



# PARENT NEWS *Term 3, Week 2*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Malanda Show Committee and all the volunteers who made the show a most memorable experience. The feedback from our students was very positive and across the tablelands the conversations have been very complimentary to our committee, town and school. Our students volunteered in numerous roles and contributed hours to the event. They of course benefit from the community service aspects. Well done Malanda.



Normally term three would be a very settled term for the school in general. Students have their pathways and subjects previously determined and progressing. The senior school may feel a slight increase in pressure in subject assessment as the term proceeds and they complete final elements of their courses. Junior school students are normally focussed and able to minimise interruptions to learning and have behaviour incidents minimised. Please work closely with your students and keep an open line of communication with the school. Together we will have a great learning period.

I have taken the opportunity to congratulate our high achievers from term two and acknowledged all the students in our school with 100% attendance. Mention was also made of all the students who have improved their grades in any form across subjects. Improvement is a slow and gradual process and it is pleasure to see the happiness of students once recognised for the effort it took to progress from a D grade to a C grade for instance. Parents should also celebrate these improvements with students.

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the various events programmed for the term including parent teacher interviews, learning walks through the school with myself and P&C meetings/events. Again the higher the investment you put into your school the higher the outcomes for your students.

Have a good week and perhaps I will see you at the Athletics carnival on Friday.

Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach  
Principal

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 1

YEAR 7 95.26 %

## Homework Tip for Parents – 8

**ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REACH OUT TO THEIR TEACHERS.** *If your student is having trouble understanding a concept or a task, encourage them to make a time before or after class to get some feedback and support from their teacher. Most teachers are only too happy to point a student in the right direction. Make sure your student has made an attempt to understand a concept or task as this will help the teacher pinpoint where the student is having trouble.*



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## SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual *School Opinion Survey* remains open for parents until 29 July 2016. Your invitation with a unique access code was mailed to all families last week. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and a computer will be available in the office for you to do this between 9am and 3pm each school day. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to the Deputy Principal on telephone 40967111.

## JAPANESE GARDEN REVITALISATION PROJECT – STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council is holding a working bee this Sunday from 10am – 2pm at the school, to revitalise the Japanese Garden in order to open the area for future student access. Anyone is welcome to attend to give us a hand. We will be adding a few features including - seating, a stone river and centre piece. We will also be doing general garden maintenance and cleaning, so if you have pruning equipment it would be helpful to bring those.



## P&C NEWS

**Date claimer:** Sausage sizzle Saturday, 20 August 8.00 am-12.00 pm in front of Malanda Real Estate.

**P&C Meeting tonight, Tuesday 19 July 7.15 at Ag building. All welcome.**

### **Monster raffle prizes wanted**

In order to raise much-needed funds for our school, the Malanda State High School P&C is again running a raffle in conjunction with our end-of-year Presentation. Tickets will be on sale from term 4 and will be drawn at the beginning of November.

We are currently seeking donations of prizes from local businesses or individuals. All donors to the raffle will feature on posters and promotional materials and will also get at least one mention in our school parent news. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, can you please email [pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au) before 1 of August.

A big thank you already goes out to David and Frances Dall'Alba from Eacham Hardware who have donated a Kelso wheelbarrow, worth \$280.

### **Athletics day Friday 22 July**

The tuckshop would love some extra volunteers to help with cooking and serving at the Athletics day this coming Friday 22 July.

The tuckshop menu specifically for our Athletics day is **attached** to today's newsletter

The P&C is also looking for donations of home baking (cakes, slices and biscuits) to serve on the day.

- Please supply a list of ingredients with your donated item(s).
- No cream please, or anything that needs to be refrigerated.
- All items need to be wrapped in clingfilm or securely (and hygienically) packaged in some way.

Please drop your donations off at the tuckshop before 8.30 am on the day, or just bring them down to the area under the library where we serve the food. The Espresso Coffee Van will also be there for some very nice teas and coffees or frappes.

### **Secondhand uniforms**

The P&C is looking for donations of secondhand uniform items. If you have any items in reasonable, clean condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office or the tuckshop. Thank you.



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.)

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## 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.

