



# PARENT NEWS Term 2, Week 8

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Focus on learning is the key message I am giving to students as we approach the end of semester one.

Our senior students should need little encouragement as their critical assessment period is within reach, however our junior students are learning the importance of continued focus as the holidays approach. I ask parents and carers to support our endeavours by ensuring 100% attendance from all students and reinforcing the importance of focussed learning. Our school is travelling really well in terms of attendance with a marked improvement in the senior year levels.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in the cattle handling last weekend. Special congratulations to Jake Godfrey for winning his section of the event. The work they were involved in was exciting and very specific to the agriculture programs our school includes in the curriculum. A special thanks is given to the school staff who gave their weekend to the program. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and the program is seeing new schools achieve success as well.



At present we are doing a good deal of consultation and discussion around our school programs for the 2017 year. We are investigating the position of the music curriculum in the school and surveying students to determine the interest and demand. We are also looking at the BYOx roll out in 2016 and considering any areas where we may alter or extend the program for 2017. Any feedback on this is welcome through the P&C which meets every third Tuesday of the month. Other aspects of the curriculum are being discussed at a school council level. I thank the council for the work being done on that level.

Our transition process for year 6 students has begun and I am visiting the feeder school P&C meetings at the moment. I welcome any parents wishing to book an enrolment interview for 2017 to make a time through our school secretary. I will meet parents from the primary schools to discuss our great school and also answer any questions on their minds. I ask parents to spread the word about our wonderful school and refer any prospective parent directly to me if they are concerned or uninformed about any aspect of our school. Word of mouth is a very powerful advertising medium. Please pass onto interested parents the information regarding enrolment school interviews and how to book in.



In the coming weeks our parents will hear all about a new initiative we are introducing at our school called QParents. It is an online interactive communication platform which will allow parents access to certain elements of their students school business. We will be gradually rolling it out and informing parents how to access and read various individualised documents in the near future. We look forward to going online in mid-term 3 with this program. The first of our information about QParents is further on in this edition.

Kind Regards

Gary Toshach  
Principal

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**2016 – TERM 2 – WEEK 6**

<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>96.43%</b>
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## FUN FOR A CAUSE - fundraising

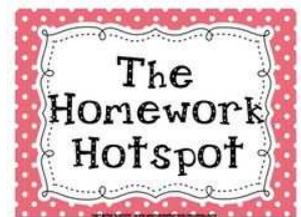
The 'Fun for a Cause' committee are having a 'State of Origin' themed dress day for students on **Wednesday 22 June (game 2)**. Students who come in themed dress will be required to make a gold coin donation and must only be dressed in maroon or blue and other State of Origin paraphernalia.

This is not a free dress day – clothing must be state of origin themed and must abide by safety rules – no singlets and correct footwear etc. All funds raised will go to the Fun for a Cause – Cambodia family.



## Homework Tip for Parents - 3

**HELP THEM MAKE A PLAN** Organisational skills need to be learned and practiced over time. On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your student to break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary. Check when things are due and encourage your student not to leave things to the last minute. Encourage students to review the notes they made in class that day, as this will help them remember.



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.

## EXPRESSION of INTEREST

Thank you to parents who have expressed an interest in coming along to a meeting at school to gain information around "how can we help our student study at home?" If you would be interested in attending an early evening session please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form (**attached**) and send along to the school office or let Kathi, the School Secretary know on 07 40967144. If we have enough parents interested we will be in touch in the near future with a date and time.

## THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit you. Simply enter the event code and press "Go".

## YEAR 6 into YEAR 7 in 2017

We have begun our transition program for students who will attend Malanda SHS in 2017 in Year 7. Enrolment packages are being delivered to our feeder primary schools and parents and carers are now welcome to make a booking for an enrolment meeting. At this meeting 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](http://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.



### SPORT

Regional cross country trials were held in Cairns on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Eleven competitors from Malanda competed in the trials and all ran exceptionally well. Congratulations to the following runners who gained selection in the Peninsula team Oskar Coutts, Hannah Skews, Rohan Hickey, Keeley Coutts and Joelle Aeberhard. Good luck at the state championships which will be held in Maryborough in July. *Mr Griffin*



### ATHLETICS TRAINING

In the lead up to the athletics carnival, the HPE staff are offering athletics training sessions for all students at entry level. Training will occur after school on a Wednesday up until the end of term. If your child is interested in participating they should collect the permission note from the Senior Staff room and return it as soon as possible to the same location. Further information is available from Selena Harding [shard124@eq.edu.au](mailto:shard124@eq.edu.au),



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### RUNNING CLUB

Running club operates every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after school and any interested students are most welcome. Running club is not just for runners but all students who want to improve their fitness and teacher Jodie Stremouchiw offers activities that are accessible for all different levels of fitness. Bring your hat and meet after school under C Block.

### JAPAN TRIP UPDATE



Parents and participating students are reminded that this Friday is the due date for forms related to student Code of Conduct and expression of interest for wearing kimono. Please return them to the office as soon as possible. The due date for the final instalment of payment for the Japan trip is **Friday, June 10**. Thank you to those families who have already finalised this payment.

