title to be held in Perth in August if another player falls ill or injured. The Under 19 Peninsula Team put in a tremendous effort at the State Championships and was undefeated until the grand final against the Sunshine Coast team. Hayleigh has had a busy schedule as not only is she a state shadow player in football she also competed in the State Under 19 Touch Football Championships held in Toowoomba recently as a member of the Peninsula team. Well done Hayleigh. Malanda is proud of you.



Important Dates

18 June	Sausage Sizzle – P&C-volunteers required
21 June	Yr 12 JCU Presentation
22 June	State of Origin Themed Dress Day
22-23 June	QCS Practice Tests
24 June	Last day of term 2
11 July	Term 3 commences
12 July	Show Holiday
13 July	Year 6 into 7 in 2017 – Parent Information Session
19 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
21-22 July	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
25 July	Japan Trip Parent Information Meeting
26 Jul	Japanese Homestay to 6/8
26 July	JCU Indigenous Ed Program Talk
27 July	School Council Meeting
28 July	Australian Mathematics Competition
1-2 August	Interschool Athletics Carnival
23 August	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
30 August	Fantasy Writers Camp
30 August	QCS Testing commences
6 September	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Info Session in Hall
13 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Theory
15 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Practical
16 September	Gold & Silver Level Excursions
17 September	Holidays Commence
17 September	School Japan Trip Departs
3 October	Public Holiday
26 October	Presentation Evening
11 November	Remembrance Day
17 November	Final Parade for Year 12
18 November	Year 12 Graduation
25 November	Year 10 & 11 Finish for the year
9 December	Last day of school for 2016
23 Jan 2017	School commences for 2017



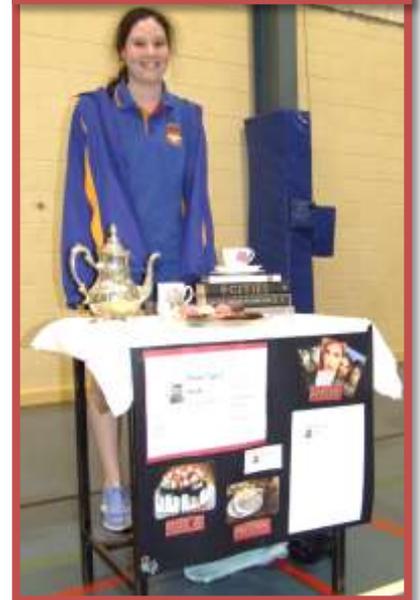
BUSINESS STUDIES TRADE SHOW



Year 12 Business students and Year 10 Business Studies students joined forces on Tuesday afternoon to hold Malanda High School's first Business Trade Show in the school hall. The Year 12 class promoted their holiday packages for a tour company, designing brochures and itineraries outlining daily activities for travellers, while working within a set budget. These students did a great job convincing business leaders, parents, staff, and students to join them on their tour. The Year 10 classes promoted the business they had created from their own business concept.



These students incorporated their business name, logo and slogan into their letterhead and business card designs. The crowd were able to test out their level of fitness, sample home-made juice, vegan cake, ice-cream, donuts and other foods, as well as the chance to try organic lip gloss, and tap on an African drum. Business leaders gave feedback to the Business students about their displays saying that most students were well-organised, passionate about their tour or business, and were prepared to answer questions. Well done to all the Business students who put in a lot of effort to promote their stall in a professional and knowledgeable manner. A big thank you to the business leaders, parents, staff, and students who were able to attend to support our Business students.



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Mrs Hitchener and Miss Jonker Business Teachers





International Students Program

Currently as a Independent Public School we are able to offer Group Study Tours to international students and many of our families will have hosted an international student from these tours. We are currently going through the process of becoming accredited to be able to offer individual international students the opportunity to study with us for either 3, 6, 9 or 12 months under the International Students' program (ISP) through Education Queensland International. Accreditation to become an ISP school is quite complex and requires us to consult with not only our school community but the wider Malanda community. We hope you will support us in this endeavour to offer our students an even more diverse experience as a student at Malanda SHS.



FROM OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has accomplished several projects throughout the semester which have greatly improved the school. This year, the student council has decided to focus on opening the Japanese garden for all students to use. A subcommittee was created with respect to the Japanese Garden project, and the decision was made to place some new features in the Garden before opening it to all students in the school to enjoy the cultural atmosphere.

Table tennis tables were placed in the school along with the purchasing of new sporting equipment to encourage physical activity at lunchtimes. In the first term, the Barrine team captains organised a lunchtime volleyball competition, while in the second term the Eacham team captains decided on playing badminton as the lunchtime sport with a mix of junior and senior teams. This was successful with many different teams signing up and playing. An Easter egg hunt was also organised which was a great success with a large number of students joining in. The student council was also able to help out at the Cinderella musical selling biscuits, chocolate and other items. A raffle was also run amongst staff and students. The student council will continue with more projects throughout the year. *Maya Reid, Lisa Johnson & Grace Arnold-Nott*

Japanese Garden Project

As its main project for the year, the Student Council has decided to restore and open the Japanese Garden to all students. A working bee has been organised for the 24th of July, where new features will be installed in the garden along with a general clean up and gardening. The garden is planned to be opened during week 4 of term 3 while the Japanese homestay students are visiting our school. On the opening day there will be a celebration to commemorate our multicultural relations including food and decorations.



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

The Excellence in Teaching Awards was inaugurated in 2009 to recognise and celebrate the achievements of inspiring teachers from across Queensland Schools. Nominations for the 2016 awards are now open and will close on 20 July 2016. Each of the four award categories distinguishes a key stage in a teaching career. The nominees for these awards are representative of the excellent teachers we have in all sectors of education and all geographical areas of Queensland. Teachers, including early childhood teachers, heads of department, heads of special education services, deputy principals and principals are eligible for the awards. Students and parents are invited to nominate teachers in one of the four categories. The link to further information and how to nominate can be found at: <http://www.qct.edu.au/eit/eit-awards>



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