## FROM THE OFFICE

- We continue to ask for families to ensure their school Text and Resource Hire Scheme accounts are up to date. If you have outstanding fees and have not made arrangements to pay off your account with a payment plan through the Business Services Manager it would be appreciated if full payment could be made immediately. The Resource Text & Hire Scheme is supported by the Parents & Citizens Association and only works when everyone participates and pays. The School Kids Bonus is provided to parents to assist with school expenses and will be arriving in your bank accounts between 1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please consider paying your outstanding accounts with this government funding provided
- Recently we have updated the school Prospectus for 2017. Your attention is drawn to page 13 of the Prospectus where the information around the Text Book and Resource Scheme has been updated and clarified. Please be aware that from the commencement of 2017, students will not be provided with text books and resources until the school has received a signed Resource Scheme Agreement form. The Prospectus can always be found on our [school website](#).
- The cooler weather has arrived, if only intermittently. Students have been caught out at school on cool days with no jacket or sweater. Please ensure your child/ren have the uniform jacket or a blue pullover (with no other markings) to bring on cold days. The jackets are available from the uniform shop Monday and Friday between 8.20am and 9am. Or alternatively you will find an electronic order form on the school website.





### 2016 EARLY LEAVERS SURVEY

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2015. The *Early School Leavers* survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

Between July and August 2016, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year, can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.

For more information, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/) or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

### THE YEARBOOK

The yearbook team will be working on the school yearbook afterschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The meetings will be in classroom B02 and will last for the remainder of term 3. The

first meeting is on **Thursday 21 July**. Students who are interested should collect a permission note from Miss Pickford in the senior staffroom (A07) or Ms Honeyman in the Art Room.



As part of the yearbook team, students will learn a variety of skills including the use of graphic design computer programs, editing and printing concepts, photography, interviewing skills and article writing. The yearbook will be completed by the end



of the school year and will be available for purchase.

### Important Dates

19 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
21-22 July	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
34 July	School Working Bee- Japanese Garden
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



FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Once again Malanda High has showcased its array of talented students, committed teachers and amazing product at the Malanda Show. Via a suggestion from the School Council, the school offered the 100 Year Show Committee our services in a range of areas. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and/or participated in show events, particularly the following:

- Mr Axford – patiently teaching around 15 students and staff how to make fruit cakes (and coming back throughout the nights to check/change temperatures!), as well as promoting, collecting and entering multiple student works
- Mrs Shanahan– organising and supervising students serving at the Show Ball (which also counts towards their Hospitality Certificates) and ably assisted by Ms Jonker
- Mrs Cockrem – collating and displaying our student work and achievements at the Pavilion Exhibition (creatively assisted by Mrs Wrench and Ms Honeyman)
- Mrs Wakeford, Mr Burrows and Ms Jonker for 6am rubbish duty
- All the students who volunteered their time (over the weekend) for gate duty, office work and 6am rubbish collection each morning – you have done yourself and your school proud

Students involved:

Carli O’Shea (multiple shifts, covered others shifts, volunteered on extra days), Caitlin O’Shea, Lioni Wilkinson, Shannon Reynolds, Ryan Smith, Thomas Lock, Hayden Chamberlain, Kahlia Dodds, Maddy Hapgood, Gemma Ivory, Hannah Skews, Travis Hanlon, Krystal Coleman, Chloe Hamilton, Tony Webb, Kate Crerar (and mum!), Tiaan Gobius (and mum!), Jardine Irwin, Ella Cook, Karla Mead, Sarah Smith, Mikayla Scanlon, Tegan Manini, Sarah Lynch, Erin Phillips, Gemma Dowse, Zoe Montgomery

Each of these students will receive a positive behaviour recommendation on their Profile.

We are all looking forward to the show again for next year.

*Mrs Selena Harding*

School Council Chair





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# MALANDA SHOW



# 100 YEARS



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## REMINDER – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival will be held this coming Thursday and Friday. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend and cheer on the students. A program of events is attached today along with the 'Athletic's Day' tuckshop menu. We look forward to seeing there.

### *TRANSITION MORNING TEA*

FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS & CARERS  
WHO HAVE STUDENTS WITH  
DISABILITIES , LEARNING SUPPORT OR  
GIFTED & TALENTED  
COME & MEET OUR SUPPORT STAFF



**WHEN:** TUESDAY 26 JULY 2016

**WHERE:** D BLOCK SOCIAL ROOM

**WHO:** PARENTS OF YR 6 STUDENTS

**TIME:** 10am–11:30



Please let us know that you are coming, so we can cater  
for you all by **Friday 22 July!**

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