At our lunchtime Japan Trip meeting this week, students looked at appropriate behaviour on public transport in Japan - some general tips similar to what we might expect in Australia, as well as some more interesting manners specific to Japan. Ask your child about how they are expecting to need to behave in crowded Japanese train stations and aboard trains, they should have some ideas. Students also took home some work on Japanese gestures and common greetings. Please encourage your child to take the opportunity at home to continue to prepare themselves for the trip. The more prepared the students are, the more they can get out of the trip!

### YEARBOOK

This year we will be producing a school yearbook. The yearbook will be a visual and written record of the activities, people and achievements of Malanda State High School for the 2016 school year. The book will be created in terms 3 and 4 by a group of dedicated staff and students. Further details about how to reserve your copy of the yearbook will be provided in future editions of the parent news.



yearbook

For now, we are recruiting students who are creative, enjoy photography, interviewing and writing or doing graphic design on computers to become part of the Malanda State High School yearbook team. Interested students should see **Ms Pickford** or **Ms Honeyman** at school to express their interest before the end of term 2. The team will begin meeting regularly at the start of term 3. *Ms Pickford*





THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE



# ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

3 - 5 JUNE

A celebration of One Act Plays from Theatre Groups and Schools in Far North Queensland, with performances and workshops adjudicated and facilitated by ARMELLE FLEMING. An inspiring and 'feel good' community event to which all are welcome!

**3 SESSIONS OF 1 ACT PLAYS**

Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm  
Saturday 4th June at 2pm  
Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm

**3 THEATRE WORKSHOPS SUNDAY 5TH JUNE**

9am - 11am Youth Workshops - up to 15 years  
12pm - 2pm Vocal Workshop  
3pm - 5pm Working with Text

Single Play Session: Adults \$15, Students \$10  
Double Play Session: Adults \$25, Students \$15  
Triple Play Session: Adults \$30, Students \$15  
Single Workshop \$10

Adult Full Weekend Ticket \$40  
Student Full Weekend Ticket \$25  
Adult Participant's Full Weekend Ticket: \$30  
Student Participant's Full Weekend Ticket: \$20

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, Silo Rd, Atherton.

Contact us on 40912542, email [jacquie@bigpond.com](mailto:jacquie@bigpond.com) or [www.facebook.com/APACommunityTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/APACommunityTheatre)



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Qld Government partnership, through Arts Qld and Tablelands Regional Council, to support local arts and culture.

IN ADDITION APA PRESENTS



A Festival of One Act Plays from Atherton Performing Arts

Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm at the APA Theatre | Adults \$15, Students \$10, TICKETS AT THE DOOR

The Year 9 drama class are participating in the 'One Act Play Festival' this coming weekend 3, 4 & 5 June at the Atherton Performing Arts Centre. If you are going along ensure you catch up with our students. We wish them well in their performance.

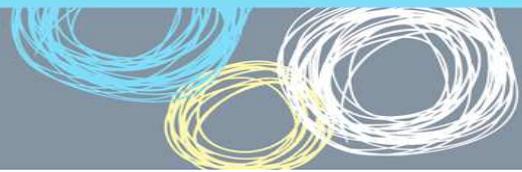
If your student is absent please use one of the following options: Phone the school office on 40967111 on the morning of the absence OR Email to [absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au)





# QParents

Secure online parent portal



## QParents is coming

Malanda State High School is proud to be one of the schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

## The benefits of QParents

### Convenience and time savings for parents

- Parents can view or update their child's details without having to contact the school
- Secure 24/7 online access.
- Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

### Greater transparency of information

- Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child's information online.
- Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child's schooling

### Improved administration efficiencies for schools

- Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing

## What is a QParents Account Owner (QPAO)?

The school will nominate one parent or legal guardian for each student to be the QParents Account Owner (QPAO). The QPAO will be able to register for QParents to access and manage the student's information online. A student's QPAO will be able to view the student's information and submit requests to update some of the student's details.

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The QPAO will also be able to invite other people (such as another parent or family member), to view the student’s information. Once invited, these people can register for QParents as “delegated viewers”. A delegated viewer can see the student’s details, but cannot make updates.

### Registering for QParents

You will receive an invitation email or letter from us containing your unique invitation code in the near future. Simply follow the instructions in that email or letter to complete the QParents account registration process.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child’s student information will not be available to anyone through QParents. Or, if you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email or letter with their own unique invitation code.

### Identity verification

When registering as a QPAO, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

Australian Passport	50 pts	Australian Marriage Certificate	40 pts
Australian Driver Licence	50 pts	Australian Citizenship Certificate	40 pts
Australian Birth Certificate	50 pts	Change of Name Certificate	40 pts
Medicare Card	20 pts	Australian Visa (foreign passports)	20 pts

If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online.

If you don’t have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help>

### Where does the information about my child come from?

All of the information that is presented in QParents comes from the IT system that is used by all Queensland state schools. Schools will continue to manage student information in this system, and the information will be extracted and presented in QParents.

### Will my child’s information be secure?

Yes. QParents is a secure portal that meets strict industry standards. Only people with the right to access information about their child will be given an account; no one else.

If you don’t want to register for QParents, your account will not be created and your child’s information will not be made available through QParents.

### Help and contact information

For more information see <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

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